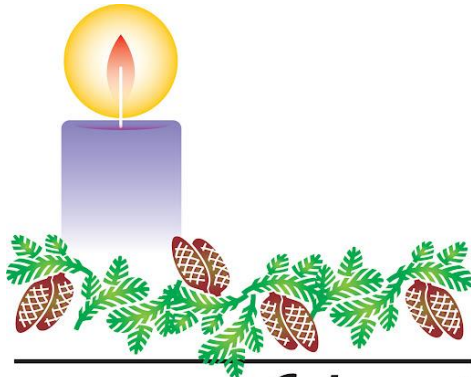


**Nativity B.V.M. November 28, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

IN THIS GRACED ADVENT TIME, PREPARE FOR JESUS' COMING

Advent is a season of preparation. It is easy to lose Advent in the swirl of Christmas lights and decorations. In this time of anticipation as we consider Christ's incarnation – his coming in the flesh – we also await his return in glory. Be ready: stand erect and raise your heads. Prepare your hearts to receive him. Don't miss the grace of Advent.



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Linden Brashier, Ansley Jones, Ann Marie Andrews, Sondra Fox, Tommy Ardoline, Beth Rush, Robert McClellan, Brandon Brashier, Dr. David and Aimee Dugger, Julie Martel, Matthew Martel, Jacqueline Cole Butler, Larry Kostmayer, Ansley Gilich, Adonna Creel Currie, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Rocky Long, Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Lehwmom Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please join us at Nativity for Youth Group on Sunday nights from 4-5:15! We will have fun, fellowship, and food! Please contact Lindsey Martin (228-861-8912) with any questions or for more information. We hope to see you there!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Nov 29	Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11
Tue	Nov 30	Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22
Wed	Dec 01	Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37
Thu	Dec 02	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	Dec 03	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
Sat	Dec 04	Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun	Dec 05	Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:1-6



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	6,799.00
Maintenance	\$	631.00
Capital Improvement	\$	111.00
Nativity Elementary	\$	25.00
Miscellaneous	\$	550.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	1,060.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	10,175.00

Thank you for your generous contribution!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tues. Nov 30** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.
Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
RCIA, SHC, 6:00 p.m.
- Wed. Dec 01** **Cleaning TEAM B**
CCD Class, 5:30 p.m., SHC

RCIA

This week the RCIA class will be learning about the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and eucharist with Deacon Johnny Williams. Please continue to pray for the Catechumens, candidates and sponsors as they are on this journey of faith together learning and experiencing the teachings and traditions of our Catholic faith. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

For us to include your name and the names of your loved ones in our Christmas bulletin, please put your "Christmas Flower" envelopes in the collection with your loved ones names on them. We appreciate your contribution toward the flowers for the Cathedral at Christmas.

BINGO MANIA

Our doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Rensch (Terri), Rhodes (Jamie & Whorton, Lee), Richards (Sally), Richardson (Denise), Rider (Jason & Rose), Sanchez-Alvarez (Juanita) and Saunders (Nicole). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**



Our Cathedral is equipped with the hearing loop system which enables those of us with hearing deficiencies to hear the Mass clearly. Access this loop by turning your T-cell hearing aids to the T-cell mode or pick up a receiver in the rear of the Church from the ushers.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Dec 04 4:00 pm Dale Dorcik	Dec 04 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey	Dec 04 4:00 pm Julia Landry Iris Ellis
Dec 05 7:00 am Danny Kavanagh	Dec 05 7:00 am Jim Compton	Dec 05 7:00 am Tristan Davis Kingston Davis
9:00 am Belinda Corley	9:00 am Nativity School	9:00 am M/M Tarrant
11:00 am Deacon Johnny	11:00 am M/M Tarrant	9:00 am Nativity Elem. Students
5:30 pm Teresa Ballinger	5:30 pm Corri Gulino	11:00 am Blake Walli Kendall Walli Rhett Pitolo
	CANTORS	
	Dec 04 4:00 pm KC Arnold Cathedral Choir	5:30 pm Dylan Mitchell
	Dec 05 9:00 am NES Children's Mass	
	11:00 am Nicholas Pumper	

6:30 AM		8:00 AM	
Mon Nov 29	Josh Bozeman		Chester Balius
Tue Nov 30	Sister Mary Jo Mike		Collins/Sims Fly.
Wed Dec 01	Bob & Penny Rogalin		Jean Kridle
Thur Dec 02	Caleb Simons		Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
Fri Dec 03	Hank Rogers		Joyce & Glenn Pesarich
Sat Dec 04 8	Roy Ebberman	4	Gabe & Doris Kasovich
Sun Dec 05 7	Rose Collins	9	FTP
	11:00 Charles Merlin Hosey	5:30	Michael Severson

FROM THE MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRY:

**Saturday, November 27th - 4 pm & Sunday, November 28th
9 & 11 am Masses – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

Opening Hymn:	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	# 41
Offertory:	“Creator of the Stars of Night”	# 67
Communion:	“Taste and See”	# 338
Recessional:	“For The Healing of the Nations”	# 743

CANTORS:	Saturday	4 p.m.	Dennis Burke and the Cathedral Choir
	Sunday	9 a.m.	Chantel Pilet
		11 a.m.	Phil Frisby

“NATIVITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL” UPCOMING

MASSES: The next NES Children & Children’s Choir Mass will also feature an enactment of “The Annunciation Story” by the School’s “Arts Alive” Thespian Troupe. The Mass will be offered by Mrs. Tahler Glisson’s Second Grade Class and the Second Sunday of our Advent Tree Project will be shared remembering Noah and the Ark. Cantors for this Mass will be Lexi Lyons & Ava Grace Simnicht.

The next NES School Mass Celebration will be for the observance of the Immaculate Conception and will be held on Wednesday, December 8 th at 9 am. Victoria Barhonovich & Lila Grace Watts will serve as our cantors.

Nativity Cathedral & Elementary School’s Concert Season

Events: The following listed events are the first of a series of special holiday offerings by the Music & Fine Arts Ministries of the Cathedral and our Elementary School:

THIS Friday, December 3rd – 7:00 p.m. – The Cathedral welcomes the “Gulf Coast ‘Messiah Chorus’” presenting their annual Christmas portions of the “Messiah”.

THIS Saturday, December 4th – 3:00 p.m.- A “Service of Advent Lessons & Musical Reflections” will be offered in the Cathedral.

Thursday, December 9th – 10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. – Nativity Elementary offers their annual Children’s Choir Christmas Concert in the School’s gymnasium.

“SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 30TH - #GIVE

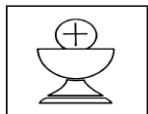
CATHOLIC”: This is the day that is set aside for a Great Day of Giving to worthy causes for the Catholic Church and both our School – Nativity Elementary and the Cathedral are participating. This year you can give to the Cathedral Music & Fine Arts Ministry Fund to finance new Music for the Cathedral, Community and Children’s Choirs, and the financing of instrumentalists and vocalists for special occasions throughout the year such as Holy Week, Easter and Christmas. For Nativity Elementary – we are hoping to support the programming of both music and the drama/fine arts. We are desiring to raise funds for the purchase of a new spotlight for the theater program and music materials for the school programming. More details will be forth coming. Please plan to help us reach our goal of \$7,500.00. Pray with us for the success of both our School’s drive and that of the Cathedral’s.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in loving memory of Josh Bozeman, from his parents Mike and Pam Bozeman.

“ADVENT JESSE TREE”: This Sunday, November 28th, the First Sunday of Advent, our Cathedral will reflect upon the lineage and prophecies of Jesus Our Lord. We will begin a journey of remembrance of those aspects of Jesus family tree from the Old Testament. Our first presentation is with Mrs. Lauren Ellis – Director of our CCD program and representatives from CCD sharing symbols of “The Creation Story” and adorning the Jesse Tree with apple ornaments and sharing the Prayers of the People. Walk with us in this very special new feature of our Cathedral’s Advent reflections.

COMMUNION VISITATION



Jesus says of you and me, “You are the salt of the earth”. No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home. Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be “salt of the earth”. Sister can be reached at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.