



2nd Sunday of Advent December 7th, 2025

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Mass Schedule

Sun. Dec. 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30am Sts. P&P: Christian Mothers
10:30am St. A: Christian Mothers

Mon. Dec. 8th The Immaculate Conception

5:00pm Sts. P&P: Marion Ebel+
7:00pm St. A: Loretta Althoff+

Tue. Dec. 9th St. Juan Diego

8:30am Sts. P&P: Jim Krump+

Wed. Dec. 10th Our Lady of Loreto

8:30am St. A: Loretta Althoff+

Thu. Dec. 11th St. Damasus I, Pope

8:30am Sts. P&P: Herb & Lillian Reiland+

Fri. Dec. 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30am St. A: Dolores Davis+

Sat. Dec. 13th St. Lucy

8:30am St. A: Frank & Dorothy Reiland+
4:30pm St. A: Dolores Davis+

Sun. Dec. 14th Gaudete Sunday

8:30am St A: Dolores Davis+
10:30am Sts. P&P: People of the Parish

Confession Times

Saturdays 3:45pm-4:45pm St. A
Sundays 7:45am-8:15am Sts. P&P
Anytime by request

Schedule of Ministries

Saturday, Dec. 13th

Lector: Caryn Klosterman
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Jim Griffith

Sunday, Dec. 14th

8:30am

Lector: Anita Onchuck
Servers: Orin P. & Jace M.
Ushers: Derek M. & Luke M.
Gifts: Luke Mauch Family

10:30a.m.

Lector: Kari Foertsch
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Dan Lugert
Gifts: Ray Zajac

Financial Updates

St. Anthony

Plate: \$164.00
Envelopes: \$407.00
Other: \$260.00

Sts. Peter & Paul

Plate: \$73.00
Envelopes: \$400.00
Christmas Flowers \$30.00

Thank you for keeping God's Houses Clean for the Month:

St. Anthony: *Jim and Renee Griffith, Andrew & Bethany Mauch, Lonnie, & Rhonda Erbes, Celeste Whitebear, Luke & DeeAnn Mauch Family, Bobbie & Hattie Szudera

Sts. Peter & Paul: Patty Lingen, Kari Foertsch, Trudi Glynn

People in Need of Prayers

Steve Mertzen, Travis, Steve Cerkas, August Dockter, Mary Ann Frankis, Kristen Czekala, Tyrell Fauske, Nettie Mauch, Kate Cook, David Severson, John Lingen Jr., Oliver Morff, Joe Lenz, Carol Colby, Micah Pellman, Julie Wahler, Cindy Braun, Randy Lugert, Randy Kolstad, Randy Mauch, Pete Lingen, Connie Brandt

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Barbara Severson, Michael Anderson, Richard Spellerberg, Joe Storbakken, Carter Zetocha, Shirley Breuer, Kathy Mauch

Scripture and Prayer

Pray the Litany of Trust by the Sisters of Life

Pray for the Religious Brothers and Sisters throughout our Diocese

Read: Romans 15 or Matthew 3

Advent Penance Services

Hankinson-St. Philips December 7th at 3:00-4:00p.m. at the Convent main chapel

Mooreton/Mantador—St. Anthony December 7th at 7:00-8:00p.m.

Lidgerwood—St. Boniface December 14th at 7:00p.m.

Wyndmere—St. John the Baptist December 14th at 3:00p.m.

Reminders & Upcoming Events

St. Anthony & Sts. Peter & Paul:

- **Saturday, December 13th the Vigil Mass will begin at 4:30p.m. not 5:00p.m.** The R.E. students will perform their Christmas program after Mass. A meal served by the high school students will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in both events.
- **Sunday, December 14th switching of Mass times: St. Anthony will be at 8:30a.m. and Sts. Peter & Paul will be at 10:30a.m.** Joel Lingen will be serving soup and sandwiches after Mass as we decorate for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to stay, help, and eat.
- Advent Secret Pray Partners will continue through the Advent season-- Remember to pray for the person you selected.
- St. Anthony & Sts. Peter and Paul: Those who would like to donate money for Christmas flowers can include “in memory of” or “In honor of.” Please make checks payable to the correct parish where you might be donating Christmas flowers.
- The R.E. high school students will be collecting items to be donated to the sisters at Carmel of Mary Monastery. Tubs will be in the back of both churches. Items include:

Butter cheese, Bread, Apple juice, Grape juice, Dole Pineapple juice, Canned Mushroom soup, Canned tomato soup, Canned Cream of Chicken soup, Gravy in a jar, Alfredo Sauce in a jar, Hellmann's Mayonnaise, Canned Tuna, Vegetable Bouillon in cubes, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Kitchen Matches to light candles, Paper towels, white copy paper, Postage stamps, Fencing to protect the trees from the beavers (very active this year)-- WE are so grateful! Mother Madonna and Sisters



Upcoming Liturgical Calendar

- ❖ **December 7th** Advent penance service at St. Anthony 7:00p.m.

- ❖ **December 8th** Holy Day of Obligation: The Immaculate Conception
 - 5:00p.m. Sts. Peter & Paul
 - 7:00p.m. St. Anthony

- ❖ **December 24th** Christmas Eve Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul 4:30p.m.

- ❖ **December 25th** Midnight Mass at St. Anthony; Christmas day 10:00a.m.

- ❖ **December 31st** Vigil Mass at St. Anthony 5:00p.m.

- ❖ **January 1st** Holy Day of Obligation: Mary, Mother of God
 - Midnight at St. Anthony
 - 8:30a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul

- ❖ **January 4th** The Epiphany of the Lord

- ❖ **January 11th** The Baptism of the Lord—Last day of the Christmas season

- ❖ **January 12th** 1st week of Ordinary time begins.



SAPP's Religious Education

“What is the significance of the Advent wreath?”

The Catholic Church has been using Advent wreaths since the Middle Ages. Lighting candles as we prepare for Christmas reminds us that Christ is the light of the world. And the evergreen boughs remind us of new and eternal life in Christ, the eternal son of the Father.

It is definitely true that Germanic people were lighting up candle wreaths in wintertime long before the Gospel arrived in their homeland. They did so because candle wreaths in winter are beautiful and warm. That a Christian symbol emerged from that tradition is an indication that the Gospel can be expressed through the language, customs, and symbols of cultures that come to believe that Christ Jesus is Lord.

One candle is pink on the wreath — why?

There are four candles on the Advent wreath. Three are purple and lit on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which we call Gaudete Sunday. On that Sunday, in addition to the pink candle, the priest wears a pink vestment, which he might refer to as “rose.”

Gaudete is a word that means “rejoice,” and we rejoice on Gaudete Sunday because we are halfway through Advent. Some people have the custom of throwing Gaudete parties, and this is also a day on which Christmas carolers may begin caroling door to door.

The three purple candles are sometimes said to represent prayer, fasting, and almsgiving — the three spiritual disciplines that are key to a fruitful Advent.”

Excerpt from Catholic News Agency article: **Advent: What is it and how should it be celebrated?**



**Community & Diocese of
Fargo Announcements and
Events**



2025 COMMUNITY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

*I Love to
Tell the Story*

Saturday DECEMBER 13 | 7pm
Sunday DECEMBER 14 | 2pm

Kent Loken
DIRECTOR
Karen Hendrickson
PIANO
Bill Dablow
NARRATOR

**NDSCS
CULTURAL CENTER**
free will offering

**Made for Greatness Winter Men's
Retreat January 23rd-25th, 2026**

This Made for Greatness Winter Men's Retreat will provide an honest analysis of the challenges to greatness that men face at each of the stages of life. We will also identify foundations upon which we can build a flexibility that allows us to adapt and thrive no matter what stage of life we are in.

Location: Maryvale Retreat Center—for more information ask Fr. Kuhn or go to the Fargo Diocese website to register.

MFG

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a Peer-to-Peer ministry allowing youth 16 and 17 along with young adults 18+ to minister to youth and young adults. Journey to discover God, yourself and a Christian community. January 9th-11th; registration due December 22nd

St. Paul's Corner

What does it mean to be a Christian? Continuing to reflect and ponder over this question each of us should be seeking to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Christian faith through a life of devotion. Devotion to God through building up a sense of Christian community, prayer, and work. At the heart of our devotion to God we should be dedicating our hearts and minds to prayer and reading of the Sacred Scriptures.

As we begin this new liturgical year we will be hearing primarily from the Gospel of Matthew. What does the word gospel mean? Gospel in Greek means Good News. The Good News proclaimed to us in both the Old and New Covenants is Jesus Christ.

Each day we wake up and are given the gift of a new day. None of us are guaranteed tomorrow. God provides many opportunities for us to encounter His Love and Mercy. He gives us many opportunities to encounter his providence. Each day is filled with new opportunities and challenges to trust God's will and plan for our life over our own will and plan. We are given so many beautiful opportunities to surrender our lives over to God. The more we surrender our life over to God the more He invites and draws each of us into the mystery of His grace and providence.

The Old Testament is filled with adventure, friendship, love, life, scandal, romance, and so much more. God provides humanity, Israel in particular, a multitude of opportunities in the Old and New Covenant to remain faithful to Him. Through the mediator of the various covenants, prophets, kings, and other individuals both Jews and Gentiles are invited to spirit of repentance. John the Baptist, the last of the great prophets and the forerunner to the coming of the Christ, proclaims in continuity with the Old Covenant, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He also reminds us to "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance."

Let us not be like "the brood of vipers," the pharisees and Sadducees, who were warned and even wrapped up in sinful spirit of presumption and self-justification. They "heard" the call to repentance but failed to act upon it. They are compared to the trees that do not bear good fruit, will be cut down with an ax, and thrown into fire.

As Christians and followers of Jesus Christ let us heed God's call to repentance. A Christian acknowledges their own unworthiness (in a good healthy way), humbles their heart, acknowledges their own sinfulness and personal need for repentance by seeking God's mercy and forgiveness. God pours forth most abundantly these graces and so much more in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through a spirit of spirit of reconciliation and repentance let us build one another up in a spirit of encouragement and hope.