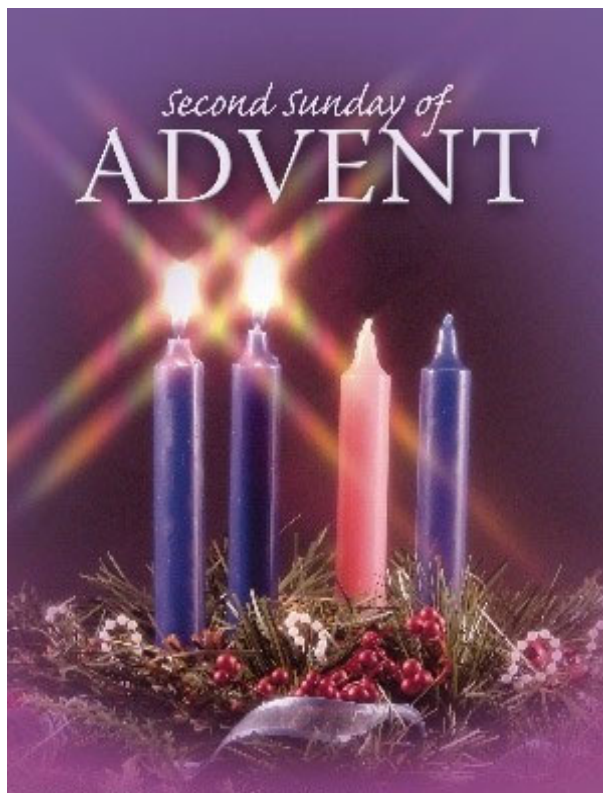




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December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

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

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Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:00 am *Monday thru Friday*
8:00 am *Saturday*

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30,
11:15 am *Latin Mass*
1:00 pm (*Espanol*)

Holy Day: See bulletin

SS Peter & Paul Parish Office:

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 11 am-noon & 4-5 pm
Daily: After the 7:00 am Mass
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance of the desired date. For baptism preparation sessions for parents and sponsors please contact Sister Strength of Martyrs at 388-2995. The usual time for Baptism is at 2:00 pm the 4th Saturday of the month.

Sacrament of Matrimony

For registered, participating members of the Parish, arrangements for preparation and the date are made by contacting one of the pastors, at least six months before the wedding.

Bulletin Notices

All articles for the bulletin are due by 2 pm on Tuesday. Bulletin articles should always be turned in to the parish office with a contact person's name and phone number.

New Members Welcome

Please register at the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 7

7:00 am +Evelyn Yonkovich: *Mike Yonkovich*
 Intentions of Dale Schneider: *Mom and Dad*
 Intentions of the Benefactors of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin Matara, especially those who have died

5:15 pm +Edith Miller: *James and Susan Eichten*

Tuesday, December 8 Holy Day

7:00 am +Anniv. of Ray Roesch: *Family*
 +Elizabeth Bach: *Jim and Betty Wolff*
 +Mrs. A. G. Shamp: *Earl & Audrey Shamp Charitable Fund*

5:15 pm +Joseph Lai Nguyen: *Family*

Wednesday, December 9

7:00 am +Howard Sweiger, Jr., *Marge Sweiger*
 +Sylvia Schneider: *Edith Dauk*
 +Joseph Lai Nguyen: *Family*

Thursday, December 10

7:00 am +Vi Otto: *Family*
 +Rich Lebens & Clarence Lebens: *Family*
 +Joseph Lai Nguyen: *Family*

Friday, December 11

7:00 am +Anniv. Charles & Veronica Kraus: *Phyllis Martinka*
 +Charlotte Hodapp: *Sue & Rick Pyzick*
 +Joseph Lai Nguyen: *Family*

Saturday, December 12

8:00 am +Dick Oberle: *Family*
 +Edith Miller: *Jan Bauer*
 +Maria Gau Dinh: *Tom Dinh*

Ushers Schedule for the Month of December

Please arrive 20 minutes before Mass. Thanks.

5:15 PM December 12,19,26 Mark Frederick, Kevin Olson, Chris Hughes
 7:30 am December 13,20,27 Earle Peters, Dewey Mettler, Bob Hallberg, Wyatt Rodriguez
 9:30 am December 13,20,27 Stan Huettl, Bob Kreuzer, Ervin Stueber, Al Kluever

If you are unable to keep your assigned appointment please contact another usher. Thank You.

Televised Masses

Sundays KEYC TV (Mankato) 7:30 am
Week Days EWTN 7:00 & 11:00 am and 6:00 & 11 pm
Saturdays EWTN 7:00 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm
Sundays EWTN 7:00 am, 11:00 am and 11:00 pm

Catholic Programing for Children EWTN Monday through Friday 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Friday Stations of the Cross EWTN 6:00 am and 1:30 pm
Rosary Monday through Friday 8:00 am and 8:30 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy- Daily - 2:00 pm
All times are Central Time
EWTN on Cable is Channel 80

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Dear Parishioners,

I want to wish you a happy Advent season, as we begin this time of awaiting the long-expected Messiah once more. The first reading from the Mass of Tuesday of the first week of Advent is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Is 11:1-10), and it speaks about how the Messiah will establish peace on Earth. In a few words, "the predators symbolize the oppressors, and the prey symbolize the oppressed. Those who had been enemies will now be friends. The oppressors will be at peace with the oppressed," (Dr. Mark Giszczak, Advent's Fierce Peace).

Perhaps many of you are also longing for that peace as our country is very divided at this time. I want to use this message as a meditation on peace as a spiritual fruit of the virtue of charity. Ultimately what we can understand as the cause of peace is the union of a person's desires in seeking the highest good for himself and for his neighbor. That is why living according to the greatest commandments, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself," brings about peace in a society (Matt 22:37-39). When each member of society seeks God above all things himself and strives to help his neighbor come to God too peace comes as a result of the practice of authentic charity.

The union of all the members of a certain group in seeking a common goal helps to bring people together for a time, but it only contributes to a lasting peace if that common goal is in keeping with charity (which unites us all in seeking God) and justice (which removes the obstacles to peace by giving each person what he deserves). Lasting peace is continually hindered by sin because we have to be living in the state of grace and seeking God above all things in order for people to be at peace with each other about important matters. Ultimately, we have to all agree with God in order to be at peace with one another. In Heaven we will not disagree with each other even about the smallest issues, but disagreements in matters of opinion should not hinder our friendship here on Earth. Briefly, we can say that insofar as we hold to the fundamental rights based on the principles of the Natural Law, known through right reason, (Right to Life; Right to Family Life: Marriage, Procreation and Education of Offspring; and Right to Seek the Truth) or Positive Divine Law (Commandments and Teachings of Christ) or Ecclesiastical Law (Precepts and Teachings of the Church concerning Faith and Morals) we can be safe in discussing other matters while not risking friendship and the peace founded on being united to God and seeking His will in and above all things.

One of the key factors that we can understand about peace is that God grants it to Men of Good Will, that is, those who seek to live in sincerity of heart, not looking for a reason to depart from doing what is good. These people are not seeking some justification for evil, but rather seek to do what is right as can be understood by their well-formed conscience and the natural law present within them has inscribed by God Himself to mirror His Eternal Law. Part of our difficulty at this time in our country's history and, in a real way, in the history of humanity worldwide, is that we are not seeking to live according to the Will of God as He has manifested it to us through Right Reason, His Commandments, and Church Teachings on the Deposit of Faith (the fullness of all God has revealed to us). Too often people confuse their emotions for their conscience and follow what they believe to be their conscience even when it departs from clear authoritative teachings that cannot be ignored. As Americans, it is especially difficult for us to lay our opinions aside in great and small matters alike. However, we should recognize that when we find ourselves at odds with the inspired truth, the teachings of the Holy Spirit, it is no time for dissent. The truth binds all and once God reveals it there really is no room for discussion.

Especially during the season of Advent let us recognize that the greatest obstacle we have to rejoicing at the coming of the Messiah is our own sinfulness and resistance to the will of God, who longs to save us. Truly, we have to come back to the fundamental values of Christianity recognizing that God has a plan that transcends this world.



Christmas Flowers

If you would like to help pay for the Christmas Flowers you can do so by putting money in an envelope marked **"Christmas Flowers"** and drop it into the collection basket or mail your check to 105 North Fifth Street. Thank You.



Baptisms

We wish to welcome into the
Family of God:
Elijah Michael Degen
John Maximilian Soderlund
and
Elena Jane Cesario

Who were baptized these past two weeks.

2nd Sunday of Advent



PHÚC ÂM: Mc 1, 1-8

và Giêrusalem tuôn đến với người, thú tội và chịu phép rửa trong sông Giođan.

Lúc đó Gioan mặc áo lông lạc đà, thắt lưng bằng dây da thú, ăn châu chấu và uống mật ong rừng "Hãy dọn đường Chúa cho ngay thẳng".

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Marcô.

Khởi đầu Phúc Âm của Đức Giêsu Kitô Con Thiên Chúa.

Như có lời Tiên tri Isaia chép rằng: Đây Ta sai Thiên Thần của Ta đến trước mặt ngươi để dọn đường cho ngươi. Có tiếng kêu trong hoang địa rằng: "Hãy dọn đường Chúa, hãy sửa đường Chúa cho ngay thẳng".

Gioan Tẩy Giả xuất hiện trong hoang địa, rao giảng phép rửa sám hối cầu ơn tha tội. Dân cả miền Giuđêa. Người rao giảng rằng: "Đứng đến sau tôi, quyền năng hơn tôi, tôi không đáng cúi xuống cởi dây giày Người. Phần tôi, tôi lấy nước mà rửa các ngươi, còn Ngài, Ngài sẽ rửa các ngươi trong Chúa Thánh Thần". Đó là lời Chúa.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ALL ON MONDAYS

We will have Eucharistic Adoration every Monday 7:45 am and continuing until 6 pm, in the Church. Please come and spend some time with the Lord.

Daily Rosary

We are praying the Rosary Monday through Friday before the weekday Mass starting approximately at 6:30 am and Saturday after the 8 am Mass. We will continue to pray the Rosary on Saturdays before the 5:15 pm Mass and Sundays before all the Masses. Come early and pray with us.



LESSONS AND Carols FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH

Join our Parish family for an evening of Scripture and song as we prepare for the Lord's Nativity, **VIRTUALLY** on our Parish Facebook and YouTube Channel. Visit Sspeterandpaul.com for more information.



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**38 boxes
packed!!!**

Dear Parishioners, THANK YOU for helping our Confirmation Candidates pack and send off 38 shoe boxes of amazing gifts to Operation Christmas Child on November 18th. It was an evening filled with JOY!

Youth will continue to sell items before and after all Masses this weekend and next. Stop by and say hello! We will be set up outside the Gift Shop in Xavier Hall. All proceeds go to help support our Pro-Life Confirmation Service Projects. [Options for Women and Operation Christmas Child] Thank you for your consideration in supporting our youth in Mission!



What's Next?

Dec 5/6: Youth sell Fundraiser items in Xavier Hall before and after all Masses

Dec 9: Confirmation 1 & 2— 6-8:30 pm

Dec 12/13 Youth sell Fundraiser items in Xavier Hall before and after all Masses

Dec 16: Confirmation 1 & 2— 6-8:30 pm
CHRISTMAS PARTY & White Elephant ->

Dec 23 & 30: No Class [Merry Christmas!]

December 30th: No Class [Christmas Break]

**DEC 16 | 7:30 pm
Jesuit Hall**



**White GIFT
Elephant exchange**

Don't go to a store...
 Instead look around your house for something nice you want no more!
 1 wrapped gift p/person because....
 "Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas means a little bit more!" ~ Dr. Suess

Adult Faith Formation
Wednesdays
at 6:00 pm,
DeSmet Hall

December 9th— 5th Promise of the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

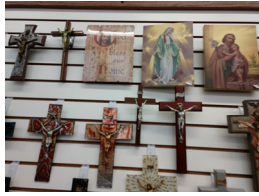
"I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings." Presented by: Fr. Andrew Whiting I.V.E.

December 16th Keeping Christ in CHRISTmas

Presented by: Sr. Strength of Martyrs

December 23rd— No Session





Gift Store 20% Off Sale

Looking for a special gift for a special someone?

Stop by the gift store to find Catholic jewelry, statues, books for adults and kids, and Catholic decorations for your walls and halls. Everything in the store is reduced 20%. Sale continues until New Years Eve.

Mass Schedule for Holy Day December 8, Christmas, December 24 & 25 and Mary, the Mother of God, January 1, 2021

December 7th—7:00 am daily Mass and
5:15 pm Mass, Vigil for the Holy Day,
December 8th - Holy Day 7:00 am and 5:15 pm

Christmas Masses

December 24—4:00 pm and 12 Midnight
December 25—7:30 and 9:30 am and 1:00 pm Spanish

Mary, the Mother of God— January 1, 2021

December 31, 7:00 am daily Mass and
5:15 pm Vigil Mass for the Holy Day
January 1, 2021, 9:30 am and 1:00 pm Spanish Mass

Confessions: Daily after morning Mass

Saturdays 11:00 to 12 noon and 4:00 to 5:00 pm
December 22 and 23 11:00 am to 12 noon

Spiritual Exercises

St. Ignatius, Spiritual exercises for men will be held December 17-20th. Please contact Father Alex Salazar IVE at 507-387-2565 or alexsalazar@ive.org to reserve a room at the IVE Minor Seminary, 512 East Mulberry Street. Cost \$50.00.

Also St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises for Women will be held on January 1-4, 2021. Please contact Mother Faith, SSVM at 507-388-8088 or m.faith@servidoras.org to reserve a room at the IVE Minor Seminary at 512 E Mulberry. Cost \$50.00.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm in church and continue every evening at 6:30 pm and ends on Friday, December 11 at 11:00 pm.

Solemn Holy Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be at 1:00 pm on December 12.

In Our Generosity We Imitate God

	November 29 2020	Budget
Adult Env.	\$ 6,591.00	\$8,957.00
Plate Coll.	\$ 1,392.52	1,058.00
Children	\$	<u>2,900.00</u>
E Transfer	\$ 731.84	
Total	\$ 8,715.36	\$ 12,915.00

The Catholic Ministries Appeal



The Catholic Ministries Appeal funds diocesan ministries throughout the 20 countries of southern Minnesota.

Our parish Goal is \$49,600.00. We have received \$26,566.00 from 91 parishioners. If you haven't already contributed, please return your CMA pledge card or give online at www.catholicfsmn.org.

Roary Society



The Rosaries you pray for this week will be to prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us.

PRO LIFE



Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible'. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection.

In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation.

Evangelio Marcos 1:1-8

Comienza el Evangelio de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios. Está escrito en el profeta Isaías: «Yo envío mi mensajero delante de ti para que te prepare el camino. Una voz grita en el desierto: "Preparad el camino del Señor, allanad sus senderos."»

Juan bautizaba en el desierto; predicaba que se convirtieran y se bautizaran, para que se les perdonasen los pecados. Acudía la gente de Judea y de Jerusalén, confesaban sus pecados, y él los bautizaba en el Jordán. Juan iba vestido de piel de camello, con una correa de cuero a la cintura, y se alimentaba de saltamontes y miel silvestre.

Y proclamaba: «Detrás de mí viene el que puede más que yo, y yo no merezco agacharme para desatarle las sandalias. Yo os he bautizado con agua, pero él os bautizará con Espíritu Santo.»

Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Comenzará el jueves 3 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm en la iglesia y continuará todas las noches a las 6:30 pm y terminará el viernes 11 de diciembre a las 11:00 pm. La Santa Misa solemne para la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe será a la 1:00 pm el 12 de diciembre.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26
 Martes: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
 Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
 Sábado: Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima María Virgen
 Domingo: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lc 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Tes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



LESSONS AND *Carols* **VIERNES 11 DE DICIEMBRE**

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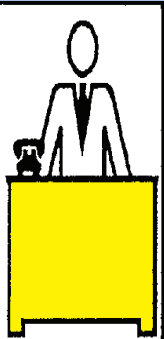
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