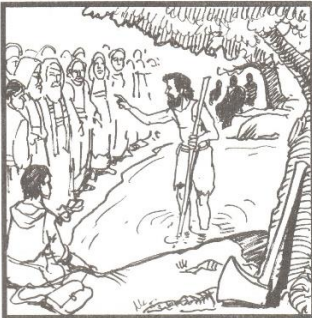


December 8, 2019

ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent

The One We Await Shapes Our Waiting



John the Baptist takes center stage today. John's mission is to remind us that the broken world as we know it is not the will of God. John assures us that God will soon intervene but we have to be ready if we are to be a part of what God is

about to do in our midst. John wants each of us to review our lives, sifting weed from grain and then to go into the water to come out renewed and ready for what is to come. Repentance in preparation for the Lord's coming is the only way to get at the meaning of Advent.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Grace Schoenvogel by her family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by
Delores & David Raab in thanksgiving to God
on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Welfare of Parishioners

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 a.m. James Kolar

Thursday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Dr. Hugo Streider

Friday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Spec. Intention – Mary Ann & Tippy Rother,
Mary Hernandez

Saturday, December 14

6:30 p.m. Annette Raab

Sunday, December 15

6:30 a.m. Cathy Perez

9:30 a.m. Annie & Herbert E. Anderle

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm: 146

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Marvin Joe Fishbeck.

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:

Loretta & Tony Janak - \$5,000
(previously donated - \$5,000)

Betty & Harry Maskey - \$5,000
(previously donated - \$70,000)

Joel Marek & Stephanie Hood, Houston - \$1,250

In Honor of Nancy Sivyer
Mary Lou Dierschke - \$25
Betty & Harry Maskey - \$50

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Annette Raab
Mitchell Fruhling

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Shirley Orsak
Nancy Sivyer Carole & Dick Marsh

In Memory of Annette Raab
From Wishes of the Family Donations

RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

In Memory of Annette Raab
Helen & Erwin Chaloupka

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) 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.

Update on Church Repairs

The last phase of the repairs on the church has begun. The workers are scraping off all the dried up silicone around the windows and re-caulking and painting the window frames. Previously they replaced all the rotten window sills with red cedar wood. With the completion of this phase of the project the next phase will be to tackle the repairs needed in the church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

TUES. – CDA Cookies to Homebound. See article.

– Christmas Pageant & Choir Practice, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

TUES./THURS. – Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room

WED. – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass

– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

– **Community Advent/Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m.**

THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Announcing the Coming Savior

In a very real sense, the gathering at the Jordan presided over by John the Baptist in today's gospel was liturgical in character. Many from the surrounding area had come to hear the Word of God as spoken by John, and to listen to its interpretation and its application to their lives. Some were baptized in preparation for hearing an even more challenging Word, soon to be among them in the person of Jesus Christ.

Within our own liturgical assembly, we hear anew the challenge of this Word of God about the necessity of conversion. It is our decision whether or not to welcome the transformative Word, but upon that choice will hang our effectiveness as witnesses to the coming Kingdom of God.

John was a witness to that Kingdom par excellence. He reminded his hearers that repentance would lead to membership in the coming Kingdom, while a failure to repent would reap judgment.

The repentance that will best welcome the One who comes to save us consists in a radical surrender to Jesus Christ in all our living.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec. 8 – Mitchell Blaschke, Madison Raab
Dec. 9 – Marian Darilek, Harvey Kloesel, Ryan Koncaba, Sheridyn Nieto
Dec. 10 – Dale Fojtik, James Freytag, Eli Rother
Dec. 11 – Dolores Scott, Murlene Simper
Dec. 12 – John Machacek
Dec. 13 – Christine Wenske

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 8 – Congratulations Delores & David Raab
on your 40th Wedding Anniversary
Dec. 10 – Cleo & Leroy Nieto, Sr.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Confirmation Enrollment, C.C.D.
Dec. 9 – After School Program, K – 2nd Grade
Dec. 10 – Christmas Pageant Practice & Choir Practice
Dec. 11 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grade
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – Youth Mass (5th Grade), Breakfast W/ Santa
Dec. 22 & 29 – No C.C.D. (Christmas Holidays)

Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule

Dec. 10 – 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Dec. 18** – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 – Dress Rehearsal 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Parents are asked to send a note to the school so that their child(ren) make be escorted to the Church for the practice.

Youth Ministry Fund Donation

*In Memory of Annette Raab
Nancy Sivyver*

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

*Retired Fund For Religious
Be generous.*

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 chips/dips, Christmas cookies/desserts for the social.

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.

Christmas Altar Flowers Needed: You are encouraged to make a donation. Extra Christmas Flower envelopes are available in Church.

Communion to The Homebound: All homebound parishioners who want to receive communion on Christmas Day please contact Mary Ann Wenske by December 22.

Annual Christmas Collection For The Poor: A Special Collection For The Poor will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses.

Youth and Adult Christmas Choirs: Come sing with the Choir. Contact Sharon Etlinger.

Update on Community Thanksgiving Service: The service helped usher in the spirit of Thanksgiving. We thank the Altar Society for sponsoring the reception after the service, Alley BBQ for making the chili free of charge, Donna Perez for decorating the hall, all those who brought desserts, donated canned goods and made monetary donations. We collected 50 bags of groceries and \$729 for L.A.M.B.

**Bulletin Inserts: Advent/Christmas Schedule
Advent/Christmas Concert, YMC Bake Sale Update**