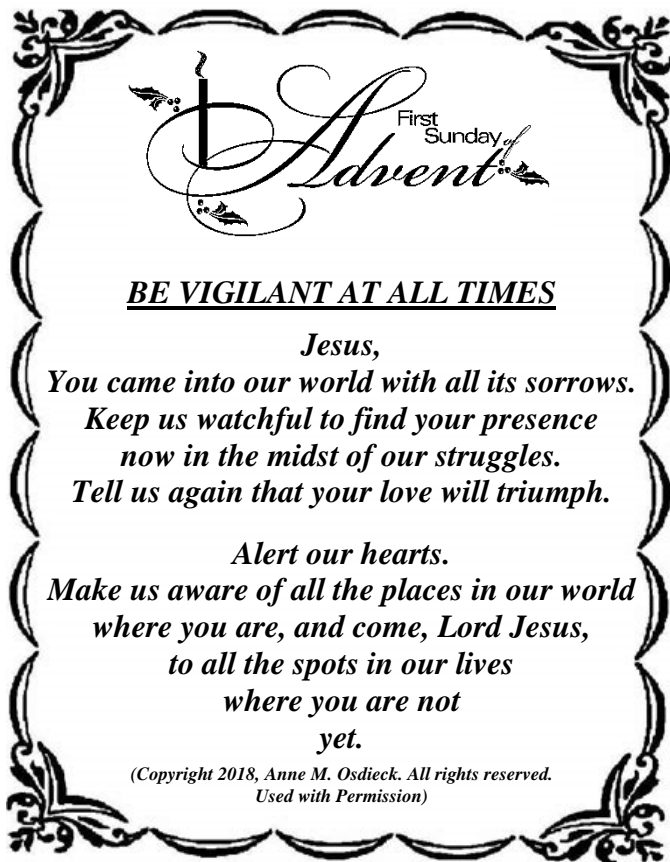


December 2 – First Sunday of Advent



BE VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES

*Jesus,
You came into our world with all its sorrows.
Keep us watchful to find your presence
now in the midst of our struggles.
Tell us again that your love will triumph.*

*Alert our hearts.
Make us aware of all the places in our world
where you are, and come, Lord Jesus,
to all the spots in our lives
where you are not
yet.*

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THIS IS MY TIME

A couple of weeks ago I called my sister Janice for our daily talk, and since my younger sister, Diana, was visiting her I decided I would try to connect the call so I could speak to them at the same time. Sure enough, we were having a three-way conversation. In the midst of talking I said, "This is great. I'll just do this every day." And then I heard Janice say rather adamantly, "No, this is my time with you."

Later in the day I kept hearing her words, and then I wondered how many times Jesus speaks those words to me, to us, "This is MY time!" Maybe this Advent season is about pausing long enough each day to hear Jesus call us by name and say, "You are mine, and this is my time with you!"

Advent is a season for paying attention, a season of wonder, of being aware of the presence of God in this world and in my world. I pray that you and I will pay attention to all the times and ways God/Jesus whispers in the midst of our day, "This is my time...with you!"

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Dec. 5	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Dec. 7	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 1	4 PM	Kenny Walke
Sun., Dec. 2	10 AM	Don Gilland
Sat., Dec. 8	4 PM	Joe Lunsford
Sun., Dec. 9	10 AM	Dana Simon Montgomery

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – December 8 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Mark and Rosie Lunsford

Carl and Joni Lunsford

Server: Macey Moorman

Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

Lectors: Terry Harmeyer, Cathy Wagner

Euch. Ministers: Roseann Wirth, Amanda Sutton

Beth Simon, John Wagner

Sunday – December 9 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: David and Laurie Husted - *back*

Bob and Shirley Schwartz - *back*

Mark and Lorrie Gilland - *side*

Servers: Ben Miller, Katie Miller

Cantors: Gene and Patty Simon

Lectors: Julie Stephens, David Hardesty

Euch. Ministers: Ben Harlemert, Amy Kinker

Vicki Wagner, Scott Simon

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$1925.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 5.21
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 236.50</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2166.71

\$3,335.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

Special Collections \$174.00

+ Capital Improvement - \$154.00

+ Campaign for Human Development - \$20.00

COME, EMMANUEL!

"This is the choice before us: either try to revolutionize the world and break under it, or revolutionize ourselves and remake the world." ~ Fulton Sheen

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn December 2-9 for Kenny Walke.

COFFEE TALK – **TODAY, Sunday, at 3:00 PM in the parish hall.** Sister Amy Kistner will offer her thoughts on this year's theme. Possibly Jesus is saying to you: **This is my time with you!**

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – "**ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS.**" The first report from the Archdiocese on the annual appeal is as follows: Pledged Amount is \$7,235, which is 57% of our goal. 43 pledges have been returned, which is 21% of parish participation.

Thank you to all who have sent their pledge. If you have not, please do so soon.

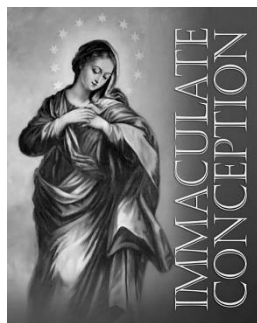
BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room this weekend following the Masses. Vicki Wagner and Becky Simon will be there to assist you.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH – St. Maurice parishioners extend a warm welcome to **Alexander** and **Janine Walter** and their son, **Liam**. Your presence will make a difference for good in our parish. Welcome!

LADIES PARTY – The Mary and Martha Circle Christmas Party is this Tuesday, December 4, beginning at 5:30 PM. Special entertainment by Oldenburg Academy Singers! If you want to bring a gift, please bring non-perishable food or winterwear for local families in need.

ADORATION – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this Friday, December 7, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

MARY'S FEAST – On December 8th, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The Mass for this feast day will be celebrated on **Friday, December 7, 6:00 PM, at St. John, Osgood,** and at Immaculate Conception, Millhousen. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Mass is at St. John, Osgood, and NOT at St. Maurice.



PENANCE SERVICE – Immaculate Conception Parish will hold an Advent Penance Service this Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 PM. Four priests will be present to hear confessions.

GIVING TREE – As part of your Advent preparation, you are invited to take an ornament or two from our Giving Tree. This year, 1/4 of our gifts will go to the Manderley Healthcare Center, and the remaining gifts will be given to Ripley County Department of Child Services. This is the first year we have helped them. Let's bring joy to many children and adults this Advent season!

FACEBOOK – Amy Kinker is now managing the parish Facebook page. We thank Samantha Toops, who has done this for a couple of years, and thank Amy for assuming this responsibility.

ELECTRONIC BANKING – To set up your offering to happen automatically, you can come to the St. Francis Room this weekend of December 1 and 2. Janice Simon, Lorrie Gilland, or Julie Stephens will be there to help you; or if you have an account at **The Napoleon State Bank** you may stop by any branch to set up your offering. If you have any questions, just ask for Janice, Lorrie, or Julie. **Electronic Banking for collections will begin on January 1, 2019.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5, Wednesday, December 5, 7:45 PM. **There will not be a meal before this religion class. Eat supper before you come to class!**

Classes for Grades 6 through 12 next Sunday, December 9, 8:30 AM. All junior and senior high school students are invited to go Christmas caroling next Sunday, December 9. Please meet in front of church at 3:00 PM.

LIBRARY MATERIAL – There is a new set of CDs in our library entitled "Mary: Mirror of God Who Sees, Hears, Cares and Comes" by Father Dan Crosby. Check them out.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Sign outside Freedom Church in Elkton, FL: "Hurry in this Sunday to beat the Christmas rush." (via Bill Reynolds, Palatka, FL, The Joyful Noiseletter)