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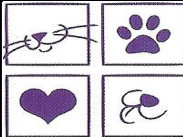


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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015



They will look to the sky for signs and frightening events—darkened sun, distress of nations and there will come the King of Glory enthroned in the clouds of heaven.

But first, Christ has had to come in quiet obscurity of Bethlehem. As we begin the new Church year, we prepare for the first coming, so that we will be ready for the second coming.

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Father Adam Puntel, In-residence

Deacon Bill Schaefer, Deacon Larry Gronas

MASSES

Vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday: 9:00am, Tues. no Mass, Wed., 9:00am, Thurs. 9:00am, Fri. & Sat. No am Mass

Confessions: 4:30–5:00pm on Saturdays

Saint of the Day

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Andrew Nov. 30 Monday >>> 9:00am Purgatorial Society
 Dec. 1 Tuesday >>>> No Holy Mass
 Dec. 2 Wednesday > 9:00am Irene Angel (Mattie)
 St. Francis Xavier, priest Dec. 3 Thursday >> 9:00am Vince & Irene Cimprich (Susan Hinds)
 St. John Damascene, Doctor Dec. 4 Friday >>>>> No Holy Mass
 Dec. 5 Saturday >>> 5:30pm Paul Angst (Mary Lou Robbins)
 Dec. 6 Sunday >>> 8:00am People of the Parish
 10:30am Sandy McDonald (Don & Claire Ansberry)

PARISH WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Eucharistic Exposition Schedule:

Mon. 9:30 –7pm; Wed. 9:30-9pm; Thurs. 9:30-9:00pm; Fri. 6:00-9:00pm

Monday 11/30 6:45pm Benediction
Tuesday 12/1 6:30pm R. C. I. A.
Wednesday 12/2 6:30-7:45pm Religious Education class, grades K-8
7:00pm Advent Penance Service, @ Holy Name
Thursday 12/3 7:00pm Knight of Columbus meeting - rosary at 6:30pm
Saturday 12/5 9:00am Choir practice
Sunday 12/6 10:30am Pre-school Religious classes
 Advent Breakfast after 8:00am and 10:30am Holy Masses
 11:15am Server Training for boys and girls, 4th grader and older.
 4-6:00pm Youth Group meeting

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lord Jesus, You are the Divine Physician, we place all of our sick under your loving care. Please restore them physically and spiritually. In Your Most Holy Will, and in the name of all, together with Our Sweet Mother and all the angels and saints, we intercede in a special way for:

Joan Wagner, Shirley Angst, Mary Keith, Phyllis Morrison, Danny Roell, Anna White, Charlie Calvert, Jose Gonzalez, Tom Martin, Beech Moore, Carol Conover, Harold LaBarge, Catherine Hodson and Don Angst.

STAFF

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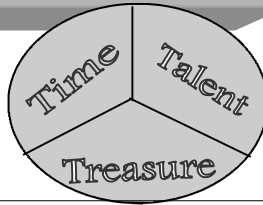
LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 5-6

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 5:30pm - Ron Angst, Gerry Graham 8:00am - Harry Hunsinger, Sharon Lacy 10:30am- Connie Thomas, Ken Thomas	Servers 5:30pm- Alex Peter, Katie Peter 8:00am – Amy Hudek, Max Vogelsang 10:30am- Emma Hopkins, Sam Lewis	Collection Tabulators Debbie Mannon Connie & Mike Schenck Sue & Jim Werner
	Lectors 5:30pm— Debra Shane, 8:00am - John Zehler, Susan Kennel 10:30am- Jenny Tettenhorst, Kathy Steele	
Cantors: 5:30pm Gene Beuerlein; 8:00am Brenda Hicks; 10:30am Kathy Chafin		

We will have in display and available for purchase rosaries and chaplets such as St. Andrew Christmas Chaplets (novena begins Nov. 30—Dec. 24); Our Lady of Guadalupe chaplets. These rosaries and/or chaplets make a holy Christmas gift.

STEWARDSHIP: A Way of Life

Your Time, Talent and Treasure
are God's Gifts to you.
*When you share them,
it is your gift to God*



Stewardship Reflection

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for us, a time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. (The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming.") Although Advent refers to Christ's birth at Christmas, it also refers to the coming of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Finally, it reminds us of the need to prepare for His Second Coming.

Everything we do during this holy period should be aimed at preparing our minds and hearts for Christ's arrival. Our readings today, from our First Reading in which the prophet Jeremiah predicts the coming of Christ ("The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise.") to our Gospel from Luke ("And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.") anticipates Christ's arrival, both as an infant and in His return.

As individuals and families and households we need to develop or continue Advent traditions. Whether it is setting time aside for special prayer or carefully filling a manger or lighting an Advent wreath or singing Christmas carols or reading Christmas poems and stories, we need to do some different things and do them consistently throughout Advent. This will help us have the both the right focus and the right attitude.

HOLY NAME FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Needed each week: \$4,850.00

last weekend Collection:

82 envelopes used: \$3,502.00
11 electronic giving: \$ 783.00
Total: \$4,285.00

Candles \$137 Purgatorial Society: \$150 Mass stipend: \$10 Christmas flowers: \$357.50
24 envelopes for Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$631.50

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY TO EVANGELIZE

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the United States Catholic Bishops Conference, will present "Inspiring and Accompanying Families in Christ: Reflections on the Synods of the Family" **Wednesday, December 9, at 7:30 pm in the Bartlett Pastoral Center located at the Athenaeum of Ohio / Mount St. Mary's Seminary.** (6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230) All are welcome. Seating is limited. The talk will also be shown live on the Athenaeum website: www.athenaeum.edu.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please pray "A decade a day for the sanctification of a Priest". This week we pray for:

Monday, Nov. 30 Fr. Dale Peterka	Friday, Dec. 4 Fr. John Porter
Tuesday, Dec. 1 Fr. Brian Phelps	Saturday Dec. 5 Fr. Edward Pratt
Wednesday, Dec. 2 Fr. Ronald Piepmeyer	Sunday Dec. 6 Fr. Michael Pucke
Thursday, Dec. 3 Most Rev. Daniel Pilarczyk	

TAKE THE TRAVELING CHALICE HOME TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Traveling Chalice will be handed to Stan & Sue Schumacher at the 5:30pm Holy Mass on Saturday, November 28. Tim & Debbie Shane will receive it at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 5.

When to return the chalice? By Saturday, afternoon before the 5:30pm Mass, you can leave it in the Sacristy, or at the Sacristy door if it's locked.

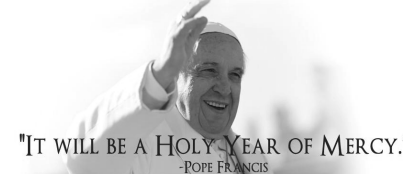
FILL THE CRIB FOR THE CHILD



"Fill the Crib for the Christ Child" begins **the first weekend of Advent and will run through Dec.20th.** We will be collecting baby items to help Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center in the Over-the-Rhine district of Cincinnati, serving the area's poorest. New and gently used baby and toddler clothing (newborn-size 5T), blankets, bibs, socks. Baby items, such as bottles, sippie cups, pacifiers, baby wash/shampoo, diapers, wipes and lotion are also needed. A printed list of suggested items will be available the weekend of Advent.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Pope Francis said: " I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015. On that day, the Holy Door will become a **DOOR OF MERCY through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God Who consoles, pardons, and instills hope.**"

"On the following Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door of the Cathedral of Rome—that is the Basilica of St. John Lateran—will be opened. In the following weeks, the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas will be opened." **Archbishop Schnurr will open the Holy Door of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 11:00am on Sunday, December 13.**

"I have proclaimed, continued the Pope, an **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy** as a special time for the Church. Mercy is the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. God's nature is patient and merciful; He forgives all your iniquities; He heals all your illnesses; He redeems your life from the pit; He gives food to the hungry; He sets the prisoners free. In short, the mercy of God is a concrete reality with which He reveals His Love as of that of a father or mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child."



The best way to combat the busyness of our life is to adopt or renew Advent traditions in the home. Whether you are single, a busy parent with kids, or empty-nesters, you can celebrate Advent like you are actually anticipating the coming of Christ—which is the whole point. It's a spiritual journey!

Remember the reason for the season: Advent and Christmas are Christian liturgical seasons. When you know what the season means, you will more likely do the things that emphasize that purpose.

Advent derives from the Latin adventus meaning 'arrival' or 'approach' - the coming of the Messiah to redeem and to save the human race, restoring mankind's relationship to God. Spiritually, we long for the coming of Christ into our hearts as the Holy Spirit draws us into ever deepening relationship with Him; we also long for Christ in His Second Coming.

Therefore the Advent season has these characteristics: it is a season of, 1) Hopeful longing, 2) Joyful expectation, 3) Prayerful penance, and 4) Spiritual preparation.

Advent is our liturgically built-in time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. If you want to get the most out of the Christmas season and fill up your soul with love for Christ, the best way to do that is to "let every heart prepare Him room" —and celebrating Advent is the Church's way to do it!

One of the most popular ways to celebrate Advent is with an Advent wreath and/or Advent candles.

There are lots of great Advent books that take you deeper into the profound theology of Advent. God comes to us as a Child, and this is amazing to think about!

Adopt special prayers or celebrate a Saint Feast Day, during the Advent season. For instance, the St. Andrew Christmas Novena which is traditionally prayed from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve.

Jesse Tree: It's fun for kids and great catechesis. It goes through the ancestry of Jesus and how all of his ancestors played a role in salvation history.

Advent Penance Services: Advent is known as the "little Lent". Confession is an important part of preparing room for the coming of Christ into our hearts— into deeper conversion. **Holy Name Penance Service is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00pm.**

Small Sacrifices for the Christ Child: Because Advent is known as the "little Lent," prayer, alms, and sacrifices are also a part of Advent season. Almsgiving: Advent is a great time to practice spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy.

Christmas Tree Blessing: When you finish decorating the Christmas tree, bless it with the Christmas tree blessing from the USCCB. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Parish Upcoming Events

IN NEED OF SERVERS AT MASS

Please prayerfully considering serving Father Gebhardt at the altar. There will be server training for boys & girls 4th grade and older. The training will be **Sunday December 6 after the 10:30 Mass.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIFTH ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Fifth Annual Coat Drive is now in progress at Holy Name. There is a need for new or slightly used coats of all sizes— children thru adults. Hats, gloves and scarves are also needed. Donations are to be placed on the table in the church basement. **THE COAT DRIVE ENDS AFTER HOLY MASS ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 13.**



Once again we are collecting toys for our Outreach Parish, Holy Trinity, in Harlan, Ky. If you are interested in purchasing a toy, please take a tag from the tree and place your gift **UNWRAPPED WITH THE TAG ATTACHED** under the Giving Tree. If you wish to make a money donation towards the purchase of Food Vouchers for the families of Harlan, please put it in the box provided on St. Joseph's altar.

Checks may be made out to Holy Name Church. **ALL GIFTS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN THE 10:30AM HOLY MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.** Thanks for your generosity. Your gifts are much appreciated and needed by the people in Harlan County Kentucky!

Holy Name Parish Outreach Committee

ADVENT BREAKFAST — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Religious Education will be hosting our Annual Advent Breakfast after 8:00am and 10:30am Holy Masses on Sunday, December 6, in the Parish Hall.

Please join us for a delicious breakfast, welcome of new families and our traditional Jesse Tree decorations by parish families. We hope you will come celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with Holy Name Education Teachers.

**Mary, K. (Kathy) Menninger, Religious Education Coordinator,
Pam Hurley, Youth Ministry Coordinator**