



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2018

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday in Advent

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
DE10:30 Michael Ryan from Ed & Eileen Martin Family, Jack & Pam Shanahan
DE 12:00 Benefactors of St. Rose

Monday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest
12:10 Bill Earls from Peggy and Bill Jackson

Tuesday, December 4

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
12:10 Peter C. Wilton from the Charles Family

Wednesday, December 5

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Thursday, December 6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:10 Bertha Garcia from the Family

Friday, December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:10 Special Birthday Intention for Michelle Joseph from Mom

Saturday, December 8

12:10 Gus Juengling from Gloria Miller
BW 7:00 Joyce Dacey from Gertrude A. Straub

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday in Advent

BW 8:30 Michael Ryan
BW10:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
BW12:00 Gus Juengling from Gloria Miller

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS 2018

Wednesday, December 12th Advent Penance Service—7PM
Monday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 3PM, 5PM, 7PM, 10:00 PM
Tuesday, Christmas Day 8:30AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation
Dec. 31 5PM & 7PM Jan. 1st 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12PM

St. Vincent de Paul boxes are in the vestibule of the Church to feed a family of four for Christmas. Please return by December 16th.

From the Pastor's Desk

Cameron Michael Krone was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism November 25th here at St. Rose Church.

Eric Engel and **Hannah Maas** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony November 23rd here at St. Rose Church.

Robert Idol and **Megan Schwarb** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony November 24th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Martha Hull** whose funeral was November 24th here at St. Rose Church.

In the back of church are your envelopes and gift for 2019. If you have any corrections on the name or address or cannot find your envelopes, please call RoseAnn @513- 871-1162.

The annual St. Rose Christmas Party is on **Tuesday, Dec. 18th**. Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. In addition to a potluck dinner, Paul Welch will lead us again this year in a carol sing-a-long. St. Rose will provide the meat, dessert, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite covered dish.

Tickets will be on sale after the Masses in the back of church.

We are excited to present our fourth annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 23rd at 4:00 PM. The Choir of St. Rose will be joined by chamber orchestra and featured soloists for a Christmas spectacular celebrating the true meaning of the season. Over the past few years, this heartwarming concert has become a beloved Christmas tradition for many parishioners and friends of St. Rose. We warmly invite you and your family and friends to join us for this one-of-a-kind, free concert. Tickets are not required.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for December 8th and December 9th

7:00 Joe Christmann, M. Luchrmann, Mike Gregorio, W. Russ
8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro
10:30 Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Timothy McMahan, Bob Sheil, J. Sonnefeld
12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Shawn Gillete

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Luke

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #226

Closing Hymn: #317

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Opening Prayer

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Most of us look for meaning in the signs and events of daily life. We wonder how God might be acting in our lives. The gospel reading for today gives the reader signs that will accompany the end times, the coming of the Son of Man. But we would be mistaken if we took these passages literally. And it's certainly true that hundreds if not thousands of people have done just that—looked for these signs to be fulfilled literally.

The message of this passage sought to give hope to a beleaguered people, the Christians. Many of them desperately wanted to see the coming of the Son of Man who would establish justice and peace. And at the time this gospel was written there were many other Christians who may have lost hope or grown weary of waiting. This message was for them; and the message is also for us.

For us, the watching for the coming of the Son of Man has been not merely decades, as it was for the early Christians, but two millennia! Do we really believe that the end is near? That Jesus might return any day? It might be more worthwhile for me to imagine my own personal end (death) rather than the end of the world. In that way, it might be easier to see that my own personal end could catch me "by surprise like a trap." This is not to say we have no cares for the world, but rather, we have our eyes set on something greater as we live by a different set of values. Ideally, we serve more than we are served; we give more than we receive. And in that way we imitate Christ, whose disciples we are.

Closing Prayer

Good and gracious God, we come before you mindful of our limited time on this earth. Give us the sense to live each day with meaning and purpose, striving to do your will. May we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and give drink to the thirsty, knowing we are serving you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Reflection:

• As Christians living in the year 2018 we realize that our own personal end will likely come before Jesus' return. How would you live this coming year if it were your last on earth?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

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People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.



For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Readings for the week

1st Sunday of Advent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2nd Sunday of Advent
Jr 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12-42 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	Isa 21:5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4c-d-5, 6-7, 8-9 Matt 8:5-11	Isa 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Luke 10:21-34	Isa 25:5-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Matt 13:29-37	Isa 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 80, 19-21, 25-27a Matt 7:21, 24-27	Isa 29:27-34 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Matt 9:27-31	Immaculate Conception Gen 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	Ps 128:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 21:6