

November 28 – First Sunday of Advent

God's Promise of Real Treasure

If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to his promises and to fulfill all he has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver.

Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for his coming.

Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures.

The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust. God promises real treasures that will endure forever and, as we know, God keeps his promises. + (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

THE JOURNEY BEGINS AT ADVENT

When Advent begins on November 28 this year, so does a new church year. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus' life, began with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection, we celebrate Ascension, and ten days after that, the Pentecost season begins and lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

"Like a great waterwheel," writes Joan Chittister, "the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime."

SANCTUARY LIGHT

November 28 – Brian Tunny
December 5 – Maurice Mistler
December 12 – Jim and Ruby Freeman

MASS INTENTIONS

November 27 – Chad White
November 28 – In Thanksgiving for Mark & Roseann Wirth and Family
December 4 – Kenny Walke
December 5 – Andrew Niese

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – December 4 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – December 5 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Jane Pictor
Gifts: David and Jenny Hardesty
Eucharist Minister: Leslie Hicks

Saturday – December 11 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – December 12 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Donna Harlemert, Julie Stephens
Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2334.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 5.50
Loose Collection	\$ 335.53
Total Collection	\$2675.03
Capital Improvement	\$90.00
Turkey Donations	\$50.00
Cemetery	\$25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY GIVING!

"Lord, help me to slow down and become more aware of my rushing aimlessly from place to place. Quiet my mind and steady my heart that I may live in your presence throughout the day." (From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney)

SMORGASBORD – 320 meals were served at the Drive-Thru Turkey Dinner for a total of \$4,065.00. A final report will be published in the bulletin after all bills are paid.

ADVENT BOOKLETS – You will find two Advent booklets in the vestibule of church for your home use. “Waiting in Wondrous Expectation” is for adults and “Jesus, Fill My Heart with Joy” is for children.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY – Mary & Martha Circle is hosting a Christmas Party for the ladies of St. Maurice on Tuesday, December 7. Fried chicken dinner will be catered by Brau Haus, and entertainment provided by Batesville HS Singers. Your donation of \$5 will help defray the cost of the meal. Plan to come, bring a friend, and enjoy a festive evening with your parish sisters! Please RSVP on the bulletin board sheet, or call/text Arlene at 812-614-3388.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, December 1, 6:45 PM. Children in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation that evening.

Junior High and High School – Your next class is on Sunday, December 5, 8:30 AM.

Confirmation class will also meet on December 5, 8:30 AM. Your topic will be Advent and the Church Calendar taught by Jack Ferkinhoff. This class is for juniors and seniors also.

PENANCE SERVICE – Did you pick up a flier at the entrances of church listing all Advent Penance Services in the deanery? For St. Maurice, Fr. Binu is in the confessional before Masses. I will ask him and Fr. John to also be present after the Masses if you care to approach the Sacrament at that time.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – Please remember to send your donation to the Archdiocese. Thank you.

MISSION FLIERS – There are two more fliers at the entrances of church. St. John, Osgood, is having an Advent Mission, “The Hearts of the Holy Family,” on December 11-14. Another flier has information for the mission “Christ is the Light” at Holy Family, Oldenburg beginning December 14 and concluding on December 16.

PRE-CHRISTMAS GATHERING:
December 11 and 12 following the Masses



HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIES,
TREATS FOR THE CHILDREN

*Stay as long or as briefly as you wish!
Let's come together "in His Love."*

WE GIVE YOU THANKS – Do you recall celebrating “Mark Wirth Day” 10 years ago as we gave thanks to God and to him for his **40 years** as organist? Now he celebrates **50 “golden” years** as our organist. To express our appreciation, this Sunday’s Mass is for him and his family. Keep playing, Mark, and we will keep singing!

GIVING TREE – The ornaments on the Giving Tree contain items for the residents at the Silver Memories Nursing Home and the retired Sisters at the Motherhouse. We have helped them in the past, and the Liturgy Committee decided to continue this practice again this Advent season. Return your gifts by December 19 is possible.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – If you are sending Christmas cards, you might want to send one to the following parishioners: Frances Borgman, 3518 W. Napoleon Wilson St., Batesville, IN 47006; Rosemary Mistler, 6569 N. Old Michigan Rd., Osgood, IN 47037; Frances Werner, 6568 S. Co. Rd. 700 E., Greensburg, IN 47240; and Lynn Herbert, Heritage House, 410 Park Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240.

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – A man went to his doctor for a check-up on his hearing aids. The doctor asked, "How did your family like your new hearing aids?"

"I haven't told them yet," the man replied.

"How come?" the doctor asked.

"Well, I decided to wait and just listen to them talking," the man said.

"So, what did you hear?" the doctor asked.

"I've decided to change my will three times already," the man answered. (Helen Helt Oneida, NY, The Joyful Noiseletter)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Confession for Grades 3, 4, and 5 7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 – Noon 	Celebration of the Eucharist 4:00 PM Confession Before and After Mass Hall Rented
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mass – Second Sunday of Advent Religious Education 8:30 AM Hall Rented		 Ladies Christmas Party 6:00 PM (Doors Open at 5:30 PM)	Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception <i>Religious Education Children Will Attend</i>		St. Anthony, Morris, Live Nativity 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Celebration of the Eucharist 4:00 PM Confession Before and After Mass Parish Pre-Christmas Gathering
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RE Classes – 8:30 AM 10:00 Mass – Third Sunday of Advent Confession Before and After Mass Parish Pre-Christmas Gathering St. John Parish Mission – 7:00 PM	St. John Parish Mission 7:00 PM	St. John Parish Mission 7:00 PM Holy Family, Oldenburg, Parish Mission 7:00 PM	RE Classes and Christmas Party 6:45 PM Holy Family, Oldenburg, Parish Mission 7:00 PM	Holy Family, Oldenburg, Parish Mission 7:00 PM		Celebration of the Eucharist 4:00 PM Hall Rented
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
RE Classes and Breakfast – 8:30 AM 10:00 Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent GIVING TREE GIFTS RETURNED DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS					 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Mass 4:00 PM	 <i>Christmas Day</i> Mass 8:30 AM
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
10:00 Mass – Feast of the Holy Family 					Feast of Mary, Mother of God 4:00 PM	