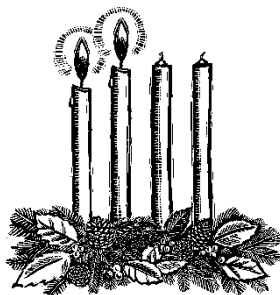


December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent



ADVENT: SEASON OF HOPE

I will listen to what
God, the Lord, has to say;
surely he will speak of peace
To his people and to his faithful.
May they not turn to foolishness!

Near indeed is his salvation
for those who fear him;
glory will dwell in our land.

Love and truth will meet;
justice and peace will kiss.

Truth will spring from the earth;
justice will look down from heaven.
(Psalm 85: 9-12)

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Dec. 11	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Dec. 13	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 7	4 PM	Kenneth Walke
Sun., Dec. 8	10 AM	Andy Huff
Sat., Dec. 14	4 PM	Violet Walters
Sun., Dec. 15	10 AM	Phil Wittich

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – December 14 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Ken and Terry Harmeyer
John and Linda Wagner

Server: Cloey Simon

Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

Lectors: Terry Harmeyer, Cathy Wagner

Euch. Ministers: Roseann Wirth, Gene Moorman
Judy Steuri, Janet Wagner

Sunday – December 15 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Ron and Vicki Wagner
Mike and Janice Simon

Servers: Caleb Simon, Lane Simon

Cantor: Scott Simon

Lectors: Paige Simon, Cindy Weisenbach

Euch. Ministers: Joyce Muckerheide, Rita Kress
Patty Simon, Dana Newhart

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3140.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 8.48
Loose Collection	\$ 537.00
Total Regular Collection	\$3685.48

\$3,193.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

Special Collections	\$80.00
+ Capital Improvement - \$60.00	
+ Cemetery - \$20.00	

Thank You!

*"Our happiest times are those in which we forget ourselves,
usually in being kind to someone else. That tiny moment of
self-abdication is an act of true humility: the man who loses
himself finds himself and finds his happiness."*

~ Fulton Sheen

FORGIVE



For Heaven's Sake

"Blame keeps wounds
open. Only forgiveness
heals." ~ Thomas Merton

You will know that
forgiveness has begun
when you can recall those
who hurt you and feel the
power to wish them well.

"To be a Christian means to forgive the
inexcusable because God has forgiven the
inexcusable in you." ~ C.S. Lewis

"Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet
sheds on the heel that has crushed it."
~ Mark Twain

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn December 8 through December 15 for Theodore and Matilda Mistler.

ADVENT PONDERING – We prepare for Christmas in so many ways. Is God desiring us to prepare our hearts with the action and prayer of forgiveness?

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT – A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the retirement of our religious. This provides support for thousands of elderly catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked this weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Shannon Kuntz and Kara Niese will be there to assist you.

PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS – The children singing for Christmas will have practice at 11:00 AM today in church.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – Caroling will be THIS Sunday, December 8. Meet in front of the parish hall at 4:00 PM, and we will return at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend!

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Nora Jo Dwenger**, the daughter of Joseph and Jessica Dwenger, who was baptized on Sunday. Nora Jo is the granddaughter of Joe Dwenger.

FEAST OF MARY – The Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this Monday, December 9. This year, it is not a holy day of obligation, but it is a day to ponder the gift our Blessed Mother gave to the Church and to us - her Son, Jesus. You might gift her today with the praying of the Rosary.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – Please return your Intention Card and donation to the Archdiocese as soon as possible. Help us strive toward our goal of **\$13,683.00**. The amount of **\$7,550.00** has been given thus far.

CHRISTMAS MASSES – Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM and Christmas Day at 9:00 AM at St. Maurice.

GIVING TREE – Our gifts this year will go to the Silver Memories Nursing Home in Versailles. We will also be assisting the infirm and retired Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg. If your ornament has a "V" on it, that is for the Nursing Home. If it has an "O", it is for the Sisters. Please return all packages by Sunday, December 22.

FINANCE REPORT – Thank you for your patience in listening to the financial report given by Jack Ferkinhoff today. In the ten years I have served here we have never given a verbal report to you, but the Finance Committee felt it was important as we plan financially for the needs of the parish the next five years. Thank you to Jack for his willingness to give this report. **And thank you for your treasure, time, and talent to St. Maurice Parish.**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – The Advent Penance Service scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 PM, is for the children in our Religious Education classes. If you were not able to attend the penance service last week, you are welcome to come to this one. The children will approach the sacrament first and then anyone else who desires to do so.

St. Mary's Greensburg will hold their Penance Service on Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 PM.

CYO BASKETBALL – St. Maurice/Immaculate Conception youth won their game against St. Mary's Team 2 last Sunday. Well Done! They play this Sunday, December 8th, at 2:15 PM at St. Joseph Campus, St. Leon. On December 15, they play at 1:00 PM at St. Mary's, Greensburg.

USHER MEETING – Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 PM. This meeting is for those ushers who have not yet attended a meeting on church security.

RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5, Wednesday, December 11, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served: Spaghettios. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will have their Penance Service this evening at 7:00.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11, next Sunday, December 15, 8:30 AM. A breakfast will be served to all students, followed by a movie.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog. (President Harry Truman)