

November 27 – First Sunday of Advent

**THEREFORE, STAY AWAKE...
SO TOO, YOU MUST ALSO BE PREPARED.**

*Come, Lord Jesus,
make us ready for your kingdom.*

*Let us find you in the crimson-colored dusk,
in the crescent moon and flying geese.
Let us see you in laughing children,
in our brothers and sisters everywhere.*

*Make us always awake, watching for you,
prepared, with our hearts open wide.*

*Teach us how to “greet you the days we
meet you and bless when we understand.”*

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GOD IS NEAR

“Be prepared!” But for what? Since we’re entering the season of Advent, we might think that we’re called to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent is certainly the time to prepare for Christmas, but it’s much more than that, for God comes into our lives in many different ways, even today. We see evidence of this when, working together, we rebuild not only cities, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, but relationships in families, parishes, and countries.

Remarkable changes take place in our lives when, as Paul bids us, we “throw off the works of darkness” (Romans 13:12). God comes to us every day with the power we need to improve ourselves and our world. God often comes quietly in ways so ordinary we might miss them. That is the point of Jesus’ insistence to “stay awake” and “be prepared” (Matthew 24:42, 44).

God certainly came long ago as a human being. That was a one-time-only event. We believe that God will come again at the end. That, too, will happen only once. But God comes every day to help us be our better selves. This is what the Advent readings tell us.

What can we do? How are we to prepare for God’s coming? Today’s readings tell us. We must work for the peace that Isaiah describes; we must throw off the works of darkness as Paul instructs; and we must do as Jesus tells us: stay awake and be prepared. + (Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA)

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BETTER SELVES.**

SANCTUARY LIGHT

November 27 – Fred and Matilda Geis
December 4 – Kenny Walke
December 11 – William and Catherine Wagner

MASS INTENTIONS

November 26 – Fred and Matilda Geis
November 27 – Amelia Wolter
December 3 – Kenny Walke
December 4 – Daniel and Lynda Bauerle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – December 3 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – December 4 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Grace Truesdell
Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry
Eucharist Minister: Amanda Schutte

Thursday – December 8 at 6:00 PM

Lector: Susan Schutte, Amy Kinker
Gifts: Paul and Arlene Gehl
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Saturday – December 10 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Ken and Terry Harmeyer
Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – December 11 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Arlene Gehl
Gifts: Greg and Amy Kinker
Eucharist Minister: Leslie Hicks

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$1868.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 11.24
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 332.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2211.24
Cemetery	\$85.00
Crisis Relief	\$25.00
Capital Improvement	\$140.00
Smorgasbord	\$45.00
Human Development	\$271.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE.
BLESSINGS TO YOU THIS ADVENT SEASON.**

MEETING – Finance members will meet on December 1, 6:00 PM.

ADORATION – Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for Friday, December 2, 8:00 – 12:00 noon.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY – Mary & Martha Circle is hosting a Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 6, for ladies of every age. Doors open at 6:00, catered dinner is at 6:30, followed by Christmas music and door prizes. Plan to attend and bring a friend, sister, mother, daughter, or granddaughter! Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards for your RSVP.

PICK POCKETS – Yes, the children are returning next weekend to collect your money for the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry. After that weekend, they will present a check to this pantry for the amount collected these last four months.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked next weekend. Shannon Kuntz and Katie Spreckelson will be there to assist you.


DON'T MISS – Santa Claus is coming to St. Maurice Parish Hall on Sunday, December 11, following the Sunday Mass. ALL are welcome to come, but most assuredly, the children.

RELIGIOUS ED – Preschool through Grade 5 will meet for class on Wednesday, November 30, 6:45 PM. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will have the opportunity to approach confession. **Thank you to the children who collected and donated canned goods to the food pantry during November.**

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Grades 6 through 12 will meet next weekend, December 4, 8:30 AM.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – This second collection will be taken on December 10-11.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – Have you sent in your pledge card and donation for this year's UCA? Yes, we are better together, so we must do our part as a parish to assist the Archdiocese in their various needs. Thank you.



Ways To Prepare For Advent

ADVENT BOOKLETS

- 1) Let's Follow Jesus: Activities and Prayers for KIDS (check it out!)
- 2) We Are Your Family, Lord: Reflections for FAMILIES
- 3) The Word Among Us: Reflections for ADULTS

GIFT GIVING

- 1) Purchase Christmas items for the Silver Bell Nursing Home in Versailles
- 2) Purchase items for the retired Sisters at the Motherhouse in Oldenburg

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Penance Service at St. Mary's, Greensburg, November 29, 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 2, All Saints, St. Martin, Yorkville, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
- Before and After Masses at St. Maurice

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Sending Christmas cards to our shut-ins.
Their names and addresses will be in next week's bulletin.

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

December 3 – Brian Horan, Ken Harmeyer
December 10 – Paul Simon, Ken Hellmich
December 17 – Joe Wagner, Gary Wagner
December 24 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner
December 31 – Ken Hellmich, Joe Wagner





10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

December 4 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
December 11 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
December 18 – George and Mary Bultman
December 25 – Kevin Tunny, Steve Wagner
January 1 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

CHURCH CLEANING – Committee #12 with Linda Wagner as chairperson will be cleaning church for December. We thank our ladies for a job well done.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Sign in an IRS office: "In God we trust. Everyone else we audit."
(The Joyful Noiseletter)

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
 <p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH For volunteer not-for-profit organizations: We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.</p>			RE Classes 6:45 PM Penance Service Grades 3-5 FEAST OF ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE	Finance Meeting 6:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM - Noon HALL RENTED in Evening Penance Service at St. Martin, Yorkville	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
RE Classes (11th & 12th Grades also) 8:30 AM SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks Pick Pockets Donuts and Coffee		Ladies Christmas Party - Doors Open 6:00 PM - Penance Service, Holy Family, Oldenburg Feast of St. Nicholas	RE Classes 6:45 PM	HOLY-DAY-OF-OBLIGATION FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM HALL RENTED
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
RE Classes 8:30 AM THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass 10:00 AM VISIT FROM SANTA 11:00 AM	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 	Penance Service, St. Catherine of Siena, Enochsburg 7:00 PM	RE Classes 6:45 PM Penance Service, St. John, Osgood 6:00 - 8:00 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
RE Classes (Breakfast will be served 8:30 AM) FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass 10:00 AM Donuts and Coffee			Christmas Party for Preschool - Grade 5 6:00 PM First Day of Winter			 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM Mass with Children
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NATIVITY OF THE LORD  Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM	Christmas Day (observed)					New Year's Eve Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM <hr/> JAN 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD