



December 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Be watchful!
Be alert!
You do not know
when the time will come.
Mark 13:33*

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Dec. 4	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Dec. 5	8:30 AM	William & Margaret Schuh
Wed., Dec. 6	12:05 PM	Abigail Scanlon
Thurs., Dec. 7	12:05 PM	For all cancer patients
Fri., Dec. 8	7:00 AM	For our mothers
	12:05 PM	Ken Mangan
Sat., Dec. 9	4:30 PM	Dan Mahony
Sun., Dec. 10	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:30 AM	Thomas & Virginia Scheiber
	11:00 AM	Gerald Nosowiak

In Joy & Sorrow

Pondering Together the Treasures of Our Faith

While in middle school at Saint Mary Catholic Grade School, I was somewhat a whiz at diagramming sentences. I remember we used to have races at the chalkboard among four or five students, each quickly diagramming the same sentence, and I always won. I don't know if our kids today are even learning how to diagram sentences.

You know what I am talking about, right? Diagramming a sentence is like making a picture of that sentence. You draw a horizontal line, and write the subject, which is usually a noun or pronoun, on that line, then draw a vertical line to the horizontal line, and write the verb on the line. If there is a direct object, you draw a line which slants to the subject, and write down that direct object. Now if there is a prepositional phrase, the preposition is placed on a slanted line underneath the direct object or subject, with the object of the prepositional phrase, placed on a horizontal line from the preposition, and finally the article is placed on another slanted line, underneath the object of the preposition. If this doesn't sound like gobbledegook to you, you are a better person than me!

As we observe the Holy Season of Advent, in preparation for the coming of Jesus more fully once again into our lives and into the life of our world, I would like to call your attention to the importance of a few prepositions. While nouns and verbs seem to be more important, the following prepositions are significant in our Christian faith: *through*, *with* and *in*.

Each of these prepositions occurs at the same point in every Mass. At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, which is the long prayer in the middle of the Mass in which the bread and wine are consecrated and become the Body and Blood of the Risen Jesus, there is the Doxology. Led by the priest in song, the whole assembly prays "Through him, with him, in him, O God, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever. Amen."

According to Sister Genevieve Glen, OSB, a contemplative nun of the Abbey of St. Walburga in northern Colorado, "These prepositions of the Eucharistic doxology give us the root script for our daily lives: *through* Christ, *with* Christ, and *in* Christ. We were baptized into the astonishing reality of the Body of Christ. Whenever we send an email, open a book, talk to a family member or coworker or stranger in a store, we do all of it *through* Christ - whether or not we think about it - because we do it as members of the Body of Christ.

ST. MARY WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

December 4 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25 Meeting/Large Conference Room
- 8:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting/L6

December 5 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 11:35 AM Children's Choir Practice/McDonald St. Campus
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Quilting Group/L1-3
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

December 6 (Wed)

- 9:30 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
- 11:45 AM Children's Choir Practice/Marquette St. Campus
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 12:35 PM Holy Hour
- 4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes (tie fleece blankets between sessions)
- 5:45 PM IPRF Children's & Youth Choir Practice/St. Anne
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

December 7 (Thurs)

- 11:25 AM Youth Choir Practice (1) / Xavier Middle School
- 11:45 AM Youth Choir Practice (2) / Xavier Middle School
- 12:05 PM Mass

December 8 (Fri) Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- 7:00 AM Mass
- 12:05 PM Mass

December 9 (Sat) Advent Bake Sale before/after Mass!

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:30 PM Mass

December 10 (Sun) Advent Bake Sale before/after all Masses!

- 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses
- 9:15 AM RCIA/L1-3
- 9:30 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L4
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass

PARISH ADVENT PROJECT WEEK 2: LOVE

Tie fleece blankets for Harbor House after all weekend Masses on December 9 & 10

Whenever we make a phone call, read the news, or even turn on the TV, we do all that *with* Christ. After all, the other name given to him, besides Jesus, was *Emmanuel*, God-with-us. Jesus himself said that *with* is a permanent reality, at least from his side: *I am with you always*. So, unless we walk out of our identity as members of his Body and slam the door behind us, we are therefore always with him. A good bit of our Christian life and growth is discovering what that means. Always, always, always, day and night, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer, so to speak, we *live and move and have our being in* Christ. Our daily life is all in those prepositions. As we pray this doxology in silent communion with the priest at Mass or in the depths of our hearts throughout the day, may it become first the law of our belief about ourselves and all our relationships. And, especially, may it become the law of our life, a life whose every moment says, *all glory and honor is yours, O God, forever and ever. Amen.*"

Take some time during this first week of Advent to meditate on how Christ Jesus is *through*, *with*, and *in* you. Thanks for taking the time to read this *In Joy and Sorrow*. Father Bill +



Annual Parish Advent Project

Week 2: LOVE Service opportunity



Tie fleece blankets for Harbor House after all Masses on December 9 & 10 (Community Room) or between IPRF class sessions on December 6

Coming up next . . . Week 3: JOY
Decorate cookies for those in group homes after all Masses on Sunday, December 17 (Community Room)

Don't forget to pick up a packet in the Marian Way and to add your good deeds to our Jesse Tree throughout the season of Advent!

Thanks to all who helped us spread HOPE during the first week of Advent by bringing in Needs Tree or St. Nick gifts! You are making a difference in our community!



Baptized in water, this precious child has been clothed in Jesus.
+ Abraham Garven, son of Jason & Katherine Dederig

IPRF NEWS
Inter Parish Religious Formation

Congratulations to all 2nd grade students who celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation this past week!

Students—don't forget to bring canned goods, personal hygiene products or blankets to class on December 6 or 13 for our Advent Service Project!

Congratulations!

The Bells of St. Mary Handbell Choir celebrated 35 years with a wonderful anniversary concert last Sunday. Thanks for all the years of beautiful music, and here's to many more!

Contributions
Office— \$4,581.00 Weekend— \$8,577.98
Children's Collection: \$17.00

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

Retired Religious Collection

Next weekend, look for special envelopes in the pews. The Retired Religious Collection will benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. You will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. You can also give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups, or to just one. Thank you!

Don't Wait Until the Last Day

2017 IRS Contribution Laws

We are thankful for your financial stewardship gifts. As we approach the end of the year, please know we are bound by IRS laws.

The IRS requires donations to be received ON or BEFORE Dec. 31, 2017 to qualify for your 2017 deductions.

Please note:

- ⇒ The parish office closes at noon on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017
- ⇒ Donations - cash or checks placed in the weekend collection (Dec. 30 & 31) will be posted to 2017
- ⇒ Checks intended for 2018 must be dated 1-1-2018 or after

MIDWINTER MAKEOVER

Starting in January, we will be painting, fixing pews, improving lighting and flooring and refurbishing the Stations of the Cross in church. If you have questions or comments, contact Brian at bdresang@stmaryparish.org or 739-5119.



DECORATE the Church

Let's get the church ready for Christmas!

Sunday, December 17 @ 1:00 PM

Monday, December 18 @ 9:00 AM (big trees)



High school students:
earn service hours



ADVENT BAKE SALE DEC. 9-10

Before and after all weekend Masses
Stock up on delicious holiday treats and
all the goodies you've come to expect!

We need your best cookies, cupcakes, pies, breads,
cakes, and bars to make our sale a success!

Drop off:

- any time after noon on Friday, December 8
- between 10 AM & 4:30 PM on Saturday, December 9
- before any Mass on Sunday, December 10

Price items yourself or let us take care of it for you!

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY!!

Teens & adults—we need help with packaging and labeling bake sale items. Come to the Community Room any time after 11 AM on Saturday, December 9 to help. Contact stmary@stmaryparish.org with questions.

Christmas Flower & Worship Fund

Our church is especially beautiful during the Christmas season. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas flower & worship environment fund, you can use the special envelope provided with your monthly envelopes, or cut out this form and return to the parish office with your contribution. Please return by **Sunday, December 17** so we can include names in the insert of our Christmas bulletin.

Please print!
In memory of:

Amount: _____ Cash: _____ OR Check #: _____

Donated by:



Note: Sunday, December 24 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent as well as Christmas Eve.

Saturday, December 23

4:30 PM

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM

4:00 PM, 6:30 PM, 10:00 PM

(Lessons & Carols Sacred Concert 9 PM)

Monday, December 25

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Lucille Luebke. May fond memories comfort you during this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like to have him or her remembered in the bulletin, please call us at 739-5119.

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