

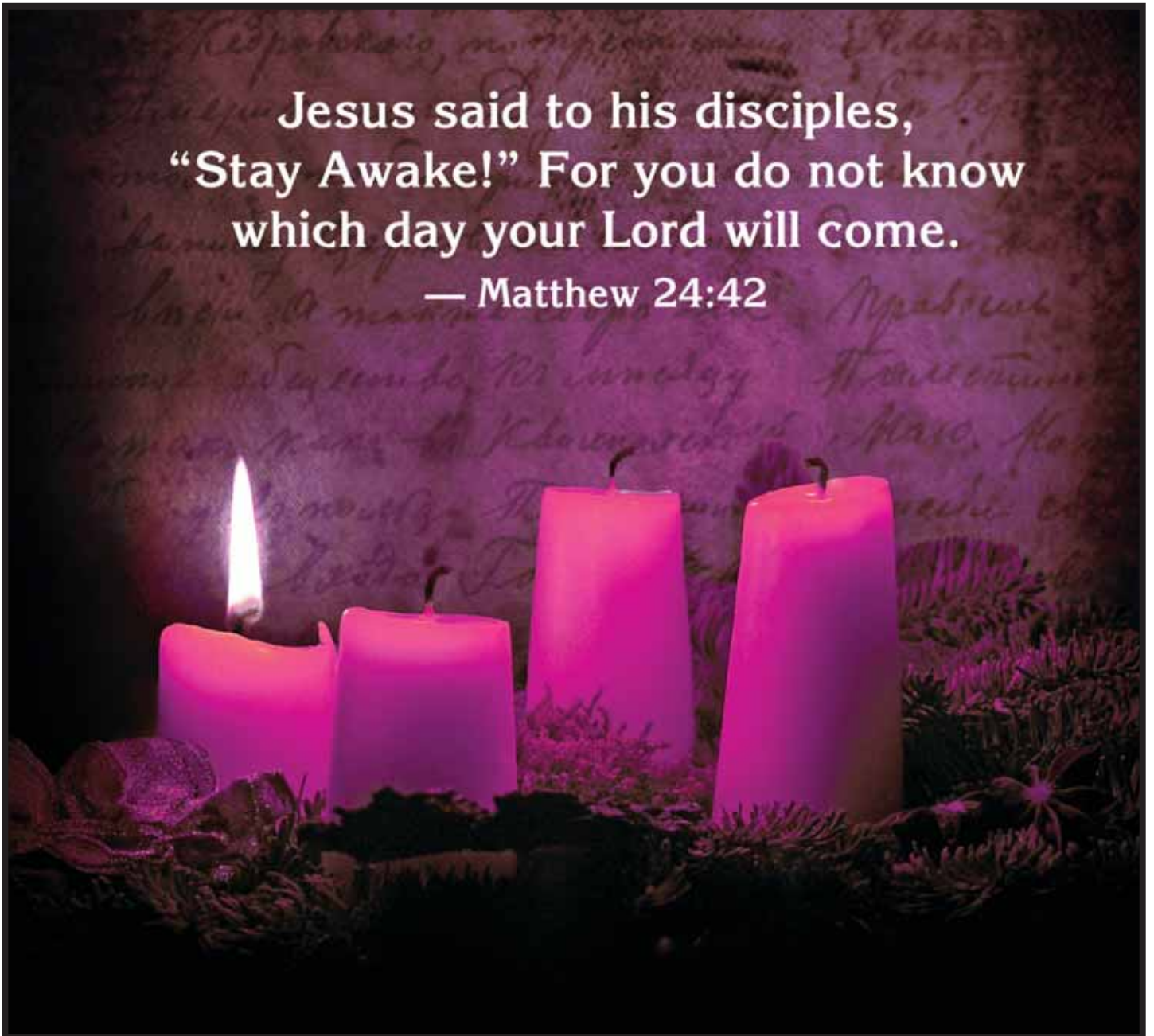
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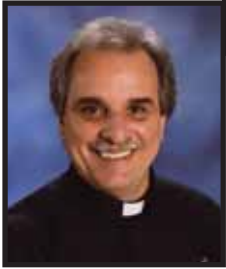


**November 28th, 2010**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

Jesus said to his disciples,  
“Stay Awake!” For you do not know  
which day your Lord will come.

— Matthew 24:42





## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

### Advent... A Season of Waiting A Season of Hope...

Preparing our Hearts for Christmas!

Today we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent**, a season of waiting... a season of Hope. This beautiful liturgical season is a time for us to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew this Christmas! I have the wonderful opportunity to be away for a retreat this coming week and will have plenty of time for prayer and reflection. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each of us could get away for a whole week just to pray, read scripture, reflect, and to have the chance just to be still during this holy season of Advent? I realize that this is not possible for everyone, but I do encourage you to take some time this Advent season to prepare your hearts for the sacredness that this season holds.

### Advent by Candlelight. . . An Evening for Our Ladies is this evening at 6:00

What an awesome response to our first Advent by Candlelight evening that will be held tonight at 6:00 pm in our parish center. We are thrilled with the response of the 161 women that have rsvp'd and will be attendance. My sincere thanks to the 22 women who will serve as the hostesses at this very special evening.

Our thanks also go to **Sr. Barbara Wentworth, DHM** who will lead us in this evening of reflection and to **Daryl Buchheit** and his friends for the inspirational music for the evening.

### Join Us Next Sunday Evening for a Special Advent Recital Performed by our School Children

Next **Sunday, December 5th**, at 6:30 pm, all parishioners are welcomed to attend a special Advent recital performed by our school children in our gym. Our sincere thanks to **Jane Ramos**, our music teacher, for her many hours of labor in preparing this special evening. I hope to see you there!

## Thank You for Joining Us For Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thank you to all who attended the Thanksgiving Day celebration of the Eucharist. The **GIVING** of canned food, hygiene items and money for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry was a beautiful way to express **THANKS** to God for our own blessings.

### Our Sincere Thanks to Dolores Eddleman

For the wonderful Thanksgiving bread!!!!

Our heartfelt thanks goes to **Dolores Eddleman** and her family for the generous gift of their time and talent in making almost 200 loaves of homemade bread for our Thanksgiving Day celebration. The homemade loaves were blessed at Mass and given to the parishioners and their families.

### Youth Group Will be Collecting For a Needy Family Next Weekend

Our **Jr. High** and **Sr. High Youth Groups** has adopted a special family for Christmas. Next weekend they will be collecting "change" to add to their own contributions for a shopping spree to buy gifts for their adopted family. Thanks in advance for supporting our young people as they try to make a difference in the lives of others!

### Coffee and Doughnuts Next Sunday Hosted by our PSR Teachers & Parents

Come join us next weekend after all of the Sunday masses for Coffee and Doughnuts in our parish Center! Our teachers and parents of our **Parish School of Religion** will be your hosts for the morning! A great way to meet new people and experience great fellowship with other parishioners! Please join us!!!

### Our Yesterday's Kids Trip is Filled for the Holiday Brass Concert and the Way of Lights

We've had an awesome response to our latest Yesterday's Kids trip and will have a full bus for the Holiday Brass Concert and Way of Lights trip on **Tuesday, December 7th**. The bus will leave at 12:00 noon and be returning approximately 9:30 pm.

## Our Thanks to Theresa Kellogg for her Dedication to the Help The Hungry Bake Sale. . . Over \$30,000 Raised!!!!

Our parish owes a tremendous amount of gratitude to **Theresa Kellogg** for her unending dedication that made our parish participation in the **Help the Hungry Bake Sale** such a success last weekend! Thank you to the many bakers in our parish for the numerous goodies that were brought to our gym. All of the proceeds from this awesome event go to our St. Vincent de Paul and Ministerial Alliance Food pantries. A tremendous thank you also to **Jana** and **Rich Dore** and family for the awesome job of decorating our booth for the day, The Bread Booth.

## My Red Velvet Cheesecake Sold for \$750!!

A total of \$7,835 was raised from the Clergy Bake Off during the Help the Hungry Bake Sale. The winner of the traveling trophy this year was First Baptist Church for their Pastor Bill Miller's cake that went for \$2,730. The Farmington Presbyterian Church paid \$1,000 for their pastor Rev. Paul Bembower's cake. Members from the Church of the Nazarene paid \$800 for Pastor Terry Turner item. St. Joseph's had the 4th highest bid! \$750 purchased my cheesecake for **John Thurman** on behalf of our **Knights of Columbus** and **Women of Mary**! Our neighbors across the street, St. Paul Lutheran Church paid \$355 for their Pastor James King's really awesome looking chocolate cake.

The cake I baked was graciously donated back to me and the recipient was my mom! It felt good to go to her home with a cake instead of my usual routine of leaving with one! A nice exchange for the numerous cakes she has made for me through the years! I'm not sure if she actually ate the \$750 cake... I think she wanted to shellac the cake and put it next to the first popcycle stick frame I made in second grade!

My personal thanks to **Theresa, Pat Boatright, Connie Grindel** and **Joyce Wozniak** for their guidance in the preparation of my cheesecake. I think they should give a little extra this week to the church for the priceless hour of entertainment they received while watching me bake my entry for the bakesale! ☺ The recipe for the Red Velvet Cheesecake appears on page 11.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday, December 8th

On **Wednesday, December 8th** we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. **We will have masses at 7:00 am, 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.** Mary, under the title of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the patroness of the United States.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation to be Offered All Day Long Thursday, December 16th for Our Advent Preparation

On **Thursday, December 16th** we will offer an entire day from **8:00 am until 6:00 pm** for the reception of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. During Advent, families will clean and decorate their homes and plan for visits from relatives and friends. This invitation is about spiritual preparation in our hearts in order to welcome Christ. A schedule will be published in next weekend's bulletin that outlines the time each priest will hear confessions.

## Remember Your Loved One at Christmas by the Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia Memorials will be published in our bulletin

As is our custom, you can remember your loved one by donating flowers to decorate the altar area. An envelope is included in your December packet of offering envelopes. The names of those who are especially remembered in this way will be listed in our December 26th bulletin.

The printer's deadline for this bulletin is **Monday, December 20th**. Hopefully we will have a complete list. However, any gifts received after the deadline will be listed in the January 2nd bulletin.

Please note that the extra funds collected are placed in a restricted flower fund and are used for decorating our Sacred Space year round. Thus, throughout the year when you see the plants and flowers we hope you will be reminded of your loved ones.

## Secret Santa. . . Together we can help some of our own Parish Families to have a Merry Christmas (translated: Quiet Holiness)

Again this year I invite you to join me in helping some of our own parishioners who need extra help this Christmas. These are families or individuals that are registered in our parish and for various reasons are experiencing difficult times. They may have not requested help from our St. Vincent de Paul Society but they have confided in me about their struggle to make ends meet. "**Secret Santa**" is a way to respond to their needs. Last year we assisted 16 families.

- An elderly individual needing car repairs
- An elderly couple who struggling with their utilities
- An individual who can barely afford medications
- A young family behind in their house payments
- A young single parent unemployed for a year with two little ones

If you know of a registered active parishioner that needs a visit from Secret Santa, please let me know! They must meet the following requirements:

- registered active parishioner
- attends mass regularly
- contributes their time, talents and treasure to the parish

Sorry, but because of the need this year, we will not be able to help any family members of parishioner's who are not registered in our parish.

All requests are previewed, without names, by our Finance Committee and are discreetly delivered.

## And Finally. . .

Happy St. Nicholas day next Monday, **December 6th**. Hope St. Nick will put something good in your shoe!

Mark your calendars to bring your children and grandchildren for **Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 12th**. Santa is so awesome with our children and indeed makes each one feel so special.

I hope you enjoyed my interview on KREI radio on Friday, November 26th. My sincere thanks to **Louie Sieberlich** for offering this awesome opportunity to us. For me personally it was truly a fun filled experience.

**"Always remember that as long as we keep the Eucharist the center of our lives, everything else will fall in place...of that I am confident"!!!**

Blessings of Peace...**Fr. Rickey**

## The Answer is Always "Jesus"

Sr. Barbara Wentworth, DHM



I was reminded not too long ago of a basic truth. When we were kids in school and Sister asked us a question to which we didn't know the answer, we knew we were safe by answering, "Jesus." It usually worked!

Next year at this time we will experience some changes in the wording of prayers during the Mass. The question is why? The answer is....you guessed it! Jesus! A great deal of effort will be made here at St. Joseph's to make sure the changes take place easily, smoothly and meaningfully during Advent of 2011. And, as we make the transition, it will help us if we keep in mind the answer to the question "why"..... Jesus!

Many of us really don't want to admit that we were around in 1963 when the Second Vatican Council implemented the changes to our Catholic Mass. But those of us who were know what real change looks like. For the first time we heard the beautiful prayers of the Mass in English not Latin. The Communion rail disappeared and the altar turned around seemingly overnight. Father was looking at us as we all prayed together. The music changed from Gregorian Chant to contemporary and even folk music. The Confessionals with their dusty velvet curtains disappeared and instead we began to use Reconciliation rooms. We, as Catholics, were called to a participation in the sacramental life of the Church that was "full, conscious, and active participation....to which the Christian people have a right and obligation by reason of their baptism." (SC#14). The changes sanctioned by Vatican II were sudden, exciting, bordering on the dramatic and wonderfully prayerful.

These coming changes will not be sweeping, they will not be sudden, and they will not be dramatic, but they will be wonderfully prayerful. And the reason for the change.....it's to deepen our faith by using words and images that will help nurture hope that we may celebrate forever at the table of the Lamb in heaven. Basically, the bottom line, the ultimate reason.....to better celebrate the Paschal Mystery of .....Jesus!

To prepare ourselves properly to understand and to embrace these changes, we will begin with a series of bulletin articles which will explore the basic history of our Roman Catholic Mass, from "House Liturgies" in Corinth, Ephesus and other places mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles through to the Tridentine Rite which was the norm for four hundred years. We will touch on the interesting parts of the liturgical reforms of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries (some of it wasn't so interesting!), and the changes which came out of Vatican II. Then we will begin work on the new changes in the wording of the Mass which we expect on the First Sunday of Advent, 2011. It will be an adventure for all of us...one that I think both you and I will enjoy.

## Our Pastoral Team

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## Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday 7:00 am  
Friday (All School Mass August - May) 8:05 am  
Sunday Observance  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am  
Holy Days of Obligation 7:00 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 am, or by appointment

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 am Mass

### The Sacrament of Marriage

Celebrated after meeting the bride and groom and beginning preparation six months before the wedding, in accordance with Archdiocesan Wedding Policy.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 7:30 am thru Closing Prayer Service at 5:20 pm  
First Fridays of the month from 8:30 am to 2:15 pm

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Open Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

For assistance call 756-0997

## This Week in Our Parish

Wed 12/01 **Women of Mary Meeting**  
12:00 pm • Parish Center

**PSR Classes**  
6:00 pm • School

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
7:00 pm • Parish Center

**Parish Rosary**  
7:15 pm • Church

**Bible Study: Bible Timeline**  
7:30 pm • Cafeteria

Thurs 12/02 **Eucharistic Adoration**  
7:30 am - 5:20 pm • Church

**Boy Scout Committee Meeting**  
6:00 pm • Cafeteria

Fri 12/03 **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**  
8:30 am - 2:15 pm • Church

Sun 12/05 **Doughnut Sunday**  
After all Masses • Parish Center

**RCIA Rite of Acceptance**  
9:00 am Mass • Church

**Advent Recital**  
6:30 pm • Gym



## Happy Birthday



<u>November 29th</u>	<u>December 1st</u>	<u>December 3rd</u>
<b>Nicholas Baechle</b>	<b>Jennifer Donaldson</b>	<b>Rob Greif</b>
<b>Jackson Bauer</b>	<b>Tom Freeman</b>	<b>Seth Johnson</b>
<b>Emily Greif</b>	<b>Daniel Judd</b>	<b>Maggie Kehoe</b>
<b>Abigael Heberlie</b>	<b>Jerry Morris</b>	<b>Chase Medley</b>
<b>Bob Lowrey</b>	<b>Jordan Roney</b>	<b>Lucie Trokey</b>
<b>Rachel Williams</b>		
<u>November 30th</u>	<u>December 2nd</u>	<u>December 4th</u>
<b>Pam Bauer</b>	<b>Darrin Bauer</b>	<b>Nicole Dowell</b>
<b>Amy Greif</b>	<b>Hadley Dowell</b>	<b>Doug Johnson</b>
<b>James C. Johnson</b>	<b>Nesta Vessell</b>	
<b>Sandra Kracke</b>		



## Happy Anniversary



<u>November 30th, 1974</u>	<u>December 1st, 2007</u>
<b>Jim &amp; Maudie Kelly</b>	<b>Nathan &amp; Megan Allen</b>
<u>December 3rd, 1971</u>	
<b>Greg &amp; Patti Vargo</b>	



## Eucharistic Celebrations and Mass Intentions

Week of Nov 29th - Dec 5th, 2010

**Monday: Advent Weekday**

Readings: Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11

7:00 am: **Marie Niedert**

**Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle**

Readings: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

7:00 am: **Norma LeGrand**

**Wednesday: Advent Weekday**

Readings: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

7:00 am: **Katy Flynn**

**Thursday: Advent Weekday**

Readings: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27

9:00 am: **Edgar Brown**

**Friday: St. Francis Xavier**

Readings: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

7:00 am: **Iola Sutterer**

8:05 am: **Bill Morrow**

**Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

5:00 pm **Charles R. Seitz**

**Sunday:**

7:30 am: **Edith Tullock**

9:00 am: **Lindell Basler**

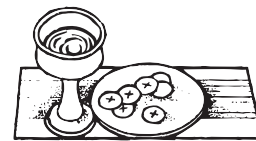
10:30 am: **Parishioners**

visit [www.stjosephfarmington.com](http://www.stjosephfarmington.com) and click on "daily mass readings" for easy reference.

## Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

A warm welcome to all of you who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you would like more information on becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 756-4250. Our Parish serves the needs of the community in many ways. We offer preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick. If we can be of service, please let us know. We hope you will come again.

## Ministers of the Liturgy



### Saturday, December 4th

#### 5:00 pm Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy

**Lector:** Terry Guiley

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Jerry & Dotty Bach, Rosetta Halter,

John Denkler, James Cissell

**Ushers:** Gary Harris, John Jones,

Mark Kellogg, Richard Reney

**Servers:** as scheduled

### Sunday, December 5th

#### 7:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. Rickey Valleroy

**Deacon:** Deacon Al Gegg

**Lector:** Vicky Damba

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Melissa Mitchell, Steve Forsythe,

Jack & Kathy Neiner

**Ushers:** Dale Jones, Charles Koppeis,

Phil Roth, Chester Ott

**Servers:** as scheduled

#### 9:00 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer

**Lector:** Mitch Fuemmeler

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Doak Holloway, Adam Barnhouse,

Alex Greif, Margaret Greif, Agnes Hinkebein

**Ushers:** Mike Turner, Mike Ward,

Dan Combs, George Kracke

**Servers:** as scheduled

#### 10:30 am Mass

**Priest:** Fr. James Dyer

**Lector:** William Sippo

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Shirley Bieser, Charlie Boyd, Norma Greif,

Katie Rhodes, Isa Sippo

**Ushers:** Roy Henson, Chuck Koppeis,

Tom Lutsch, Jim Robert

**Servers:** as scheduled

## Monday, November 29th, 2010

### Sacristans

Connie Grindel, Pat Nekula,  
Phyllis Trolinger, Joyce Wozniak

### Money Counters

Beulah Carrow, Jackie Maloney,  
Nancy Ott, Carolyn Rigdon

Come join us for our weekly Parish Rosary to be offered this Wednesday at 7:15 pm in church.



Our rosary leaders will be:  
Mary Strohmeyer, Phyllis Trolinger,  
Helen Mell, Joyce Wozniak, Jane Allen

The Mysteries this week are: **Luminous**

Our petition for this week will be:

**“As we begin our Advent season, may the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with joy and anticipation as we await the coming of our Savior.”**

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*



We pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Penny Elrod Stevens**

*May God welcome them home, fill them with peace, and bless those who will miss them.*

*You are the living presence of God's overwhelming love, a love that led you to the cross, a love that raised you to life, a love that offers freedom and life to all, a love that feeds us at every Eucharist through your life-giving body and blood.*



Regular Eucharistic Adoration hours are **Thursdays from 7:30 am - 5:20 pm.**

## Your Gifts to God and Parish

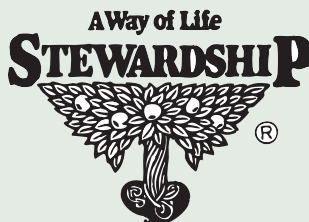
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Adult Envelopes	\$7,516.50
Loose	\$226.92
Children's Envelopes	\$1.75
	<b>\$7,745.17</b>

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Sunday Offering	\$7,745.17	\$211,614.28
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,850.00</u>	<u>\$227,850.00</u>
Shortage/Overage	(\$3,104.83)	<b>\$(16,235.72)</b>

Partners in Education	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$379.00
Retired Religious	\$45.00
Human Development	\$307.47
Secret Santa	<u>\$290.00</u>
Total for Specials	\$1,026.47

**Thank You For Your Faithfulness!!!**



**“For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”**  
**Matthew 24:42**

Preparations for the Christmas season remind us how much we all want to be generous. We all want to give good gifts to one another. Yet, often when it comes to giving back to God our response is, “Not yet!” We put off sharing our time, talent and treasure for another day. We say we will give when we have more time or more money. Yet, none of us knows when God will come and ask for an accounting of how we used the gifts entrusted to our care. The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our stewardship. The Lord is coming!

## **Together we pray for those who are sick.** (Parishioners names are in bold.)

**Please pray for:** Kathy Krechnyak, Rhonda LaPierre, **Norma "Mutzie" Greif**, Diane Starks, **Robert McManus**, **Patrick Kernan**, Roy Wirth, Marilyn Wilson Proffer, Melissa McKelvey, Barry Bruder, Louise Ashworth, **Rose Trepasso**, Chris Meyer, Ann Raymer, Gene Jenkins, **Thelma Blake**, **Frances Zolman**, Bobbie Hammon, Judy Reich, Amy Erard, **Mary Ann Burns**, Jackie Whitworth, **Howard Denton**, **Tom Rigdon**, Sandy Stuart, Julie Bone, Sandy Turley, **Sue Pruetzel**, Jean Parrott, Phillip Dickerson, John Bernal, Steve Strohmeyer, Jean Bach, Michael Coogan, William Visnovske, Clet (Cletus) Weidenbenner, Jhena Copeland, **Mary Lodholz**, **Joe Smith**, **Charlotte Morris**, Raymond Guenther, Leo Cullum.

**If you need to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Pat Boatright at 756-4169.**

## Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction: the end of war between nations. (Is 2:4) While most of the good predictions of the prophets were fulfilled in Jesus, we still await the end of all wars. So why hasn't that one been fulfilled? Let's look at the second reading and the gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Rom 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Mt 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as things to avoid. Both of those vices have been the cause of many wars in our history. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor, instead of helping to feed them. There are still those who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings me back to the first reading, where Isaiah talks about turning swords into plowshares. Do we have enough faith in God's love to stop building weapons and use those resources to feed the hungry, or cure diseases in underprivileged countries? Until we convert everyone to following Jesus, that's not likely. The gospel calls us to be ready. Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. Are we afraid to offer to pray for someone in need? Maybe we need to put on the "armor of light," as St. Paul calls it. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we just at least show forgiveness to someone who hurts us?

Jesus never said to do the impossible. If we can be ready to see Jesus in those around us, to show His love to those who need it, or just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

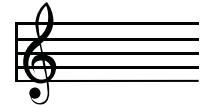
(from "The Word in our Lives")

## Look at what's happening in our Parish. . .



**Sunday, November 28th**  
Women's Advent by Candlelight

**Sunday, December 5th**  
Advent Recital  
6:30 pm in the gym



**Tuesday, December 7th**  
Yesterday's Kids Trip  
Concert and Way of Lights

**Monday, December 6th**  
First Reconciliation at 6:30 pm



**Sunday, December 12th**  
Breakfast with Santa

**Wednesday, December 15th**  
Bit of Comfort Dinner  
6:00 pm in the Parish Center



**Sunday, December 19th**  
Spanish Mass at 3:00 pm

## Holiday Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24th

Masses at 5:00 pm and Midnight  
(Traditional Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 pm)

### Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am  
There will be NO 5:00 pm mass this day.

### Feast of the Holy Family

#### Sunday, December 26th

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am

### Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday, January 2nd

Vigil at 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 1st  
Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am

*Since New Year's Day falls on  
a Saturday it is not a holy day  
of obligation this year.*

## Home & School Association

*Supporting families as the first teachers in the ways of FAITH!*

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, November 28th** -  
First Sunday in Advent

**Friday, December 3rd** - 1:00 pm  
dismissal for faculty meeting

**Sunday, December 5th** - Second  
Sunday in Advent, Advent Recital at  
6:30 pm in gym

**Monday, December** - St. Nick Day,  
First Reconciliation at 6:00 pm in  
church

**Wednesday, December 8th** -  
Immaculate Conception, No School



*Our principal, Mrs. Rohrer was joined by her family at the all school mass on Friday, November 19th as she was honored for National Catholic Principal Appreciation Day as well as her birthday! Mrs. Rohrer was presented with many cards and banners from the children as well as gifts from the School Board, Pastoral Council, Home and School Association and Student Council.*

## Youth Group News

Greetings Parish!

Hopefully everybody had a blessed Thanksgiving with their family and cherished friends! Last week, after helping clean up "Our Father's Table" (Which went very well and was a great fellowship opportunity) the Senior High enjoyed a great discussion about how to be defenders of Christ!



Today, both Junior and Senior High will meet in the Gymnasium from 5 pm to 8 pm. Everybody needs to bring a Rosary!!! We will be praying a Holy Rosary together and sharing the meaning of the Rosary, and how it applies to young Catholics today. After, we will learn to make our own knotted decade Rosaries. All youth are invited tonight, along with their families to join in this special devotion!

Quote of the Week: "We walk by faith, not by sight." - Andre Turner

# The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

*With Sr. Barbara Wentworth, DHM • Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the parish center*

This coming Wednesday **in the cafeteria** we will continue with The Bible Timeline program. Each session combines a very interesting DVD presentation by Scripture scholar Jeff Cavins (of EWTN fame) with time for group discussion.

Drop-in's are very welcome and guarantee you will enjoy the time you spend watching and listening to Dr. Cavins...he is funny and enormously informative.... Think of it as your Advent gift to yourself !!!!

In our next session we will begin Part I of Conquest & Judges. Dr. Cavins will introduce the Book of Joshua. God leads His people to reclaim territory from the powers opposed to Him (Some things never change....we're still fighting over the same territory !) and to establish nation based on the godly principles of the Ten Commandments and the fear and worship of God. We see God's justice here as He punishes the idolatrous and immoral nations who have chosen to go their own ways.....

## Women of Mary

**Women of Mary** will have their December luncheon and meeting on **December 1st** at noon in the Parish Center. Please bring a covered dish or dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.



## Bell Ringing



St. Joseph Parish will once again be participating in the **United Way Bell Ringing**. Sign up sheets are located in the back of church. We will be outside Walmart at the west door (pharmacy side) on **Wednesday, December 1st** and **Wednesday, December 22nd** from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm. Shifts are 1 hour long. If you sign up for a slot and cannot make it or if you have any questions please call **Tom Lutsch** at 756-2056 or 701-5246. Dress warm if it's cold and have a merry ole time ringing the bells for a great cause!

## The "Giving Tree"



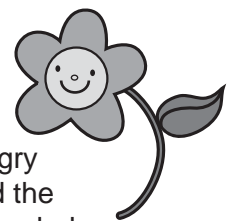
The **Women of Mary** are again sponsoring an "Advent Giving Tree" to benefit our **St. Vincent de Paul** organization. The tree is located in the entry of the Parish Center. You may take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item on the label, then place the **unwrapped** item under the tree. The volunteers

from St. Vincent de Paul will pick up the items and distribute them to their clients before Christmas. Thanks to everyone for your support.

We are in need of volunteers to help in the school cafeteria from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please contact Dolores in the cafeteria if interested.



## Thank You



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Help the Hungry Bake Sale. Whether you worked the event, made calls, baked, or attended, your efforts helped raise over **\$30,000** for the two local food pantries! Thanks, too, to Fr. Rickey (and his cake), Fr. Jim, Mike Ward, Sandy Doty, the Women of Mary and Knights of Columbus for their support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Theresa Kellogg and the Help the Hungry Bake Sale Committee

## My \$750.00 Red Velvet Cheesecake... for the Help the Hungry Bake Sale

If you love both red velvet cake and cheesecake, this recipe is for you. A red velvet filling is spiked with cocoa, topped with a creamy cheesecake layer, and baked in a dark chocolate crust – making a wickedly-delicious combination.

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups chocolate teddy bears smashed up
- 1/4 cup of microwaved butter
- 1 big spoon of sugar
- 3 boxes of cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 4 big eggs, beaten up in a bowl
- 3 really big spoons of unsweetened cocoa
- 1 cup of sour cream
- 1/2 cup whole buttermilk (tastes nasty by itself!)
- 2 large sewing thimbles of vanilla extract
- 1 splash white vinegar
- 2 bottles of red stuff
- 1 box of cream cheese
- 1/4 cup of microwaved butter
- 2 big handfuls of powdered sugar
- 1 capful of vanilla extract
- Garnish: fresh mint sprigs

### Preparation

Beat up teddy bears until they become crumbs (great stress reliever), melted butter, and 1 tablespoon sugar; smash mixture into bottom of a 9-inch spring farm pan.

Beat 3 boxes of cream cheese and 1 1/2 cups sugar at medium-low speed with an electric mixer 1 minute. Add big eggs (crack first) and next 6 ingredients, mixing on low speed just until you can't see any lumps. Pour batter into prepared crust.

Bake at 325° for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 300°, and bake for about an hour (not for sure how long actually, I enjoyed lunch while it was baking). Put a cake pan full of water at the bottom of the oven so the cake won't crack. Run knife along outer edge of cheesecake. Turn oven off. Let cheesecake stand in oven 30 minutes. Remove cheesecake from oven; cool in pan on a wire rack 30 minutes. Cover and chill 8 hours.

Beat a box of cream cheese and 1/4 cup microwaved butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth; gradually add powdered sugar and vanilla, beating until smooth. Spread evenly over top of cheesecake. Remove sides of spring farm pan. Garnish, if desired.



*"You know it's a good recipe if it starts with a stick of butter".*  
Paula Deen

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## One Minute Meditations

### Shepherds of the poor

Among the first to receive Jesus into the world were shepherds. Today, the presence of the shepherds in the Nativity scene reminds us of the poor of the world and how close they are to Jesus' heart. In honor of the shepherds, perform some act of kindness for the poor.

### Say "no" for Advent

Instead of taking on extra activities during the Christmas season, try saying "no" more often. Don't work overtime, don't attend another party, even say "no" to additional volunteer activities. Use the time you said "no" to the world to say "yes" to preparing for the Lord.

### Advertise your faith

Put on a joyful appearance no matter what is going on in your day. Remind yourself of the coming miracle and what it means for each one of us.

### Unborn joy

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb ..." (Luke 1:40). Even in the womb, John was filled with joy to serve God. During Advent look for ways to do God's will and then leap for joy as you fulfill his plan.

### The light of Advent

"What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:4-5).

## Make ready for something wonderful

We spend Advent waiting for something wonderful to happen. Yet in our impatience to get to that something wonderful, we can forget that the wait can be wonderful, too. Try taking it one week at a time and wait, hope, prepare, and rejoice at the miracle of Christ's wonderful birth ...

### Week One - Wait.

Whenever you find yourself waiting for something this week, think of the fact that you are also waiting for Jesus to come. Ask him what you need to do to be ready for his arrival.

### Week Two - Hope.

This week remember that God keeps his promises in ways more glorious

than we can imagine. "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

### Week Three - Prepare.

Look for ways to prepare your heart for Christmas.

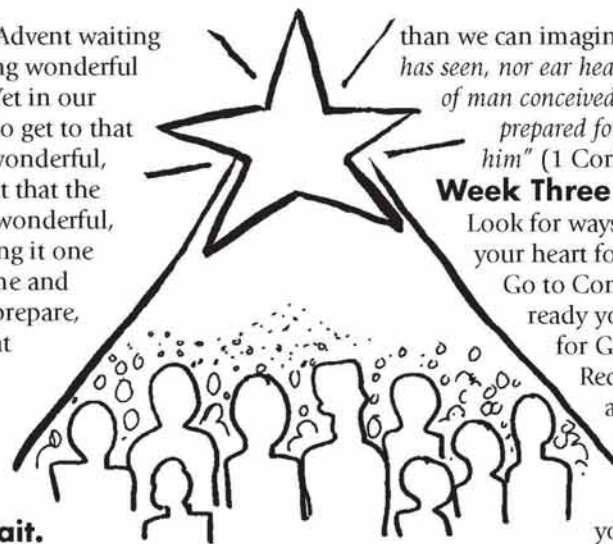
Go to Confession to ready your soul for God's grace.

Reconcile with anyone you need to in order to increase your peace.

### Week

### Four - Rejoice.

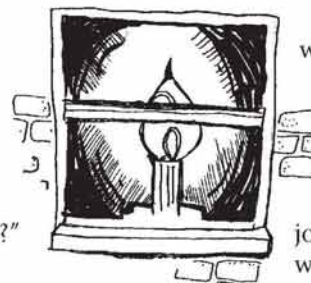
Sing "O Come O Come Emanuel" at the top of your voice. Pray with enthusiasm at Mass. Spend time with family and friends. Write out a list of all the things in your life for which you are grateful. Welcome our Savior with a peaceful, joyful heart.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do we celebrate Advent?

Advent is a time of warning, a time of preparation, a time of urgency. It is when the Church wants us to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?" We know that Jesus



will come at our death and he will come at the end of time. The season of Advent encourages us to make the necessary preparations so we can joyfully greet Jesus whenever we meet him next.

## Develop an Advent frame of mind



The holiday season can seem more like a test of character than a preparation for celebration. In the midst of the seasonal stress, we are asked to reach into ourselves and bring out only what is kind, generous, and loving. It may help to remember that the real reason for the season is the celebration of unimaginable love.

**Try to see with a Father's eye.** Our Heavenly Father delights in our creation and loves us for exactly who we are. During Advent, try to see yourself through his eyes. Not the flawed human visible to the rest of us, but the spectacular product of God's divine love and the reflection of his glory.

**Tune in to a remarkable moment.** *"And the Word became*

*flesh and dwelt among us"* (John 1:14). It really happened. God really came and shared our experience in the world. In

response, we can reach out beyond our friends and family and share our experience of God with the rest of the world.

**Prepare your gift.** The real gift of the Magi was to receive Jesus as the savior of all people. Your gift to Jesus can be an open heart, ready to receive the love he has for you. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16).

Anticipating an eternity of unimagineable love is absolutely the right Advent frame of mind.

## 5 ways to enrich your season

Many of us look forward to Christmas all year but let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy, and the excitement of Christmas. Yet Advent is a beautiful season in itself.

Consider these five ways to enjoy Advent as the season of hope ...

**1. Come into the silence.**

Over the next few weeks, take lots of deep breaths and treat yourself to some silent time each day.

**2. Mark your progress.** Buy or make an Advent wreath with four candles and light a new candle each Sunday. Say the traditional prayers or write your own.



**3. Share the joy.** Make peace with anyone who wronged you - or was wronged by you. Put resentment out of your heart to make more room for joy.

**4. Comfort the lonely.** Compile a list of people who live alone, are new to your area, or who have lost a loved one this year. Include them in your holiday gatherings.

**5. Start a new tradition.** Sing a special song each night during Advent. Reserve a favorite food just for this time. Go out for a special meal after Mass. Whatever you do, make it joyful and celebratory.

## St. Nicholas - A saint for the season

St. Nicholas was born at the end of the third century in Asia Minor. He was the son of wealthy parents who died while he was a child. Despite his misfortune, he selflessly wanted to share his wealth with those in need.

One popular story involving St. Nicholas concerns a man who had lost his fortune and was too poor to fill his family's bellies. He was even thinking of selling his three daughters to pay off his debts. Nicholas heard of the man's situation and secretly threw a bag of gold into an open window in the house. When the man awoke the next morning, he thanked God for his good

fortune. Twice more Nicholas helped the man in this way, and each time the man praised God - just as Nicholas intended.

St. Nicholas' feast day is December 6th this year. Children all over the world put their shoes out at night to find candy and small treats in them in the morning, in remembrance of St. Nicholas' anonymous generosity.



## An illuminating tradition

The Advent wreath is one of the most popular devotions of the season. It is a symbol of our watchful wait for the Savior. Here's a way to make your own.

**Supplies:** Styrofoam ring, markers, evergreen branches that you buy or gather, wire or twist ties, three violet (purple) candles, one rose (pink) candle.

**Directions:** On the Styrofoam ring, mark four "Xs" equal distances apart where the candles will sit. Press a candle into the ring at each "X" to make an indentation. (Don't leave the candles in place yet.)

Wrap the evergreen branches around the ring to cover it completely. Secure the greens with wire or twist ties. Place the candles in the indentations you created earlier. Wind ribbons around the ring or add pine cones to decorate as you choose.

The three violet candles represent preparation, and are lit during the 1st, 2nd, and 4th weeks of Advent. The rose candle, lit during the 3rd week, is a reminder to rejoice.

Light a candle each night during Advent and offer prayers of hope and thanksgiving.

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As we anticipate the great joys of the holiday season...

We remember those whose hearts are heavy from the pain of the loss of loved ones...

As you continue to mourn the loss of your loved one, we continue to remember you with prayer... and the support of your parish family



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## **A Special Invitation** for Those Who Mourn

*Your parish family of St. Joseph's warmly invites anyone who has lost a loved one and still grieving that special loss to a special "Bit of Comfort" dinner with*

***Mary Smith***

*as she gives a special presentation on*

**"Celebrate Life"**

*Wednesday, December 15th*

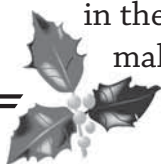
*Gathering at 5:30 pm • Dinner served at 6:00 pm*

*Please come and join us for an evening of sharing, of caring, spiritual support and some fun...*

The meal will be provided by Our Women of Mary, chaired by Sue Brown.  
Fr. Rickey will provide entertainment for the evening.

Please RSVP to the parish office at 756-4250 by December 8th.

If you do not like to drive please just let us know, we'll



in the evening and need a ride, make arrangements to pick you up!

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## Portrait Pick Up

We recently had family photographs taken for our new pictorial directory. Some of you chose to have your complimentary 8x10 portrait sent to the church. A box of portraits has arrived. You may pick up your portrait in the parish office any time Monday through Friday, 8:00 until 4:30.

*Let us pray for those who share weekly in our Eucharistic Celebration and who are carrying the gift of life. . .*

**Golda (Anton) Aseniero**

**Stephanie (Paul) Boshoff**

**Lauren (Nathan) Stein**

*If you are carrying the gift of life and would like the prayers of your parish family please call Sandy at the parish office.*

## Women of Mary Bereavement Ministry

Although the bereavement luncheons are not the only facet of this ministry, the luncheons are a need Women of Mary is trying to fill for our parish. There are four teams consisting of mostly women who, when it is their team's turn and they are called, prepare a certain dish or bring a certain item on the day of the funeral. Those who are working, drop their item off at the parish center early. We also need people to set up and serve the meal. Are you interested? Can you help?

Maybe you did not sign up originally or we have missed in asking you, but we would love to include you if you are interested. Attending the monthly Women of Mary meetings is not a requirement to be on a bereavement team. Please call the parish office and leave your name and number or call **Donna Conklin** at 756-1199.