

November 22 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

I WAS THIRSTY & YOU GAVE ME DRINK
 MATTHEW 25:35

**O Jesus,
 King of Creation,
 you came from glory,
 to the rough roads of Galilee;
 you took a crown of sharp thorns,
 and received a killing cross for
 your throne.**

**You put on poverty, to be like us,
 so that we might be holy
 like you are holy.**

**So let us care
 for your creation that is ill,
 welcome the stranger,
 visit him in prison,
 feed her and clothe her,
 and slake your deepest thirst.**

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

November 22 – Fred and Matilda Geis
 November 29 – Phil Wittich
 December 6 – Kenny Walke

MASS INTENTIONS

November 21 – Lucille Simon
 November 22 – Dale Tunny
 November 28 – Harriet Kunz
 November 29 – Vera Wenning
 December 5 – Kenneth Walke
 December 6 – Dale Tunny

11/4/20-11/16/20 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$6489.00
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 380.00
Cemetery Collection	\$ 310.00
World Mission Collection	\$ 35.00
Campaign for Human Dev. Collection	\$ 55.00
Turkey Dinner Donations	\$ 620.00

MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER

Electronic Giving for October	\$2,370.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/20 – 10/31/20)	\$57,517.47
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/20 - 10/31/20)	\$57,800.00

**Thank You for Your Financial Giving During
This Most Difficult Time!**

***“I MYSELF WILL PASTURE MY SHEEP;
I MYSELF WILL GIVE THEM REST.”***



*The sky is dark.
We are frightened, scattered.*

Come rescue us, shepherd, king.

Find us lost, and bring us home.

*We are wounded from virus and discord.
And our planet, so wounded.
Bind all our wounds.*

*And, Lord, let us act the way you act;
let us bind the wounds of others.*

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LIBERTY AND JUSTICE

This day – and every day – we give thanks to God for all the good gifts given to us as a nation. We also remember how often we have failed to live up to these gifts, and we resolve to do better. Thanksgiving (“Eucharist,” for that is what the word means) is always unfinished business. Our land is one of promise and hope where our God leads each of us toward the new Jerusalem, the blessed place of his peace, where there is freedom to serve him faithfully. Alleluia!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING – After talking with Fr. Bill, we have canceled the Thanksgiving Mass which was scheduled for Wednesday, November 25, 5:30 PM, at St. John’s.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL: HOPE FOR TOMORROW – Your gift to the United Catholic Appeal will give Hope for Tomorrow to those who lack the basic necessities for life; to seminarians and future priests; and to children and adults seeking to love and serve Jesus. Send your pledge card and donation to the Archdiocese.

AIN’T NO RAFFLE – Thank you, thank you for the \$34,528.00 raised in the “Ain’t No Raffle.” This amount is a reflection of your deep faith. How grateful we are!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, December 9, 6:45 PM.

Junior High and High School Religious Ed Classes are canceled until Sunday, December 6, except for the Confirmation class. They will continue to meet in the parish hall.

ADVENT BOOKLET – “A World Full of Promise” by David Knight is the booklet chosen for this Advent season. They will be placed at the entrances of church and in the parish hall. If you know of any parishioner not coming to church who would appreciate one, please take one to them.

THE SIMPLEST PRAYER – An eccentric blind man nicknamed Joybubbles reportedly loved Mr. Rogers so much he listened to 10 hours of the TV show daily until he’d heard them all. One night, when Joybubbles was in a kind of awake dream state, he said Mr. Rogers visited him and offered to teach him how to pray.

Joybubbles protested that he couldn’t pray because he always forgot the words. To which Mr. Rogers said not to worry; the prayer he’d teach had only three words: “What kind of prayer has only three words?” Joybubbles asked. “**Thank you, God,**” Mr. Rogers replied. (Adapted from *The Wired Word*)

FIRE ALARM – A monitoring device for the existing fire alarm system in the parish hall has been installed by Crossman Fire and Safety.

SPIRIT OF GIVING – Last year, we purchased items for the Silver Memories Health Care facility in Versailles and the retired Sisters at Oldenburg. The Liturgy Committee has recommended that we do the same this year. Rather than a “giving tree,” the ornaments will be placed on all the window sills in church and at the entrances of church.

When you return the items with the ornament attached, place them near or around the baptismal font or in the cry/reconciliation room. Those who attend Mass in the hall, place yours on or near the table as you enter. For those who are attending Mass at home, you are encouraged to send a gift card or monetary gift to the office, and someone else will do the shopping. Thank you.

NURSING JOB OPPORTUNITIES – The following are Nursing Employment Opportunities with the Sisters of St. Francis at Oldenburg, IN:

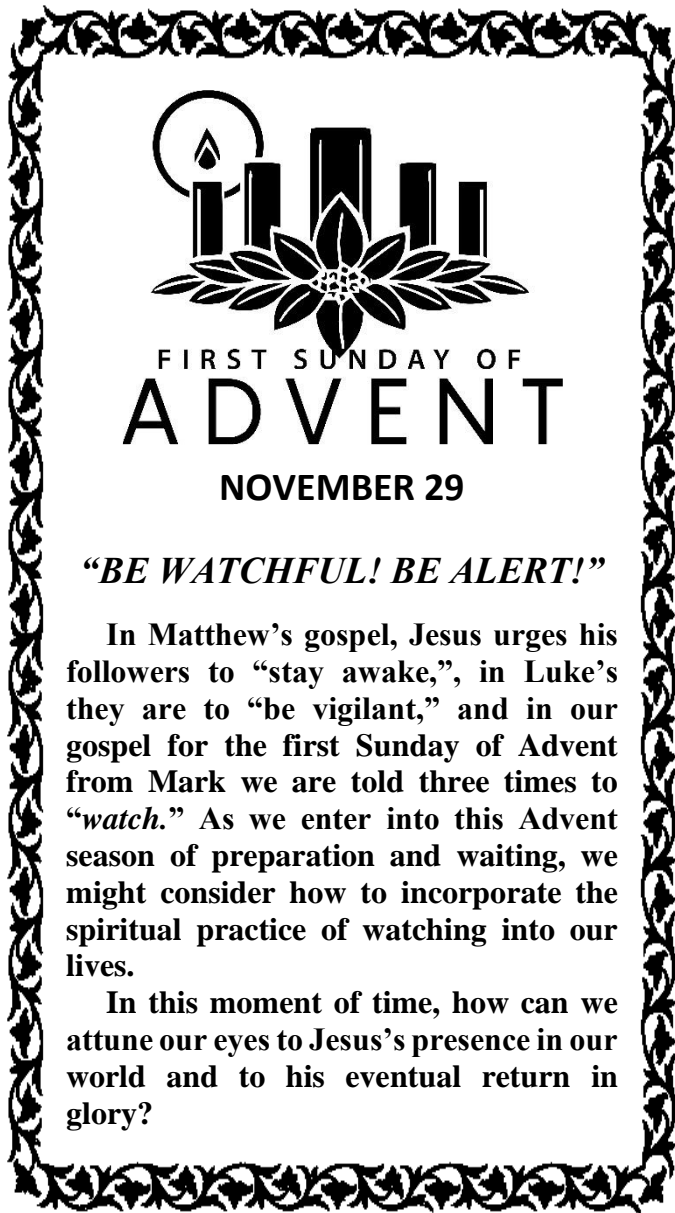
- Nurse Assistant, 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Shift, 40 hours a week
- Nurse Assistant, 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM Shift, 40 hours a week
- Nurse Assistant, 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM Shift or 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Shift, Part-time hours
- LPN/RN, 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Shift, 16 hours per pay

For more details, contact Connie Luers, RN, DON, 812-933-6402, cluers@oldenburgosf.com.

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – More quarantine humor, via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE:

- “It’s been a great blessing to be at home with the wife these past few months. We’ve caught up on everything I’ve done wrong in the last 20 years.”
- “So let me get this straight: there’s no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitizer and hand soap?”
- “How long is this social distancing supposed to last? My husband keeps trying to come into the house.”
- “When this virus thing is over with, I still want some of you to stay away from me.” (The Joyful Noiseletter)

Found in the Feb. 2, 1898 issue of Zion’s Herald: “People don’t die very often here (Philadelphia), do they?” inquired the smart New Yorker. “No, only once,” replied the Philadelphian. And there was an intense silence. (Rev. Dale Schoening, Madrid, IA, Joyful Noiseletter)



“BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!”

In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus urges his followers to “stay awake,” in Luke’s they are to “be vigilant,” and in our gospel for the first Sunday of Advent from Mark we are told three times to “watch.” As we enter into this Advent season of preparation and waiting, we might consider how to incorporate the spiritual practice of watching into our lives.

In this moment of time, how can we attune our eyes to Jesus’s presence in our world and to his eventual return in glory?

AUCTION

The auction that had been scheduled for September and canceled due to the virus has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 15.

We will be seeking donated "good quality" items for this auction. These items will not be on consignment. All money from this auction will be used for the tuckpointing project. Please look around your home for an item that you can contribute to this auction.

The Daily Decalogue of Pope John XXIII:

Pope John XXIII's message is still extraordinarily timely today. The Church, in his view, has a motherly face: her task is to keep "her arms open to receive everyone." The Church's holiness and human wisdom are expressed very clearly in what is called "The daily decalogue of Pope John XXIII":

1) Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.

2) Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behavior; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.

3) Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.

4) Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.

5) Only for today, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.

6) Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.

7) Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.

8) Only for today, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.

9) Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.

10) Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for 12 hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life.

"Every believer in this world must be a spark of light, a core of love, life-giving leaven in the mass: and the more he is so, the more he will live, in his innermost depths, in communion with God."