

November 30, 2014

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor's Note:

Welcome to Advent! Between Thanksgiving and Christmas there is the Season of Advent. With the first Sunday of Advent this year, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. Both this week and next week, the readings from Mark's Gospel will present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

So also the season of Advent should mark a time of spiritual preparation, or at the very least a deepening awareness of the implications of the Savior's birth for each of us. According to one Scripture scholar, Advent is a new beginning in an ongoing journey into a deeper reality. It is a recognition that the entry of God into our lives, while historically accomplished, is still spiritually unfinished.

While the purchase of gifts for loved ones and friends is important, so too is our preparation to make a fuller acceptance of the gift of salvation as we begin a new year of grace. Because of God's infinite love in the birth of His Son, that gift is always there and at a minimal, if any, cost at all! All we need do is show up!

With every blessing! Fr. Michael

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. Attached is more information about the CCHD projects and how your donations are used.

I am **out of the office** on **Tuesday, December 2**, for a meeting at the Diocese in Duluth. If you have an urgent need, please leave a message on my cell phone 218-220-1582 and I will respond as quickly as I can. Thank you - Cindy

Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, December 3** starting the night out with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by education at **6:30 pm**. For **Adult Faith Formation** we will continue our journey through the Decision Point Program. **Everyone** is invited to join us for dinner and education. If you'd like to attend but have children who are too young for the Faith Formation program, child care is provided. For more details, please contact the parish office.

A very warm **welcome** to Lois Kaari who has joined our Cantor group. Thank you, Lois, for sharing your gift of song.

Need a ride to church? Please call the church office; there are volunteers who can make arrangements for you. It would be helpful to know which Mass you prefer to attend (Saturday evening or Sunday morning) and if it's an ongoing need or a one-time request for you.

The **Diocese of Duluth sponsors a televised Mass at 9:30 am every Sunday** from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on WDIO-Duluth and WIRT-Hibbing.

It's Poinsettia Time! Again this year we will buy our Christmas flowers locally, which were also locally grown at Anderson's Greenhouse in Two Harbors. You can purchase a poinsettia for St. Mary's Church in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$9 each. Please use a "flower envelope" so we have all the correct information in the Christmas Bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office for more details.



THANK YOU— The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated or donated in any way to our annual Turkey Bingo. \$10 raffle winners were: Vicki Johnson, Lanay Frericks, Joanne Johnson and Gene Kaari. The \$300 Grand Prize went to Allen Brandt. Congratulations to all our winners!



Bell Ringers- The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to ring the bell at Zup's. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Betty Josephson at 218-226-3048.



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Parish Office Located in Rectory 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

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Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	11/29/14
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Lee Anselment ☩ Reader.....Rose Elam Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Leanne Buell Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteer	
Sunday	<i>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>	11/30/14
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Greg Johnson Cantor.....Kim Josephson Plate.....Shelley Fredrickson Chalices....Gerry Bahar Chalices....Sue Bahar Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Volunteer Gifts.....Volunteer	
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/01/14
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for Deanna Larson	
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/02/14
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for	
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	
Wednesday	<i>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER</i>	12/03/14
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for	
8:50 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	
Thursday	<i>ST. JOHN DAMASCENE</i>	12/04/14
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for	
Friday	<i>FIRST FRIDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/05/14
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for Judy Sowieja ☩	
Saturday	<i>ST. NICHOLAS</i>	12/06/14
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Reader.....Tim Downey Cantor.....Andy Buell Plate.....Don Seipke Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Rose Elam Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteer	
Sunday	<i>SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/07/14
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Susan Michels Cantor.....Andy Buell Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Bonnie Kruger Chalices....Ken Kruger Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteer	

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Leesy McKinney, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Jim Tedrick, Lois Hynes, Alma Ferris, George Asmussen, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Walter Skalsky, Charlie & Doris Vincent, Leona Currier, Johnny Jerabek, Vicki Johnson, Joseph Fredrickson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Michael Lyons, Deacon Fred Wright
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Amy Buckner, Rhwyn Byrnes, Sonny Joyce, Mae Dehnhoff, Mary Lundgren, James Currier, Emma Cavataio, Don Hedin, Pat LeBlanc Sr., Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Lois Kind, John Asmussen, Kenneth Moe, Roger Gale, Jeff Mitchell, Arthur Barthman, Kennady Roberts, Kathy Thompson, Steve Keller, Diane Janousek, Larry Pickran, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, Alan Larson, Susan Manning, Joe Kowalowski, Grace Kramer, Gladys Gatz, Vern Walentiny, Deb MacMillan.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Upcoming Diocese Events: More details will be coming soon. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend these amazing Diocesan opportunities.

- † **Men's Conference: Saturday, February 21 at 9 am**
 - † **Women's Conference: Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 am**
- Both events will be held at the Marshall High School.

Thank you so much to all who have volunteered to help with weekend snow removal! It is awesome to see everyone working together to get the job done. For those helping out, please note that there is a sand bucket at each of the entrances. Above the bucket is a clipboard with a form to record when the walkways were sanded or shoveled. We need to track this information for our insurance company. I've placed a list of volunteers and contact information at the back of the church, please take one for easy reference in case you need to find replacement. For those who haven't volunteered yet, there's still room for you to sign-up on the calendar and/or add your name to the contact list. The more volunteers we have, the less work it will be for each of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me either in the office or on my cell phone at 218-220-1582. I truly appreciate each of you donating your time to help maintain safe walkways for everyone attending Mass. Thank you again! - Cindy

Last Week's Contributions	
General Collection.....	\$1192.00
Building Fund.....	\$1737.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$485.00