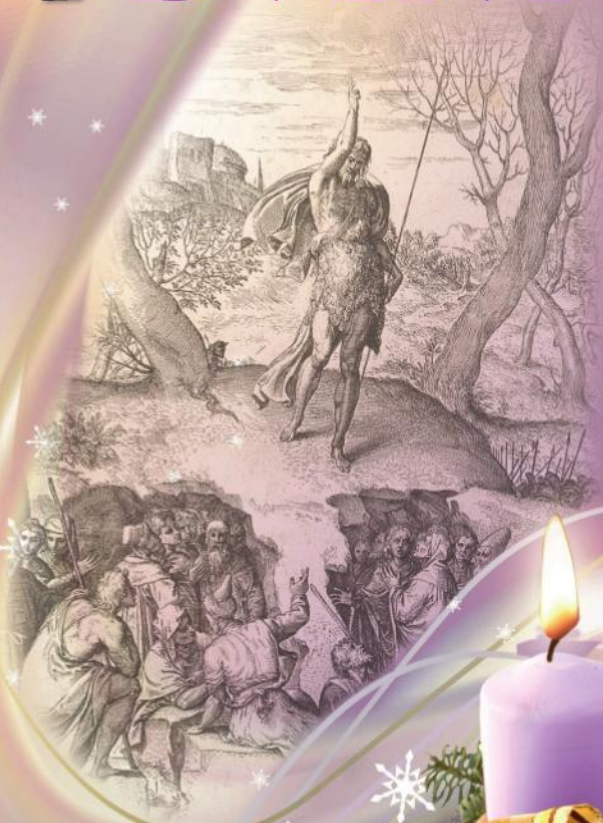


**“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”**

Mark 1:3

A^{2ND} SUNDAY OF ADVENT



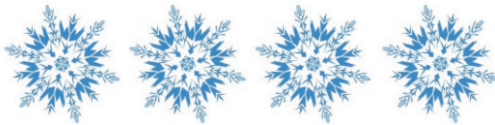
FROM OUR PASTOR

Come Lord Jesus. The Second week of Advent is upon us. As we continue to prepare our hearts and our homes for the coming of Jesus, we hear from the beginning of the Gospel of Mark. Mark begins his Gospel with the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

"Behold, I am the way." We hear then of John the Baptist appearing in the desert, preparing the way for the Lord. The readings invite us to prepare our hearts, prepare our lives for the Coming of the Lord. John's preaching and baptizing set the tone for the coming of the Messiah. He was sent to stir up the Spirit in people and to get their hearts and minds set in the right direction for the coming of the Lord. He was bold in his preaching and teaching and he had strong followers as they listen to his words yearning for the coming of this Messiah.

Every year the Church gives us this time, this Season, to slow down and look at ourselves. When we are young, we have mother and father who tell us how to live our lives, they tell us what to do, and they teach us right from wrong. As we mature with a good foundation, we live our lives according to the Law of Christ and the Church. The Church each year give us this time to look at ourselves and to see what we need to become a better Christian. We are in charge of our relationship with our God. During this season let us work on our relationship with our God. Let us pray each day that we will be ready to go out and meet Him when he comes.

Blessings,
Father Bob



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD NEWS

Safe Environment training has been completed now for all students in grades preschool thru 8. If your child was absent when this important training took place and you would like to do the teaching at home, please stop in the office and see Mary Stutzman for a parent packet.

DOROTHY LANDON TURNS 100 DECEMBER 12TH!

Help her family celebrate this milestone:

Sunday December 10th

Noon—4PM Open House

Hermance Park, Bristol

RSVP — 574-361-5354

**Children's Christmas Eve Mass—4PM**

Attention any and all children age 5 and up who wants to be in the Nativity Play, please plan on attending these rehearsals:



**Tuesday, December 12 and
December 19 from 6PM to
7PM.**

Any child of any age is welcome to sing in the choir for this Mass. Simply come to the choir area at 3:30PM on Christmas Eve. There will be no practices for the singing portion of the Mass, just for the play. Call Kim Yaney (262-5388) for questions about the play and Mary Stutzman (264-2706) for questions about the choir.

Have you seen the **Fontanini Bethlehem Village** in the Parish Office? If not, please stop by and do so! It's a beautiful display of the town of Bethlehem and Nativity of our Lord.



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LIVE NATIVITY!

Saturday, December 16th 6:30-9:30pm

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- ◆ Brad and Cory Bell, on the passing of their mother, Joann Bell.

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Knights of Columbus



BLOOD DRIVE
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Saturday, December 30th
8AM—12PM

Annunciation Hall

The 2018 Offertory
Envelopes will be on
tables in the Education
Center on Sunday,
December 17th.



YDisciple Christmas Party

Sunday December 17th
12:15PM—2:30PM
Hosted by the Thomas'

March for Life 2018

Visit the following website to learn more about the
event and also to register.

<http://www.diocesefwsb.org/March-for-Life-2018>

Scroll down and click on the March for Life **Student
Registration Link** under the **South Bend Departure**

**HURRY! Seats on the bus fill fast...It's on a First
Come, First Serve basis!**



**Contact Jeff Romero for more
info on either event**

(574) 339—5388

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Monday December 11th

7PM

Parish Library

All parish women are welcome to attend. Please bring a
snack to share and a food item for the food pantry!

Please note Daily Mass will be at 8AM December 13th!

Monday
December 18th

6:30PM



Bob Keller, Don
Mullins and Jon
Witmer.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER IN OUR PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec 9,
4:30 p. m.

Sunday, Dec 10,
8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Monday, Dec 11,
9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec 12,
9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec 13,
8:00 a. m.

Thursday, Dec 14,
9:00 a.m.

Friday, Dec 15,
9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec 16,
9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec 16,
4:30 p. m.

Sunday, Dec 17,
8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

+Marion & Elizabeth Jozwiak

Second Sunday of Advent

For the People

+Gene Pinarski

Advent Weekday

+John Scott

Our Lady of Guadalupe

+Ernestine Van Kempen

Saint Lucy

+Henry & Lucille Konecny

Saint John of the Cross

+Virginia Duvall

Advent Weekday

+Steve Platz

Advent Weekday

+Patrick Puckett

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

+Terrence Murphy

Third Sunday of Advent

+Balquis Brar

+Dr. James Wack

THE ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel will be closed during the Christmas Holiday. It will
close at midnight on Thursday December 14th/15th and re-
open on Tuesday January 2nd at 10AM.

Adorers' Still Needed:

6:00 am to 7:00 am Mondays

5:00 am to 6:00 am Wednesdays

11:00 am to 12:00 pm Wednesdays

Subs are greatly appreciated

Please call Henry & Jeanette if you are willing to spend an hour
with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: 264-7266.

Don't forget to take an ornament or two
from our **Giving Tree** in the Vestibule OR
Atrium for the help of the **Women's**



Care Center. Thank you to those who already
have! ****Please do NOT wrap your gifts.****

You can place them in the bins beside the
Christmas tree in Atrium OR Vestibule.



A note from Sister Colleen Bauer, SSND

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