



St. Anne Catholic Church

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**Second Sunday
of Advent
December 5, 2021**

Entrance Antiphon for the Second Sunday of Advent

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. *cf. Is 30: 19, 30*

Mass

Readings

Mon. DEC. 6

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

Tues. DEC. 7

St. Ambrose

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

Wed. DEC. 8

Immaculate

Conception of the
Blessed Virgin

Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Thurs. DEC. 9

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

Fri. DEC. 10

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

Sat. DEC. 11

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun. DEC. 12

Third Sunday
of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

The Road Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Advent



Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing.

It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic.

Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future.

This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory.

Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One (see [Baruch 5:5](#)). The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance.

That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets (compare [Jeremiah 1:1-4, 11](#)). But John is greater than the prophets (see [Luke 7:27](#)). He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh" (see also [Acts 28:28](#)).

John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."

-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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 5th, 2021

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| Sat. | Dec. 04 | 4:00 pm | For a Special Intention | By St. Anne's SVdP Society | Masses |
| Sun. | Dec. 05 | 7:30 am | † Bob Courchaine | By Loupatti Miller | |
| Sun. | Dec. 05 | 9:00 am | † Dominca & Hubert Normand | By Janet Dragovich | |
| Tues. | Dec. 07 | 5:30 pm | † Sr. Antonita Diederich | By the Franciscan Sisters | |
| Wed. | Dec. 08 | 7:00 am | † Fr. Basil | By the Parish | |
| Wed. | Dec. 08 | 5:30 pm | For a Culture of Life in the United States | By the Parish | |
| Thurs. | Dec. 09 | 9:00 am | Living & Deceased Members of St. Anne's Altar Society | By St. Anne's Altar Society | |
| Sat. | Dec. 11 | 4:00 pm | † Mary Courchaine | By Nancy Courchaine | |
| Sun. | Dec. 12 | 7:30 am | † Ray Gronevelt | By the Gillis Family | |
| Sun. | Dec. 12 | 9:00 am | † Lawrence & Elaine Monette | By Richard & Mary Ellen Colombe | |

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. All are invited!

Advent Program: Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story! Sr. Jacqueline leads presentation and discussion. Weds. 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

St. Anne's Altar Society 7 pm Mon., Dec. 6, Parish Hall.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception A very beautiful feast of Our Lady on Weds, Dec. 8 and also the patronal feast of the USA! **This is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses:

Tuesday, Dec. 7 (Vigil Masses)

5:30 pm, St. Anne's, Chassell

9:15 pm, St. Al's, Houghton

Wednesday, Dec. 8

7:00 am, St. Anne's, Chassell

12:15 pm, St. Al's, Houghton

5:30 pm, St. Anne's, Chassell

9:00 pm, St. Al's, Houghton

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Little Brothers 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. To reserve a meal or donate call 906.482.6944. If you would like to volunteer go to register.littlebrothers.org.

Dec. Catholic Man Breakfast: 7 am Mon., Dec. 6, Lindell's Chocolate Shoppe in Lake Linden. Hope to see you there!

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.

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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Solemn Exposition & Benediction:

Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

First Fridays: 4 pm Friday - 5 pm Saturday

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

"The most sacred interest of our Indian schools is...to carefully select good, moral, sober, and able teachers who give a good education and example of morality and Christian behavior."



This is an aerial photo of the famous fortress of Masada, in the Judean Desert. You can still see clearly **the ramp built by the Roman army in just three months** in 73 AD. The ramp allowed the Roman army to attack the fortress. It involved thousands of soldiers and laborers. That's how much the Romans were committed to victory!

John the Baptist quotes the prophet Isaiah in today's Gospel, "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. **Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.** The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

God tells Israel through the prophet that He is going to bring them back from exile! John the Baptist references the prophet in announcing Jesus' coming. Jesus comes to lead us back into communion with the Father... and **God's mighty power is deployed on our behalf, overcoming obstacles far more challenging than the cliffs of Masada, even death!**

How do can we respond and cooperate? Prepare, make ready, be awake! **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...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!!!

Please take advantage of our Advent Penance services which continue 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 going on Wednesdays, 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.

A big thank you to everyone who supported St. Anne's on Giving Tuesday! We'll be putting the funds to good use in our faith formation program.

This Wednesday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary!** This is also our patronal feast as a country, and **a holy day of obligation.** There will be 6 Masses to celebrate! See a schedule to the left!

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

- 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

THANK YOU!



Thank you for your gift to St. Anne's on #iGiveCatholic, Giving Tuesday!

Your gifts help us continue to grow our Faith Formation program and share the faith with our youth at St. Anne's!

St. Anne's CONTRIBUTIONS

Message from our faithful collection counters:
Please use your envelopes,
 it makes the counting process much smoother!

| | Nov. 27 th & 28 th , 2021 | Year to Date |
|---------------------|---|--------------------|
| Envelopes | \$1,515.00 | \$46,079.11 |
| Loose | \$196.00 | \$4,838.00 |
| Children | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Holy Days | \$0.00 | \$630.00 |
| Heating/Cooling | \$0.00 | \$910.00 |
| Total | \$1,711.00 | \$52,457.11 |
| Budgeted | \$2,461.55 | \$54,154.10 |
| Overage/(Shortfall) | -\$750.55 | -\$1,696.99 |



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.



Life Outreach Center

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

906-482-8681 lifeoutreachhoughton@gmail.com
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.

What's Happening at St. Anne's?

(Weekly Schedule, *monthly events italic*)

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| 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 | St. Augustine Homeschool Co-op |
| Friday | 4:00 pm | <i>FIRST Friday Adoration (1st Fridays only)</i> |
| Saturday | 3:00 pm | Confessions |
| | 4:00 pm | Mass |

St. Anne's Church is open for your prayer each day!

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.

St. Anne Parish Finance Council 2021/2022



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