



Our Lady of Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 4, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BAPTISM: Parent preparation program required. Please call the rectory at least three months prior to the birth of the child.

Arrangements for the Baptism may be made upon completion of instructions. Please call the Rectory office to set up Baptism date and time.

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday, 3:30 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGES: Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS (PRIESTHOOD/DIACONATE): For information please contact Fr. Begin. For information on Religious Life, please contact S. Irene.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Please call Rectory office.

REGISTRATION: If you are new in the parish, please register at the rectory or online at our website. If you moved out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

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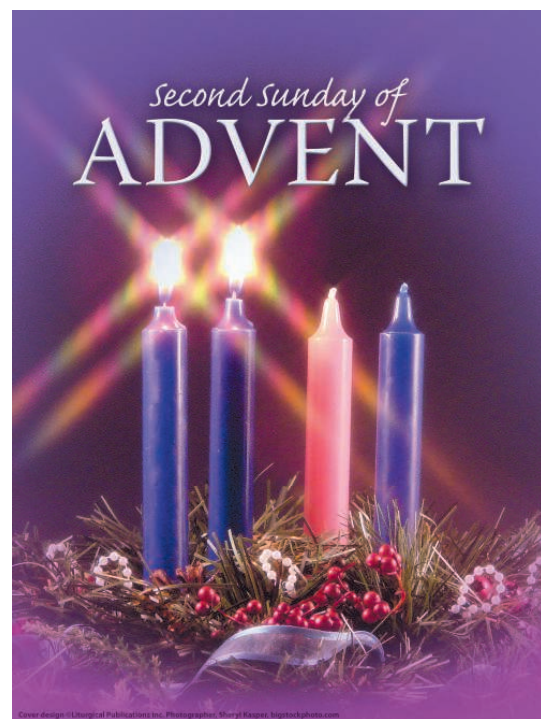
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday,
8:30am –12 noon and 1:00—3:30pm.
Anytime for emergencies.



"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." John the Baptist does not mince words. He tells it like it is. When the hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees show up piously for baptism, John calls them out, saying, "You brood of vipers!" Not welcoming words, to say the least. Then he tells them that being part of the religious club (i.e., children of Abraham) isn't enough. No, "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It can be easy to join John in pointing fingers at those self-righteous religious leaders. But we're usually not so quick to point fingers at ourselves. On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we seek to prepare for the coming of Christ, we also need to hear John's solemn warning. How are we like these Pharisees? How have we excused ourselves because we are part of the "club," because we are baptized Christians, regular churchgoers, better than others, or whatever justification we use to declare ourselves in good shape? How have we failed to produce good fruit by being satisfied with a comfortable life and a routine practice of the faith? What do we need to change? Where do we need to grow? How do we need to reach out and serve others, to sacrifice sinful behaviors, to delve deeper into our love for the Lord?

John preaches today that God will "gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Advent is a gift from the Church--a time to renew our spiritual life by getting rid of the chaff in our souls and producing instead a fruitful harvest. Now is the time to do this work. As John tells us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:****Saturday, December 3**

3:30 p.m. Confession
 4:30 p.m. Donna James

Sunday, December 4**Second Sunday of Advent**

9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Ted Rutkowski

Monday, December 5

7:30 a.m. Rosary—Joyful Mysteries
 8:00 a.m. Robert Ford

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 a.m. Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries
 8:00 a.m. Paul Katich
Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

Wednesday, November 7**Immaculate Conception Vigil**

4:00 p.m. Dec. Mem. of Hudak & Borrás Families

ST. MARY CHURCH:**Wednesday, November 7**

8:00 a.m. Albert Kontur

Thursday, November 8**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
(Holy day of Obligation)

8:00 a.m. Jim Soltis
 7:00 p.m. Edward Szczepanik

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**Friday, November 9**

7:30 a.m. Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries
 8:00 a.m. Dec. Mem. of Kubat Family

Saturday, November 10

3:30 p.m. Confession
 4:30 p.m. The Bellinger Family

Sunday, November 11**Third Sunday of Advent**

9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. John Z. Kochis

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKY)

Christmas Wafers (oplatky) will be available after December 11th in the church and rectory for \$1.00 per pack of four.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 4, 2016

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

SANCTUARY LAMP

December 3rd thru 9th

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Dr. Thomas G. Geoghegan

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**YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED...**

Please remember in your prayers **all** of the sick in our parish and families, especially: Paula Balogh, Jim Waple, Ann Murg, Dave Modarski, Daisy Darus, Jerry Bryndal, Matthew Reeve, Shirley Hershberger, Barbara Burda, Don Wondolowski, Mary Grauel, Saleema Corrigan, Joan Lucas, Edie Incorvaia, Steve M. Cingel, Linda Marks, Linda Rafferty, Helen Barto, Charles Sprowls, James Wichert, Norman Kostyo, Laverne Chubbuck, Virginia Vitale, Eleanor Campana, Ron Hirko, Kerri Lubinski, Mary Emling, Daniel Baran, Berta Ugucini, Ethel Cataldo, Frani Slusarz, Bob Cercek, Diane Touschner, Marge Laganke, Zane Wood, Carol Polin, Eva Cutshaw, Hilda Waychoff, Frank Sprowls, Therese Holland, Elayne Stefanek, Carmen Whaley, Trudy Zimo, Jerry Bryndal. . .

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Because of the Privacy Act, parish visitation to the hospitalized can occur only at the request of the patient or a family member. Please call the rectory to let us know.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Clara Vegh

John Straka

Gerald Strazek

Paul Spear

Joan Weiler

Betty Terrion

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**November 20/21, 2016**

Weekly Collection\$5,189.25
 Envelopes used251
 Comfort the Needy\$140.00
 Repairs & Maintenance\$206.00

Special Collections

Solemnity of Mary-\$32; Christmas-\$45; Military-\$50; All Saints-\$2; CCHD-\$219; Immaculate Conception-\$47; Christmas Flowers-\$65; Retirement for Religious-\$45.

November 27/28, 2016

Weekly Collection\$3,429.00
 Envelopes used203
 Comfort the Needy\$112.00
 Repairs & Maintenance\$425.00

Special Collections

Christmas-\$10; All Saints-\$7; Retirement of Religious-\$25; Immaculate Conception-\$5; CCHD-\$27; Christmas Flowers-\$25.

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Parishioners,

Our Advent theme is LET US BUILD THE CITY OF GOD! Looking over the readings for all of Advent, we will recognize in the beautiful poetry of the season so many beautiful visions of what can be if we choose to let those visions dominate and direct our lives. During this season we are challenged to seek God's vision of what the world would be and claim it as the guiding force that dominates our actions and our words. Let us ask ourselves daily what part we can play in building this city of God and make our world a better place by the way we make the hidden Jesus more visible to all through our words and actions.

Love & Peace,

Fr. Dan



Want to Prepare this Advent for the Best Christmas Ever?

—Take time out for yourself during this hectic season to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in church for Vespers beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and ending with Benediction. Immediately following evening Vespers, join us for 30 minutes of Advent Reflection. The time will be well spent participating in this calming and yet uplifting event. "So too, you must also be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:44)



ORGAN RECITAL

Art Kane will be here at Our Lady of Hope to perform an organ recital this **Sunday, December 4th, at 12:00 noon immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** You are invited to come and enjoy a program which will follow the Birth Narrative of Jesus from Advent and Christmas through the Epiphany.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception is December 8th, and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Lady of Hope will have a vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. on December 7th. St. Mary will have an 8:00 a.m. and a 7:00 p.m. Mass on December 8th. The 7:00 p.m. Mass will be St. Mary's Feast Day Celebration and will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the church with beautiful Marian Prelude Music. Following the Mass there will have dinner in their Social Hall.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Please join us next Sunday, December 11th, for **Hospitality Sunday** after both Masses for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Social Hall sponsored by our St. Vincent de Paul Society!

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!!

Our annual Christmas Party is this Wednesday, December 7th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. If you have made your reservation, we'll see you there!!



Our Sharing Tree project continues this weekend. **Please return gifts to the tables in the Narthex and Social Hall by the 11:00 Mass next weekend (December 11th).** Make sure to wrap the gift and attach the bow and the colored name tag to the gift (please remove the white tag). Any new hats, mittens, gloves, etc. should also be returned at this time. Thank you!

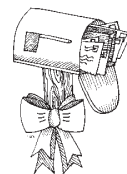


CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Our Lady of Hope and St. Mary's will have a combined Christmas Party for **ALL** parishioners on Saturday, December 10th, at Our Lady of Hope after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Social Hall and Club Room. Please join in the Christmas festivities with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Please return your reservation form by December 5th. Forms available in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE

We are going to have a Christmas Cookie Bake Sale sponsored by the Outreach Committee on the weekend of December 17-18. All parishioners are asked to bake 3 dozen cookies for the sale. They will sell for \$3.00 a baker's dozen.



REACH OUT

To help our shut-in parishioners know that they continue to be remembered and prayed for as an important part of our parish we ask that you consider sending them a Christmas card ... Simply write a note inside the card something like: Dear Our Lady of Hope Parishioner...Just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and praying for you this Christmas season ... Then just sign your name or "An Our Lady of Hope Parishioner," place a stamp on the envelope and place it in the box at the doors of the church **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12th.**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Advent Book Study & Reflection, after 9:15am Mass in Banquet Hall.

Advent/Christmas Organ Recital by Art Kane, 12 noon In Church.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Boy Scout Meeting, 7:30pm in Scout Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, 4pm in Church.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Advent Vespers, 7pm in Church

Advent Reflection, 7:30pm in Social Hall

Cub Scout Mtg., 7pm in School Building

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

OLH & SM Christmas Party after 4:30 p.m. Mass in Social Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Hospitality Sunday after both Masses in Social Hall.
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