



St. Anne Catholic Church

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**First Sunday
 of Advent
 November 28, 2021**

Entrance Antiphon for the First Sunday of Advent

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. *cf. Ps 25(24):1-3*

Mass

Readings

Mon. NOV. 29

Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

Tues. NOV. 30

St. Andrew,
Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Wed. DEC. 1

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

Thurs. DEC. 2

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri. DEC. 3

St. Francis Xavier,
Priest

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

Sat. DEC. 4

Is 30:19-21,
23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8

Sun. DEC. 5

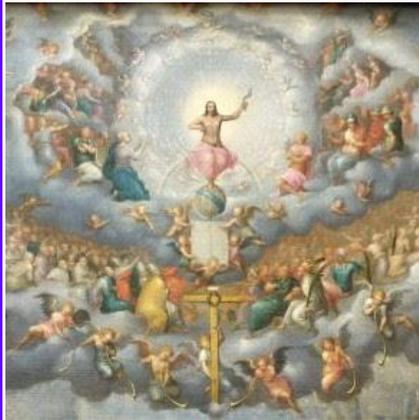
Second Sunday
of Advent

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

Heads Up: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Advent



Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—

between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice (see 2 Samuel 7:16; Jeremiah 33:17; Psalm 89:4-5; 27-38).

Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in your truth and teach me. For you are God my savior and for you I will wait all day."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel.

Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens (see Isaiah 13:11, 13; Ezekiel 32:7-8; Joel 2:10); roaring seas (see Isaiah 5:30; 17:12); distress among the nations (see Isaiah 8:22; 14:25) and terrified people (see Isaiah 13:6-11).

He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God (see Daniel 7:13-14).

Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near" (see Luke 21:31).

-From the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

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updated Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm // Sunday 7:30 am & 9:00 am // Tues. 5:30 pm // Thurs. 9:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 pm & Sunday 7:00 am

Baptisms: Please make arrangements with pastor at least one month in advance.

Confirmation & First Communion: Please notify the parish office of your need ASAP.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request when suffering from serious illness or before surgery.

St. Al's Masses, Houghton:

Sat., 5:30 pm; Sunday: 11 am & 5 pm (Parking Lot Mass) & 7 pm

Mon. & Fri. 5:30 pm; Wed. 9 pm; Tues. & Thurs. 12:15 pm

The First Sunday of Advent

November 28th, 2021

Sat.	Nov. 27	4:00 pm	† Ernie Griff	By the Peterson Family	Masses
Sun.	Nov. 28	7:30 am	† Elaine Chaput	By Beth Zerbst	
Sun.	Nov. 28	9:00 am	† Kathryn "Katy" Komula	By the Komula Family	
Tues.	Nov. 30	5:30 pm	† Walter & Virginia Soumis	By Connie Olson	
Thurs.	Dec. 02	9:00 am	† Elaine Chaput	By Gerry & Gail Carlson	
Sat.	Dec. 04	4:00 pm	For a Special Intention	By St. Anne's Conference SVdP Society	
Sun.	Dec. 05	7:30 am	† Bob Courchaine	By Loupatti Miller	
Sun.	Dec. 05	9:00 am	† Dominca & Hubert Normand	By Janet Dragovich	

FAITH FORMATION & PRAYER

Faith Formation at St. Anne's: Schedule

Class takes place: 10:15-11:30 am

December classes: 5, 12 & 19. No class Dec. 26

The Christmas pageant will take place at 3 pm Friday, Dec. 24 followed by Mass at 4 pm.

Advent Program: Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story! Join Sr. Jacqueline for 4 sessions during Advent that include presentation and discussion. Dates are Wednesday Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10 am and 7 pm (Zoom too) at St. Anne's. Cost is \$8 for the Advent Reflection Journal.

PARISH EVENTS

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anne's Please sign up for a monthly hour of prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Bring Him your love and your needs! Contact Dcn. Tom Corrigan to sign up!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Life Outreach Center is in need of six pregnant women who are willing to receive a FREE ultrasound to help the Center's nurses become familiar the new Samsung ultrasound machine. Training will take place Friday, Dec. 3, Life Outreach Center, 300 B Quincy St., Hancock. Please call 906-482-8681 to make an appointment.

Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly needs volunteers to deliver and/or help prepare traditional festive holiday meals on Christmas Day for our elderly community. We are accepting homemade fruit pies; however pumpkin pies must be store bought or prepared and baked in a licensed kitchen with a ServSafe Food Manager on site. For more information on how to reserve a meal or donate call 906.482.6944. If you would like to volunteer go to register.littlebrothers.org.

Updated Pandemic Practices

- If you have a **positive COVID test or COVID symptoms**, please do not come to Mass.
- You may consider wearing a **mask** in church if not fully vaccinated for your own safety and for others.
- Consider sanitizing your hands when you arrive.
- **For communion**, we will continue to have people come up single-file. Priests will sanitize their hands before beginning to give communion. Please receive communion reverently, either in the hand or on the tongue. In either case, the act of reverence encouraged by the US Bishops is a bow of the head as you step forward to receive.
- We will be returning to our normal collection process as soon as we have the ushers ready to go.

Parking Lot Mass at St. Al's

Sundays at 5 pm! Watch Mass from the big parking lot, hear the Mass through your phone, receive communion in your car. *If you are worried about COVID, this is your safest option!*



Eucharistic Adoration

Solemn Exposition & Benediction:

Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

First Fridays: 4 pm Friday - 5 pm Saturday

Boots & Jackets for Youth

The St. Anne's St. Vincent de Paul Conference has a program through which we give away \$75 coupons redeemable at **Walmart** for any child aged toddler thru seniors (18) enrolled in the "free/reduced lunch program" at the Chassell Township School (even if not a Chassell resident).

Also eligible are Chassell children who attend another school and are enrolled in the "free/reduced lunch program" and homeschooled children who are eligible for any other agency assistance. The coupons are numbered and redeemable, one per child, up to eight coupons per family. Eligible families should call our hotline number **906-523-4904** and leave your name and phone number so a volunteer can call you back for your address and age(s) of your child(ren).

This program is available thru Dec. 31. If you do not have an eligible child in school but know of a family who does, please pass this information to them.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

3 pm Christmas Pageant, St. Anne's

4 pm, St. Anne's

4 pm, St. Al's (Parking Lot)

8 pm, St. Anne's and St. Al's

(Candlelight Only Mass)

Christmas Day

9 am, St. Anne's



Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

"If you make love the rule of your life, you will be happy."



“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. **Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy** from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. **Be vigilant at all times** and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Does that sound very “Adventy” to you? **Maybe we all need to re-calibrate what we think Advent is!!!** It’s all about preparation for the Lord’s coming... (Advent means “coming”), but the focus initially is still His coming at the end of time... and then we shift the focus later in Advent to His coming in time.

How do we prepare? The spiritual trajectory is profoundly at odds with commercialized American Christmas! Whereas in the news and in the commercials this is a time for buying, hurry, bustle, and Christmas music (none of those things bad in themselves), **as Catholics we’re called to slow down, to be still, to listen, and to prepare our hearts during Advent.** Quiet prayer (and quieter liturgy), a good Confession... think of snow falling softly rather than inflatable flashy Santa Homer Simpson!

It’s hard! But it’s worth it! If we use Advent well and cooperate with God’s grace, we’ll be better equipped to actually begin our celebration of the Lord’s Birth on Christmas... and then to continue it for several weeks after!!!

Because Dec. 25 falls on a Saturday this year, we get the 2nd longest Advent possible... 27 days! Next year we’ll get the longest Advent possible... 28 days. Thank you Lord for these days for quiet and spiritual making-ready! Please take advantage of our Advent Penance services which start this week. **A good Confession is among the best possible preparations for Christmas, especially if it’s been a while!**

Sr. Jacqueline has a great Advent program starting on Wednesday, details to the left, email her if you’re interested!

Our schedule for Christmas Masses is shown to the left. There will be 4 between our 2 parishes on Christmas Eve, and one on Christmas Day. Please note that the Christmas Pageant precedes the 4 pm at St. Anne’s. That will be a very full Mass as we have a LOT of kids signed up for the pageant! The 4 pm at St. Al’s will be in the parking lot.

On Giving Tuesday (THIS Tuesday, Nov. 30), St. Anne’s will be participating again in the #iGiveCatholic campaign. The funds will be devoted to our growing Faith Formation program! Please prayerfully consider making a generous gift online!

God Bless, Fr. Ben

Advent: a time to prepare!

- *Advent Wreath, no Gloria*
- *New Lectionary Cycle: Sunday C, Weekday II*
 - *First Readings from the Prophets*
 - *Communion Antiphon with verses*
 - *Silent Recessional*

Upcoming Advent Penance Services

- 6 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 1 Resurrection, Hancock
- 7:30 pm Tuesday, Dec 7 St. Al’s, Houghton
- 6 pm, Monday, Dec. 13 St. Ignatius, Houghton
- 6 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 15 St. Joseph, Lake Linden
- 6 pm, Monday, Dec. 20 St. Anne, Chassell
- 6 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 22 Sacred Heart, L’Anse



Support St. Anne’s on Giving Tuesday!

Make a gift through #iGiveCatholic now through Tuesday, Nov. 30!

Help us continue to grow our Faith Formation program and share the faith with our youth at St. Anne’s!

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St. Anne’s CONTRIBUTIONS

Message from our faithful collection counters:

Please use your envelopes, it makes the counting process much smoother!

	Nov. 20 th & 21 st , 2021	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$1,195.00	\$44,564.11
Loose	\$225.00	\$4,642.00
Children	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$630.00
Heating/Cooling	\$50.00	\$910.00
Total	\$1,470.00	\$50,746.11
Budgeted	\$2,461.55	\$51,692.55
Overage/(Shortfall)	-\$991.55	-\$946.44



10% of our parish income is tithed to ministries that directly assist those in need.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process in which people can investigate Catholicism. We welcome anyone who wants to explore the teachings of the Church. Meetings take place each Sunday from noon - 1:30 pm at St. Al's, after the 11 am Mass. **To get involved, contact Sister Jacqueline: cell 906-231-6862, sisterj@mtucatholic.org**

 Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers?
Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. It also has an outreach called **En-Courage** which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions.
 Visit couragec.net for more information.

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2021/2022**

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 **Life Outreach Center**
Think you're pregnant? Not sure what to do? We listen. We care. We can help. There is hope.

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 lifeoutreachcenter.org
 300B Quincy St. Hancock, MI 49930
Hours of Operation: (or by appointment)
 Monday 11 am - 5 pm / Tuesday Closed
 Wednesday-Friday noon - 5 pm

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child in need? Interested in helping children by becoming a licensed foster parent or adopting? If you want to learn more, please contact Mary Sparapani at (906) 282-4605 or mkrause@cssup.org



Do you or does someone you love struggle with addiction?
 Along with prayer, Confession, Eucharist, and spiritual counsel, our faith encourages us to seek tested healing resources, among them many good 12-step programs. Several such groups meet regularly at St. Al's; to be referred to one that might be a good fit for you or your loved one, call 906-482-7778, or talk to Fr. Ben.




"When I was a senior in high school, God put into my heart the desire to be a priest. I shared this with Fr. Arnold Thompson, who seemed to be expecting me to want to be a priest. He was very supportive all my seminary years, for which I am most grateful."

Fr. Joe Gouin
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What's Happening at St. Anne's?
 (Weekly Schedule, *monthly events italic*)

Sunday	7:00 am	Confessions
	7:30 am	Mass
	9:00 am	Mass
Tuesday	4:00 pm	Holy Hour
	5:30 pm	Mass
	7:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus Meeting (1st Tuesday)</i>
Thursday	9:00 am	Mass
	10:00 am	(No Co-op Nov. 25; resumes Dec. 2)
Friday	4:00 pm	<i>FIRST Friday Adoration (1st Fridays only)</i>
Saturday	3:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	Mass

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