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Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore

Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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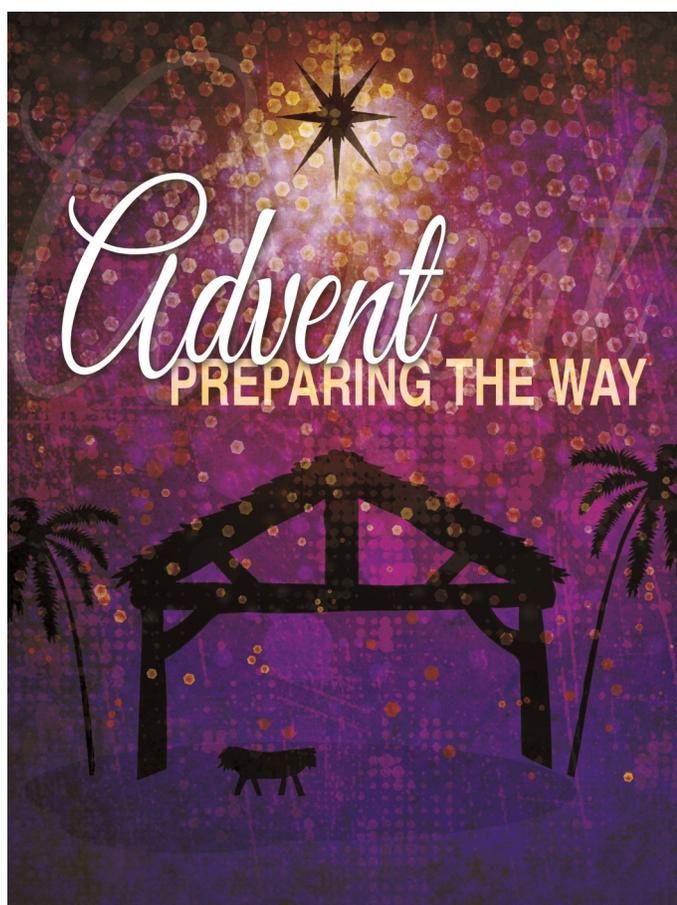
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Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

Living the Church's Liturgical Year Through Christ

"When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child: when I became an [adult], I put aside childish things." 1Corinthians 13:11

Have you ever thought of how you have shaped yourself by the Christ story? I recall a video produced by National Geographic photographer DeWitt Jones called "Celebrating What's Right with the World. The film encourages us look at oneself and see the best the world has to offer. I find that as I prepare to enter the Advent season, I am a better person because of the great gift of our Church's liturgical year than I was last year.

The Paschal Mystery (Christ's life, death, and Resurrection) and our participation in all of it, is so real, so rich, and so multi-faceted that "one look/one picture" of it will never suffice. Thus, during the year, we look at it, experience it, from many viewpoints and various angles. At the end of the year and reflecting over the last twelve months our understanding of what it means to "truly love one another" has changed.

The Second Vatican Council said:

Holy Mother Church is conscious that she must celebrate the saving work of her divine bridegroom by devoutly recalling it on certain days throughout the course of the year...Within the cycle of a year... the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ...from his incarnation and birth until his ascension... the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of a blessed hoped-for return of the Lord.

(Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #102)

As we live and celebrate each liturgical year (and each year is different,) we are reminded:

- Life is far from ordinary, boring routine.
- Every moment of time is sacred.
- The whole of salvation history, celebrated in every Sunday Mass, is gradually unpacked, and pondered over in the year's seasons and feasts, keeping the paschal mystery at the heart of our lives.
- Celebrating these sacred events helps us to adopt Jesus' lifestyle here and now.

As we continue to grow in our understanding of becoming who God has called us to be, Advent is where we begin to celebrate and live the liturgical year through myriad feasts and seasons. How will your understanding of what it truly means to "love one another" have changed at the beginning of Advent 2021?



Youth Ministry by Deanna Wagner

Normally, when you see Happy New Year, you probably think of January 1st. But the beginning of Advent is, The New Year of our Church! Our Church year is centered around Jesus. The Catholic new year is about waiting for Jesus. "Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday."

<https://www.catholic.org/advent/advent.php?id=5>

Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
 Wed.: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



Wednesday, December 2nd

8:30 am - Ray Schmedding

Friday, December 4th

8:30 am - Geraldine Broulik

Sunday, December 6th

8:30 am - Paul & Virginia Kotzbauer

***Monday, December 7th** (Vigil Mass for Holy Day)

6:00 pm - Mary Zinkula



The Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held at St. John's at 6 pm.

Liturgical Ministers December 6th

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Charlene Vig De Wagner
 Tom Wieseler Fr. Andrew

Lectors: Dave Klostermann Craig Lynner

Servers: Luke Stephens Ryne Moeller

Hospitality: Jamie & Annalyn Elloren
 Brett & Diane Kimm
 John & Stephanie Brehm

Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,326.92

November 15, 2020

Budget, Adult.....	\$2,570.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 27.00
Thanksgiving Donation	\$1,330.00
Facility Up-Keep	\$ 95.00
Total Collected	\$ 4,022.00
YTD collection needed	\$106,538.40
YTD collections received	\$ 99,000.25
YTD over/short.....	\$ 7,538.15



Between demanding schedules, traveling, or just trying to get out the door on time for Mass, it can be challenging to tithe on a regular basis as God calls us to do. Plus, for many families, the parish is one of the last places

where you still have to use a checkbook or cash. Not any more.

We are excited to share that St. John the Baptist will now accept one-time and recurring donations directly on our website! You can make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card by visiting **stjohnmv.org** and to go **Online Giving**. And if you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your tithing. It's as easy as online shopping or banking!

How do you get started?

- Visit stjohnmv.org from any device with an internet connection
- Choose a one-time or recurring donation
- Select your preferred form of payment (electronic check or debit/credit card)
- Enter your information and submit your donation

It's that easy!

Provided by eCatholic, the same company that hosts the parish's website, this online giving service has already been a proven success for many parishes, schools, and dioceses. And it makes for safer record-keeping, faster processing, and more efficient communication for the parish office. Learn more and consider the possibilities for sharing your gifts without the hassle of remembering checks and envelopes. And thank you for all your generous support as we launch this new and convenient way to provide for our growing and thriving parish community! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Loraine in the parish office at 319-895-6246.

**1st Sunday of Advent
 November 29, 2020**