



SACRED HEART PARISH

2017-2018



Advent Schedule

December 7 Thursday **Immaculate Conception Vigil**

5:30pm- Vigil Mass

December 8 Friday **Immaculate Conception**

7:00am- Mass

5:30pm- Mass

December 8 Friday **Adoration for Life**

6:15-10:00pm- Adoration

6:30-7:30pm- Confession

December 12 Tuesday **Communal Penance Service**

6:30pm- St. Andrew's

December 13 Wednesday **Women's Advent Supper**

5:30pm- Mass

6:00pm- Dinner

December 24 Sunday **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm- Children's Mass

6:00pm- Mass

10:00pm- Mass

December 25 Monday **Christmas**

9:00am- Mass

December 31 Sunday **Mary, Mother of God Vigil**

5:30pm- Mass

January 1 Monday **Mary, Mother of God**

9:00am- Mass

Other opportunities

December 3,10,17 Sundays **Children's Nativity Play**

5:00pm- Practice

December 2,3 Sunday **Giving Tree tags available**

Delivery December 17

December 6,13,20 Wednesdays **Advent Mass**

5:30pm- Mass

December 20 Wednesday **Advent Confession**

6:00- 7:00pm

November 13,20, 27 Mondays **The Bible and the Virgin Mary Study**

December 4,11,18 6:00-7:30- Bible study

See the bulletin for on-going daily Mass and Confession times.

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN, AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG THOSE WHOM HE FAVORS!"

LUKE 2:14

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Dear Wonderful and Amazing Parishioners,

“The history of salvation is not a small event, on a poor planet, in the immensity of the universe. It is not a minimal thing which happens by chance on a lost planet. It is the motive for everything, the motive for creation. Everything is created so that this story can exist, the encounter between God and his creature.” Pope Benedict XVI

Join me this Advent as we take a journey. A journey deep into the mystery of the Incarnation of the Lord. The Advent season is an important time of the liturgical year which prepares us spiritually for the celebration of the Christmas season.

It is a challenge for us as Christians to live in the secular world and live the Advent Season. It is during this time that materialism and commercialism reaches its peak. Society's relentless drive to acquire more pushes us to feel like acquiring more will make us more. The Christian truth says Advent is a season of preparation where we look forward to and anticipate something greater... We anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth and the time when Christ will come again.

How can you and your family live your Catholic beliefs this Advent? Join us during Sunday Mass this Advent for a preaching series exploring “How Christ's Coming Changed Everything and Still Does.” Together we will dive into how God's Incarnation changed all of history and how it still changes our lives today. Perhaps try joining us for our Wednesday night at 5:30pm Advent Mass. Consider joining our Advent Flocknote group or using an Advent booklet to delve deeper into these mysteries. Join us for a Bible Study on Monday nights on the Bible and the Virgin Mary. Participate in the Giving Tree; tags will be available Dec 2nd and 3rd. Encourage your K-5th grader to join in our Children's Nativity Play.

Consider other small ways that you and your family can fully enter into Advent this year. Some more ideas for you:

- ★ Make a date as a family to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ★ Put an Advent wreath at your dinner table to light and pray as a family during dinner.
- ★ Display a Keep Christ in Christmas yard sign in your yard (Available in the office-\$5).
- ★ A Jesse Tree celebrates the promises Jesus fulfills in His coming (Details in narthex).

On the back of this letter, you will find a listing of all of the special events of this Advent season. Keep this schedule posted in your home or on the refrigerator as a visible reminder.

My prayer for you this Advent season is that you be open to the joy of the Lord and open to the great gifts He is wanting to give.

In Christ,

Rev. Bruce Ludeke

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