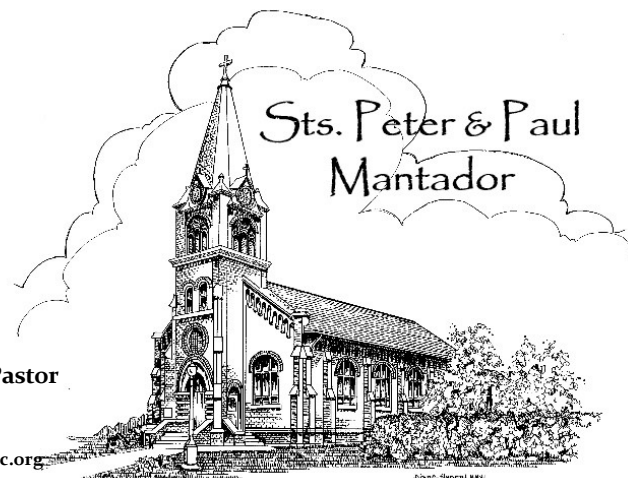


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Advent 1B, Dec 3, 2023

DAILY EUCHARIST

Sat, 12-2, StA 5:00 pm (Parishioners)
 Sun, 12-3, StsPP 8:30 am (†Bill Ward)
 Sun, 12-3, StA 10:45 am (Christian Mothers)
Tue, 12-5, 6^{pm}, StsPP (†Leo Althoff)
Weds, 12-6, 6^{pm}, StA (†Camille Berns)
Thu, 12-7, 6^{pm}, StsPP (†Harvey Kutter)
7:30^{pm}, StA (†Kellee Johnson)
Sat, 12-9, StA 5:00pm (†Allen Ward)
 Lector: Neil Hipp / Usher: Joe Erbes
Sun, 12-10, StsPP 8:30 am (Parishioners)
 Lector: Don Thiel / Usher: Kevin Lingen
 Servers: Volunteers / Gifts: Ray Zajac
StA 10:45 am (†Dale & Mary Delage)
 Lector: Laura Boyle / Usher: Justin R. & Brandon G.
 Servers: Joseph B. & Evan O. / Gifts: Justin Reiland Family
Confessions: St A—Sat, 4:30 pm; SS PP—Sun, 8 am.

♦ ♦ Or call for an appointment (no problem) ♦ ♦



PARISH PRAYER LIST: Loretta Althoff, Brenda Burger, Mary Ellen Krump, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Steve Metzen, Jim Mitchell, Travis, Steve Cerkas, August Dockter, Larry Jagodzinski, MaryAnn Franks, Jerry Muth, Kristen Czekala, Jake Fuller, Tyrell Fauske, Nettie Mauch, Loran Palmer, Patricia Herschberger, Kate Cook.

Intercessory prayer asks "on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries and extends to one's enemies" CCC 2647. Please let us know who (with their permission) we can lift up in prayer. Thnx.

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- ♦ **THE ADVENT WREATH'S** softly burning candles puts
- ♦ before our eyes a symbol of waiting in darkness. In the parish or home, the Advent Wreath marks our anticipation for
- ♦ the Coming of Christ, the Light of the world. Christ comes with the gift we must constantly wake up to: eternal life.
- ♦ The ritual lighting of the candles rededicates us to vigilance and living as children of the Light.
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ADVENT PRAYER.

DEAR GOD, the world over, Mother Church's children sing: "Send down dew from above, you heavens, and let the skies rain down the Just One. May He, the Savior, spring from the womb of the earth!"

Young Messiah, may your rain of Grace water the dry soil of our souls, especially where war and loneliness rule the day. May the music of your Love re-vitalize dull energies and move us to live generously.

Eternal Father, rouse our hearts out of sleep, so we, like Mary & Joseph, can clear a path for your Son's continued Coming into a world that so desperately needs him.

Spirit of Joy, gladden us with the truth of this Season: that we are so beloved by God that he would send us the best of Saviors, the One, the Only, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



Last Week's Giving

Mooreton: Plate \$90
 Children \$
 Envelopes \$595



Mantador: Plate \$30
 Envelopes: \$45

ADVENT—THE KING IS COMING.

The Church begins a new liturgical year the 1st Sun of Advent. Christmas has a firm date. The Lord's Coming—for each at death, for all at The End—does not. Thus, the Gospel-call to be watchful.

Is Advent a time to curl up in front of the fire and settle in for a long winter's nap? Great idea; not too long though. Today's Readings tell us it's time to wake up, not nod off.

It takes some effort to live the true reason for the Advent Season.

Our celebration of Christmas is an annual dress rehearsal. We celebrate Jesus' first coming as a Babe to ready us to welcome his second coming as Judge.

Advent is from the Latin word for *Coming*. We enter Advent by continuing the message of *Christ the King*: the Day of the Lord is Coming when all will give an account of their lives to the Son of Man.

Stay sharp. Keep on your guard. Don't doze off. This is Advent's opening note: "Watch!"

8 December Immaculate Conception

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE. In the 3rd & 4th centuries, bishops (for ex., St Ambrose of Milan, St Cyril of Alexandria) taught that Mary was "free from every stain of sin" and indeed the Mother of God. By the 8th cent, the Church began celebrating a feast of the Conception of Mary by St. Anne which spread to multiple countries in the following centuries.

In Medieval times, theologians debated the topic of Mary's sinlessness. Chief champion of her honor was the 13th cent Franciscan Blessed Duns Scotus, whose saw the entire Universe as a work of love in preparation for the coming of Christ. The feast continued spreading.



In 1830, a humble nun, St. Catherine Labouré, received a vision of Mary, something like 2 living paintings fading into each other. In the 1st, Mary held a small golden globe topped with a cross, which she lifted up voicing, "This globe represents the entire world, including France, and every person." In the 2nd, rays of light stream from Mary's open hands, with a voice, "These rays are a symbol of the graces that I pour out on those who ask them of me." Then a mandorla formed around the apparition, and Catherine saw an invocation: "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you."

In 1846, the American bishops named the Immaculate Conception patroness of the United States. They requested and received permission from the Vatican to add "immaculate" before the word conception in the title of the Feast.

On Dec. 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX pronounced the Blessed Mother "preserved from all stain of original sin," that is, she was immaculately conceived.

As an awesome confirmation from heaven, in Lourdes, France, a young woman of 14, Bernadette Soubirous, experienced a series of visions of Our Lady. On March 25, 1858, Bernadette asked the Lady her name, and the Blessed Virgin responded, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Ever since, a stream of pilgrims have gone to this grotto in search of healing.

Such are a few of the highlights along the roads of history leading to this special feast. As we await Christ's Coming during Advent, the feast of the Immaculate Conception calls us to celebrate how God prepared Mary for her role as the Mother of Jesus. To honor Mary as the portal of the Mystery of God's salvation is to honor the truth that Christ desires to come into the world more and more through each of us. The humbler and more faith-filled we are, the larger the doors swing open.

ADVENT PRAYER PARTNERS

SIGN UP FOR A ADVENT SECRET PRAYER PARTNER, STS. PETER & PAUL.

If you put your name in the basket, please take one out when you leave church today. Then begin praying for your Secret Prayer Partner.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & ADULT EDUCATION, DEC 5 (MANTADOR) OR DEC 6 (MOORETON). Adoration at 5pm; Mass at 6pm; around 6:30pm fellowship in the social hall followed by Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism, episode 2: "HAPPY ARE WE: THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS"*

The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. For over 20 centuries, the words of Jesus have proven fascinating, disorienting, sometimes confounding, deeply transformative, and always unforgettable.

Barron highlights the Beatitudes, the path of non-violence & lessons of forgiveness, care for the poor & our relationship with God in the parables. He illuminates these teachings with pilgrimages to Poland, Germany, Spain and NYC. Commentaries at these sites also show how the Catholic Church is a living culture witnessing to the infinite dignity of the human person.



**DEDICATED CHRISTMAS FLOWER
DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED.**



ADULTS 18-39. Diocese of Fargo Young Adult Retreat, Jan 12-14, Hankinson, led by Eric Gallagher. Registration is \$200 (Diocesan scholarships available). Learn more @ www.fargodiocese.org/youngadults. Any questions, please contact Brady Borslien at 218-280-9102 or at brady.borslien@fargodiocese.org.

Back to Greccio - An Advent Retreat for Women. Dec 8-10, St. Francis Retreat Center. For more information, or to register, contact Sr. Mary Ruth -at smmaryruth@scretreats.org or 701-242-7195.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DEC 3, STS PE & PL SOCIAL WITH JOEL COOKING, FREE WILL OFFERING, PROCEEDS GO TO REPLENISH HALL SUPPLIES

EUCH ADORAT°, ADULT EDU, DEC 5 IN MANTADOR, DEC 6 IN MOORETON

DEC 8, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY, SEE MASS TIMES.

DEC 10, ST ANTHONY LIVER/ONION DINNER W/BEEF ROAST CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, DEC 17

4TH SUN OF ADVENT, DEC 23, 2 SAT EVENING MASSES:

ST A 5:00 PM; SS PP 7:00 PM

[NO SUN MORNING MASSES]

CHRISTMAS EVE: ST A 4:30PM ; SS PP 7:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: ST A 10:30 AM



Church Cleanup



**Keeping God's House
Beautiful, December**

Sts PP: *Kari Foertsch, Patty Lingen, Trudy Glynn

St A: *Jen Kjar, Renata Fobb, Jane Althoff, Doris Palmer, Cindie Althoff, Jennifer Kjar

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Levi Nelson, Hannah Lingen, Patricia Klosterman, Valerian Jagodzinski, Barbara Severson

Yvonne (& Bill t) Ward

