

December 1, 2019

ADVENT

First Sunday of Advent



Actively Waiting For God

The coming of the Son of Man will be sudden and unexpected. People before the flood were busy with their own life's pursuits, oblivious to anything else: "the flood came and destroyed them." If we are negligent, we will end in disaster. The Gospel reminds us that we must continue to live with renewed watchfulness!

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Annette Raab by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 4
8:00 a.m. Mary & Cyril Dornak
Thursday, December 5
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – John Lewis Beran
Friday, December 6
8:00 a.m. Marvin Joe Fishbeck,
Evelyn & Walter Schoenvogel
Saturday, December 7
6:30 p.m. Carrie & Frank Zamykal
Sunday, December 8
6:30 a.m. Hertha & Herbert Dierschke
9:30 a.m. Daniel Brom and Augustina & Albert Brom

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Responsorial Psalm: 72
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

The Altar Society will lead
the Saturday evening rosary
during the month of December.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment \$17,333.00
Contributions So Far \$13,273.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 4,060.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Richard Kalisek
Nallely Martinez
Sheri & David Beyer
Niki & Chad Chaloupka*

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER FUND

We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

*In Memory of Shirley Orsak
Mary Lou Dierschke - \$25
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Margaret & Larry Berkenhoff - \$20
Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck - \$25*

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DECEMBER 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on Monday, December 9th but it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Introduction to the Season of Advent

The themes of the coming end-time, the last things, the end of the world, the last judgment and the New Heaven and New Earth celebrated on the Last Sunday of the Year (the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time) come to a climax on the First Sunday of Advent. Thus, the successive Liturgical Years dovetails into one another. From the Second Sunday of Advent on, themes in preparation for the incarnation (the birth of Jesus) are introduced.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
TUES. – Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
THURS. – Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRI. – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m. –
6:00 p.m., Family Room
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Life on the Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is the overarching theme of this First Sunday of Advent. It also sets the tone for the entire Advent Season. We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God but the readings turn our attention to our own journey to God.

The readings provide us with clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into plows and pruning hooks. Saint Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, and a disposition open to a change of heart.

The life we must live must be lived in the actual world in which we find ourselves. We are called to journey deeper into our lives, not outside of them. That is where God is present. And if we are truly alert and attentive, we will discover that it is in our lives, as ordinary as we may think they are, that we will discover God. There we will find fulfillment, and there the Son of Man will come to us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Dec. 1 – Susan Jasek
Dec. 2 – Taylor Bohuslav, Joyce Hanzel, Leonard Kalisek, Richard Kresta Jr., Shirley Schoenfeld, Nancy Sivyver, Blake Zidek
Dec. 4 – Jean Bochat
Dec. 5 – Aaron Chudej, Linda Pilat
Dec. 6 – Bryan Fernandez, Ann Hrcir, Betty Kloesel, Jayden Raabe
Dec. 7 – Odilia Cantu Fernandez, Isabella Fikac, Eugene Schoenvogel

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- Today** – No C.C.D. (Thanksgiving Holiday)
Dec. 2 – After School Program, K – 2nd Grade
Dec. 4 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grade – 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – No C.C.D. (Thanksgiving Holiday)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Those who wish to make a donation toward the purchase of Poinsettias for the Church could do so in memory of, or in honor of their loved ones. *Christmas Flower envelope attached.*

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Hilda Ester Castro
and the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Retired Fund For Religious: The annual appeal for Retired Religious raises funds for aged nuns who served ministering to the needs of others for many years. The Incarnate Word Sisters taught in St. Joseph's Catholic School here in Moulton for free for many years and after the school closed, they continued to serve by teaching C.C.D. They need your help now. *Be generous.*

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- 8:30-9:30 am – Doris Foster, Sharon Etlinger
9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck
11:00-11:30 a.m. – Barbara Hermes, *adorer needed*
11:30-12:00 p.m. – Nancy Sivyver, *adorer needed*
12:00-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyver, Mary Ann Wenske
12:30-1:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, *adorer needed*
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel, *adorer needed*
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *adorer needed*
3:00-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *adorer needed*
4:00-5:00 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Rose Rothbauer
5:00-5:30 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, *adorer needed*
5:30-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck
Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD

- Dec. 9** – Altar Society Meeting/Christmas Party
Dec. 10 – CDA Christmas Cookies to Homebound – Christmas Pageant Practice
Dec. 11 – Community Advent/Christmas Concert
Dec. 15 – Breakfast With Santa
Dec. 16 – Parish Penance Service, Moulton
Dec. 17 – Penance Service, Hallettsville
Dec. 18 – Christmas Pageant Practice – KC/CDA Christmas Party – Parish Penance Service, Praha
Dec. 19 – Penance Service, Shiner
Dec. 20 – Penance Service, Yoakum
Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Community Advent/Christmas Concert: The school band will play Christmas music in Church. The community is invited to come celebrate with us. Parishioners are asked to bring desserts for the reception after the Concert.

Christmas Cookies for The Homebound: CDA members have quite a few deliveries to make. They need homemade cookies to fill the tins. Members, bring your cookies to the Family Room by December 10. Put your name and *CDA Cookies* on the container. The cookies will be packaged at 9:00 a.m. on December 10 and delivered to the homebound.

Advent/Christmas Decorations in Church: We thank Lori Janecka of the Praha parish for decorating the Church so beautifully for the Advent/Christmas season.

2018 Breaking Bread Missals are at the main entrance of Church. Feel free to take copies home.