



Holy Assumption Catholic Church

7109 WEST ORCHARD STREET WEST ALLIS, WI 53214-4893

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 • *First Sunday of Advent*

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Parish Membership

Each family or single adult 18 years or older is invited and expected to be registered in our parish family.

Parish Library

The Parish Library is located in the School Building. To visit the Library please call the Parish Office at 414-774-3010

Masses

Weekend Saturday 4:00 pm
..... Sunday 10:30 am
Weekday (Temporarily Main Church)..
..... Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am
..... 1st Saturday (Sept. - May) 8:00 am
Holy Day 6:00 pm (Anticipated),
..... 9:00 am (Day of)

Confessions

In Church
Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm

Perpetual Help Devotions

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED
Tuesday following 8:00am Mass at Holy Assumption's Holy Family Chapel

Baptism

Parental instruction required. Please contact the parish office.

Marriage

Please arrange for a date and instructions at least 6 months in advance at the parish office. Parish registration is required.

Anointing of the Sick

Holy Assumption Schedule
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Christian Formation

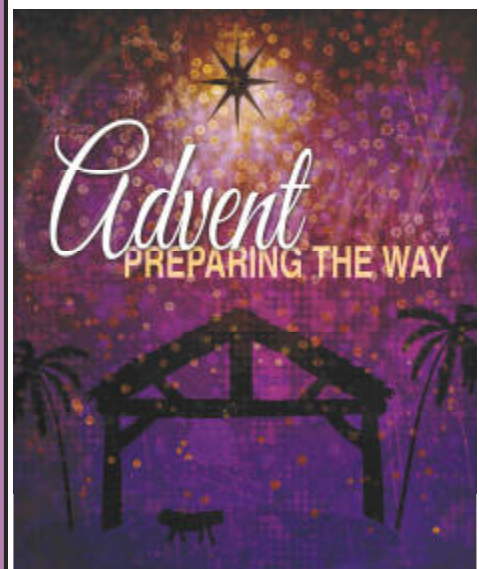
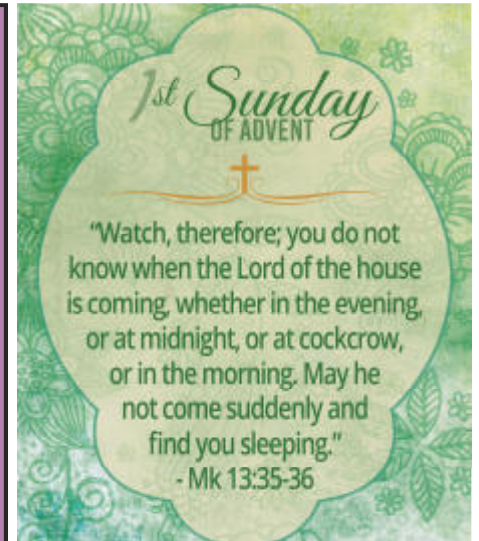
RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIC-Rite of Christian Initiation of Children
.....**Contact the Parish Office**

Committee Contact

Mary Schum.....771-9256

Food Pantry

Holy Assumption (south parking lot)
TEMPORARY HOURS
Every Thursday 4:30-6:00pm
Every Friday 12-1:30pm



Please Remember Holy Assumption in your will.

Mass Intentions



Week of November 29, 2020

- Saturday 28 Vigil**
4:00 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Sunday 29 First Sunday of Advent**
10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parish Community
- Tuesday 1 Advent Weekday**
8:00 a.m. The Rae Family
- Wednesday 2 Advent Weekday**
8:00 a.m. + Wilfred Barbian
- Thursday 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**
9:00 a.m.
- Friday 4 Advent Weekday**
8:00 a.m. + Elizabeth Demeter
- Saturday 5 Vigil**
4:00 p.m. + Donald, Larry, Jason, Sue, & Patty Gray
- Sunday 6 First Sunday of Advent**
10:30 a.m. The Intentions of the Parish Community

*The Sanctuary Light will burn
this week in Loving Memory of:*

+ Elizabeth Demeter



This Week's

Readings

Week of November 29, 2020

- Sunday 29** 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 30** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday 1** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday 2** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday 3** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday 4** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday 5** 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 6** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8



First Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

Next Week's *Greeters*

December 5 & 6, 2020

- 4:00 PM** Barb Hart
- 10:30 AM** John & Yvonne Gardner

Holy Assumption News...

Highlights This Week

Dec. 1	8:00am - Daily Mass / Church
Dec. 2	8:00am - Daily Mass / Church
Dec. 3	8:00am - Daily Mass / Church
Dec. 4	8:00am - Daily Mass / Church
Dec. 5	8:00am - First Saturday Mass / Church
	3:00pm - Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet / Church
	3 - 3:30pm - Confessions / Church
	4:00pm - Mass / Church
Dec. 6	10:30am - Mass / Church



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Charlene Balogh,
Tom Beale,
Kate Borchardt,
Carol Boyle,
Vicki Brilla,

Catherine Canh, Erik Carlson, Erika Carrigan, Richard Centner Jr, Jacob Cowan, Martha Duhai, Harold & Veronica Garvey, Jill Goehrig, Corky Grapat, Frannie Handlos, Ennat Hanh, Bob Hosking, Maria Huong, Betty Imp, Jean Jablonowski, Gerald Krickeberg, John Kronenburg, Thomas Kronenburg, Bui Thi Lan, Karen Malki, Martha, Paul Murphy, Helen Nisenbaum, Lois O'Boyle, Jeanette Piechowski, Sharon Pyzyk, Elizabeth Rae, Greg Reed, Jim Rekowski, Darlene Roginski, Brian & Cathy Rosenbaum, Laverne Sanders, Jeri Schilling, Suzanne Schubring, David Schultz, B.J. Stephens, Bob Suwyn, Andrew Tran, Diana Tran, Willy Tran, Terry Verhaalen, Marlene Wagner, Darlene Warzon, Betty Weitzer, Lois Young, Rosemary Ziemann, Matha, Enane

Human Concerns

This year we will again have the Giving Tree for our pantry clients, Babies to adult. Menards has generously offered to donate the young children's toys again. Holy Assumption people will donate clothes for babies to adults. Please take a tag from the giving tree for the unwrapped gift you will donate towards this Christmas cause. We would also like to collect boxes of candy canes to hand out with our Christmas food baskets. This is very much appreciated. Place your donation of unwrapped gifts, ribbons, boxes of candy canes and wrappings in the designated boxes by Dec. 20th. Thanks for your generosity and God Bless you.



MQSCA News

When we opened our doors to in person learning in August, we made the promise to stay open as long as we were able to keep our school community safe. Unfortunately, with the rapid acceleration of community spread and the current positivity rate, we simply can't guarantee the safety of the school community. We have made the difficult decision to transition to remote learning beginning on November 30 and continuing until at least January 20. We will continue to provide excellent instruction remotely for all of our students and will do everything we can to keep our kids engaged and moving forward. Please keep our school community in your prayers as we make this transition. We hope and pray that the pandemic outlook has improved by mid-January so that we can resume in person learning.
In peace, Jen Vega



First Sunday of Advent

Each year, this season of Advent comes around. We bless one candle each week in Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family on this First Sunday of Advent:

God of new beginnings,
today we begin a new year in our church
with the image of a wreath.
We ask you to bless our family.
Help us to see our family life as a wreath,
without a beginning and without an end.

As we light this one candle,
we recall how you have changed our family
since we last gathered around the Advent wreath.

Help us to be for others
what this family has been to us—
a helper in times of need
and a source of abundant blessings
to share with others.

We ask this through Christ,
who is the Alpha and Omega.
Amen.



Hymnals

If you wish to have a hymnal to keep, pick one up at all church entrances along with an envelope. Return the envelope with your contribution in the regular collection basket. Write your name on your hymnal. If you are unable to make a contribution for a hymnal, but would still like one, please take one and put your name on it. Everyone may keep their hymnals at home and bring them to Mass weekly.



**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!



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