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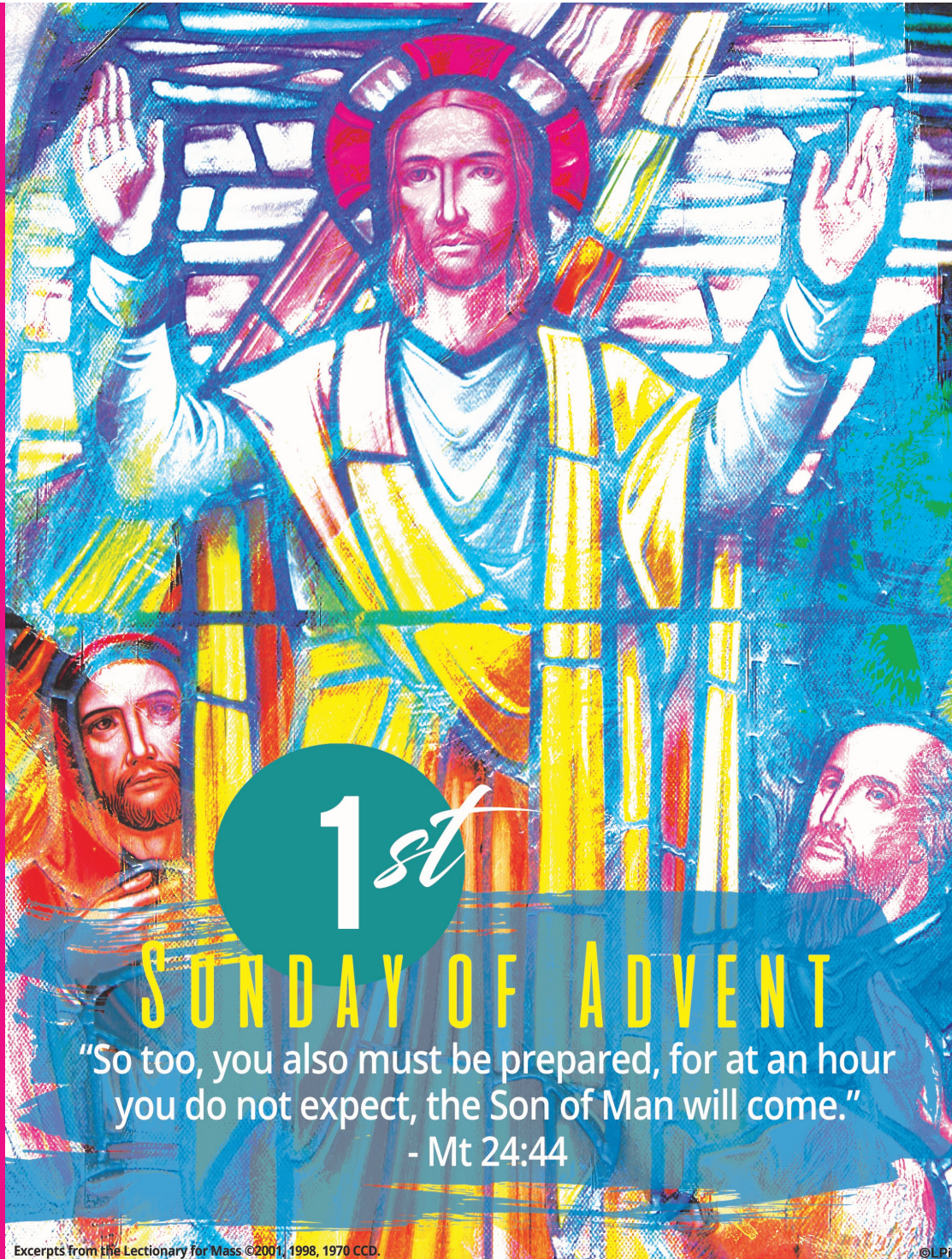
THE CATHOLIC VOICE ST. SABINA PARISH

Dearborn Heights, MI
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December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent



*Lord, as we begin
our Advent
preparation, we
wait for you. We
listen for you in the
stillness. We wait
for you as in the
quiet darkness be-
fore the dawn. We
do not know what
is ahead, but in this
moment, breathe
within us and
strengthen us.
Abide with us.
Cleanse our hearts
and let us be ready
to receive you, no
matter what may
swirl around us.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Come and be born
in our hearts.*



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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

- Mt 24:44

**Saturday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent****4:00 p.m. Mass**—+Tom, Rita, Dan Burke and Joe Maloney—

by Burke Family

+Celine Machowicz (6th Anniv.) - by Bernard Machowicz

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Michael Foley—by Fulk Family

+Mary Taylor (Anniv.) - by Sylvia Taylor

+Walter Dudek—by Val Schuster

11:00 a.m. Mass—+Randy Fronczak—by Richard & Joanne Fronczak

+Tom Hartigan—by Jane Hartigan, Lance & Family

Monday, December 2, Advent Weekday**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Fr. Timothy Babcock—by Ceil Kobylarz & Shirley Walmsley**Tuesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest****6:30 p.m. Mass**—+Daniel & Dorothy Burban—by Diane Bergman**Wednesday, December 4, Advent Weekday****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Charles & Alma Luyckx—by Tom Luyckx**Thursday, December 5, Advent Weekday****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Noreen Lynch—by Jim and Terri Polanski**Friday, December 6, Advent Weekday/St. Nicholas, Bishop****8:30 a.m. Mass**—For the intentions of Deborah Geisler—by Family**Saturday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church****8:30 a.m. Mass**—+For the deceased members of St. Sabina Parish Family**Saturday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent****4:00 p.m. Mass**—+Kevin Kirsten (6th Anniv.) - by Tim & Kathleen Kirsten

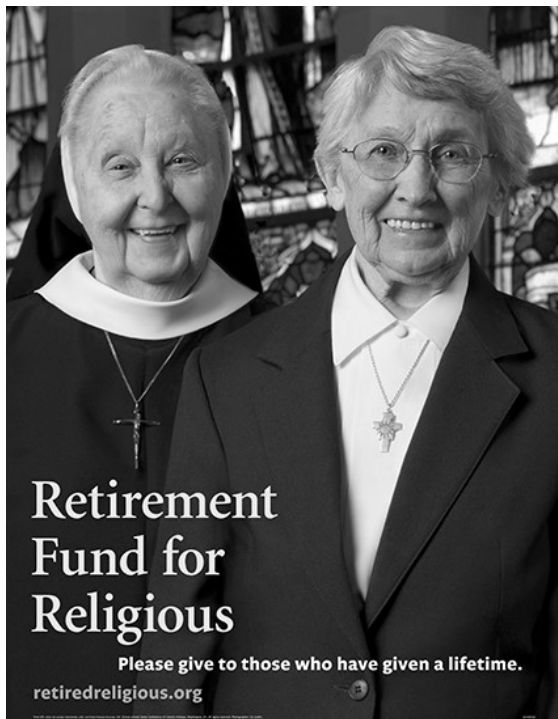
+Frank Szpak—by Joann Szpak

+Edward Uchwat—by Joe Frederickson

+Al and Helen Edwards—by Debbie and Alan Edwards

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Helen Stec—by Family

+Bernie Wojnar (5th Anniv.) - by Family

11:00 a.m. Mass—+Jerry Chermak—by Briski Family

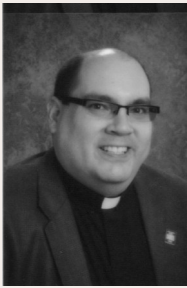
**Retirement
Fund for
Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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“My batteries are still running,” says Sister Florence Kruczek (right), 91. “I get up each morning and say, ‘O Lord, thank you for the gift of another day.’” Sister Florence and Sister de Lourdes Okoniewski, 87, are members of the Bernardine Franciscans of Reading, Pennsylvania. Each entered religious life in the 1940s, fresh out of high school. In addition to serving in Catholic schools, Sister Florence obtained a doctorate in French and taught for 25 years at Alvernia University, an institution founded by her congregation. Sister de Lourdes spent 43 years in Catholic education and then Help for Those Who Have Given a Lifetime pursued various other ministries, finally “retiring” at age 85. Today, both sisters focus their energies on praying for the needs of the Church and world. Gifts to the Retirement Fund for Religious help the Bernardine Franciscans—and hundreds of communities of women and men religious—provide for the ongoing needs of aging members. A portion of the proceeds also underwrites resources on retirement planning and eldercare delivery. Almost 94 percent of donations directly aid senior religious and their communities.

**Help for Those Who Have Given a Lifetime
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
Weekend of December 7 & 8**



From the Bullpen

December 1, 2019

Happy New Year! Happy New Year? Yes, it is the beginning of our new liturgical year with the celebration of the lighting of our Advent Candle. The Advent Season is not only for the preparation of the Christmas Season, but it is the changing of the liturgical calendar the Church uses to replace the cycle of readings utilized in the welcoming of Jesus Christ, our newborn King. Starting this First Sunday of Advent, the Church will be proclaiming from the Gospel of St. Matthew.

St. Matthew's Gospel begins our Advent by telling us to "Stay Awake." We are, through our baptism, called for remaining vigilant in the coming of our Lord. In the Rite of Baptism, when the parents and godparents receive the light of Christ from the celebrant, the closing of that prayer states: "When the Lord comes, may he or she go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom."

We, as a family baptized in the name of Jesus, are called to live out a life imitating Jesus and his ways in words and in deeds. While at the same time, we are vigilant in Jesus' return. Waiting for Jesus to come back causes us to practice the virtue of patience and the gift of perseverance. Yet, what a gift we are able to practice in anticipation of Christ coming to us. We can practice the works of mercy for Christ and his people. The practice of these works of mercy, is not just giving back to God, but to those made in His image and likeness as well.

Advent is a time of change. The changes can be a Church calendar, a change in the sacred scripture cycle, a change in how we live our lives, and a change in how we wait for the coming of our Lord and King. My hope for the parish is that we experience a change in our lives in which we remain vigilant for Jesus' coming, while doing good for one another. Please do something for the arrival of Our King of Kings, for those we call neighbor, and most of all, do something for your soul.

Next weekend, will you be ready for the arrival of our Capuchin guests and their On the Rise Bakery products? I know I am! We will hear about their ministry before Mass, and after Mass, their products will be sold in the school hallway.

Hopefully, they will not run out of products like last year but Koi and I got hungry when we detected that awesome bakery aroma! So we apologize for eating all those breads, pies, sweet rolls, and cookies! Koi and I will show greater restraint this year maybe! Welcome the Capuchins and love them as Christ loves them!

Have a blessed week, Fr. Jim

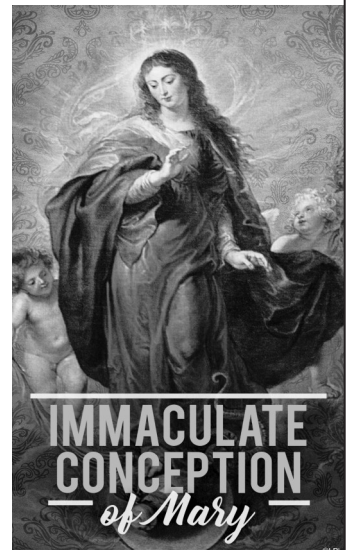
Each year, this season of Advent comes around. We bless one candle each week in Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family on this First Sunday of Advent: God of new beginnings, today we begin a new year in our church with the image of a wreath. We ask you to bless our family. Help us to see our family life as a wreath, without a beginning and without an end. As we light this one candle, we recall how you have changed our family since we last gathered around the Advent wreath. Help us to be for others what this family has been to us—a helper in times of need and a source of abundant blessings to share with others. We ask this through Christ, who is the Alpha and Omega. Amen.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Monday December 9 - 8:30 am Mass

On **Monday, December 9th**, this year our Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States of America. This year, it is not a holy day of obligation in the United States.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — Catechism of the Catholic Church

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.





RIGHT TO LIFE-LIFESPAN ... Christmas Cards

DID YOU KNOW? If you missed purchasing your *LIFE-SPAN* Christmas Cards at St. Sabina recently, you can still get them by calling the *LIFESPAN* office to get yours, 734-422-6230.

REMINDER ...

On The Rise Bakery Coming Next Weekend!!

The Capuchin "On The Rise Bakery" will be at St. Sabina next weekend, Dec. 7/8. You will find them in the Arnold Street hallway. You can make your purchases from a delicious assortment of breads and sweets after all the Masses, or until sold out.

ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020

Dec. 7 B. Lowe, M. Lynch
Dec. 14 H. McEwan, M. Popovich, M.A. Siatkowski
Dec. 21 M. Vincent
Jan. 4 M. Popovich, F. Wondolowski, M. Vincent
Jan. 11 B. Lowe, M. Lynch
Jan. 18 N. Frederickson, C. Lipa
Jan. 25 P. Muliatt, M. Muliatt

May the wondrous joy of the greatest gift, Jesus, be with you and your loved ones throughout this Christmas-time and always!



Looking for Unique Gifts??

The St. Kateri Parish Gift and Book Shop will be open on Tuesdays from 4pm to 6:30pm during Advent beginning December 3rd. These hours are in addition to our regular hours before and after the weekend Masses. Our shop carries Advent wreaths and candles. We also have unique Christmas gifts including one piece Nativity Scenes, cards, decorations, ornaments and jewelry. Consider purchasing a spiritually themed Christmas gift to remind others of "the Reason for the season." You are welcome to come in and browse. All proceeds go towards our Parish and the Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota. For more information: <http://www.stkateridearborn.org>.

GUILD NEWS

Recall, our Christmas charity is in full swing. If you haven't already done so, please take an envelope from the tree in the narthex and use it to make your donation to the Felician Sisters for use in their Mission in Haiti. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 15th. Guild members will be in the back of church to collect, or you can drop your donation into the collection basket or turn it in to the rectory. We will gather them all up and submit St. Sabina's donation to the Felician's, with our prayers and gratitude for the work they are doing. "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me"

The Christmas party with the MACs is coming right up. Guests are asked to provide an appetizer or dessert to serve 10. A couple might wish to get together and provide a larger food item. All men and women of the parish are invited to this adult party which will include a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, beautiful holiday decorations and lots of fellowship. The festivities begin at 6 pm in the activities building. Come celebrate with us! Set up will be Tuesday at 9:30. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

And don't forget to stock your freezer for the holiday with the treasures from the On The Rise Bakery, after all masses next weekend, or until sold out!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Weekend of December 7-8th	On The Rise Bakers
Tuesday December 10th	Christmas party set up, 9:30
Wednesday December 11th	Guild/MACs Christmas party, 6 pm

DIFFICULT ROADS
OFTEN LEAD
TO BEAUTIFUL
DESTINATIONS

St. Sabina Parish Advent and Christmas Liturgy Schedule



Friday, December 6

Scouts Troop 499 Hosting Dinner/Banquet For Handicapped

Weekend of December 7 & 8

Capuchin On the Rise Bakers Sale
Breakfast with Santa, Sunday 8:00—11:00 a.m.
Poinsettia Flower Sale
Troop 499 Christmas Wreath Sale
Retirement for Religious Collection

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Monday, December 9th, Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 11

Guild and MAC's Christmas Party 6 pm

Saturday, December 14

Advent Reconciliation Service
Private Confession 1:00 pm

Saturday, December 28

Pray the Rosary with Fr. Veryser K of C
Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24
Masses 4 pm & 10 pm
9:30 pm Choir Cantata

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25
Masses 8:30 am & 11 am
10:30 am Choir Cantata

New Years Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 31
4 pm Vigil Mass
11 pm – Midnight
Holy Hour

New Years Day Mass

Wednesday,
January 1 2020
Mass 8:30 am



all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world's darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." There's another hour, too, both known and unknown. It's the present moment. Whether it's a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it's attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative's bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let's pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon. ©LPi

Dear Jesus,



You are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play
adapted by Joe Landry

December 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 2019
Fridays & Saturdays at 8 pm, Sunday

Featuring Super Talented Cast w/Terry Viviani

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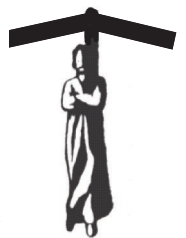


Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden, you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for?

That's God talking to you through the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to talk to?

That's God wanting you to talk to Him.



Have you ever been thinking about somebody that you haven't seen in a long time and then next thing you know you see them or receive a phone call from them?

That's God. There's no such thing as a coincidence.

Have you ever received something wonderful that you didn't even ask for, like money in the mail, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, or a coupon to a store where you had just seen something you needed but couldn't afford?

That's God knowing the desires of your heart.

Have you ever been in a situation and you had no clue how it was going to get better, how the hurting would stop, how the pain would ease, but now you can look back on it?

That's God walking with you through the tribulation to see a brighter day.

Or do you think that it is only by accident that you are reading his article? No! It is God using Me to tell you how special you are.





St. Sabina
Mission Statement
We become the Real Presence of Christ through prayer, education, worship, and service. Gathering in Christ's name we share our time and talents with our community, and welcome all.

St. Sabina Catholic Church
Fr. James Lopez, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Matthew Wisniewski
Permanent Deacon
 25605 Ann Arbor Trail
 Dearborn Heights MI 48127
 Mass Saturday 8:30 am
 Vigil Mass 4:00 pm
 Sunday Masses—8:30 & 11:00 am
 Sacrament of Penance Saturday 3 pm

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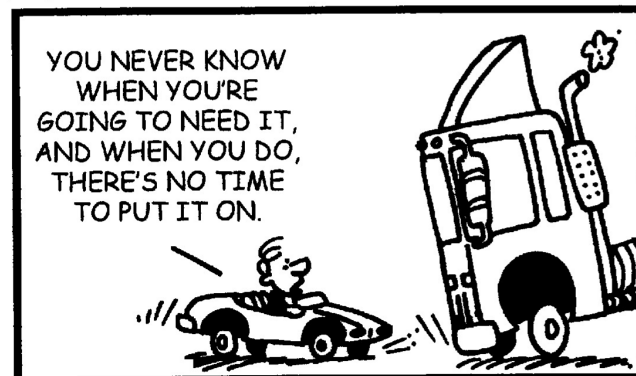
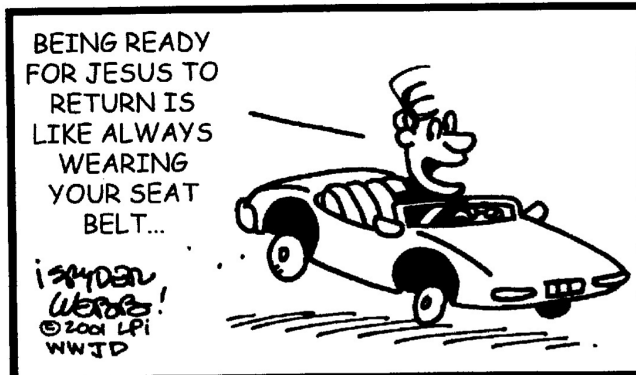
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**Minister Schedule—For Weekend of
 December 7 & 8, 2019**

Mass Times	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Lopez/ Deacon Matt	Fr. Walker	Mariannahill Fathers
Ministers of the Eucharist	I. Andico, S. Floyd, M. Owens, R. Mondro, J. Johnson	M. Koss, A. Turek, L. Tallieu, M. Tront, N. Kelley	G. Salazar, B. Klotz, L. Bollinger, D. Janson, E. Viviani
Lectors	S. Wojnarowski	V. Schuster	C. Kobylarz/ S. Walmsley
Ushers (Dec.)	T. Mulligan, P. Corsi, F. Grech, T. Northrup	J. Laczowski, C. Koss, R. Vincent, E. Makowski	J. Tabor, T. Metz, L. Miqbil

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:43-44

**ST. SABINA PARISH
 SICK LIST**



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 Meg Bakewell
 Joseph Ballard
 Paula Barker
 Paula Benninghouse
 Mary Ellen Bork
 Marie Burmeister
 Madison Bushway
 Goldene Cinat
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