1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Office Hours:

Tuesday — Friday | 9:30am — 4:00pm

Bread of Life Food Pantry:

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE			
Saturday	4:00 pm	OLF	English
Sunday	9:30 am	STG	English
Sunday	11:30 am	STG	Spanish

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

(Adoration 1 Hour Before)

Tuesday	5:15 pm	STG
Thursday	9:00 am	STG
Friday	9:00 am	OLF

RECONCILIATION			
Tuesday	6:00 pm	STG	
Friday	9:45 am	OLF	
Saturday	3:00 pm	OLF	

Anytime by appointment, contact Fr. Dan

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Contact the parish office

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least 6 months before.



The Schumaker's Bench

Brothers and sisters, we now find ourselves embarking on yet another "new year!" As we celebrate this weekend the first Sunday of Advent, the church finds herself beginning a new liturgical year. What does this mean for us though. It means we move from Cycle A to Cycle B in the readings for Sunday Mass. It means we move from Year II to Year I in the readings for Weekday Mass. It is also a good place to start new things, or to focus on certain aspects of our lives. A good time to "clean up the house" so to speak. Thus, it is no mistake that the Church begins the new year with a penitential season.

I don't know about you, but when I was much younger, I certainly did not think of Advent as a penitential season. I was much more concerned with making sure my Christmas list was sufficient in length and that everything I had thought of throughout the year was on it. Now it seems to be the time to make sure I've gotten gifts for everybody in my family, making sure I'm ready for Christmas, and all the hustle and bustle that goes with this time of year. Penance is not usually in the front of my mind.

Yet, that is exactly what Advent is, at its core. It's a time of penance, a time of throwing out the rotten to make room for the fresh. Looking at what is keeping us away from God so that we can work on making more room for what draws us closer to God. That is why the color of the season is Violet. Different from Lent though, Advent is about making room for the coming Messiah, cleaning up the house because we know company is coming! There is excitement and anticipation.

Many traditions surround the season of Advent, from the Advent Wreath which we have in each sanctuary of St. Gregory and Our Lady of Fatima. The Advent Calendar which is stuffed inside each of these bulletins, posadas and novenas for the Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12 and Christmas, the O Antiphons (which I will write about in 2 weeks) just to name a few. Perhaps this season of Advent can be different than the rest. Lets dive into a tradition and learn about it a little more in order to deepen our understanding and to truly make room for the coming Lord, Emmanuel!



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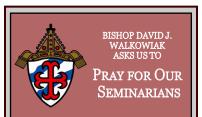
St. Gregory—Our Lady of Fatima is a parish of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Weekly Collection

November 22, 2020		
Envelopes (42)	\$2,265.00	
Loose	\$ 476.00	
Total	\$2,741.00	







Lord Jesus Christ, our
King, may the witness of
the saints prompt us to
heed your call to
holiness. Support and
direct the efforts of those
you invite to serve as
priests, deacons,
brothers, sisters,
consecrated seculars,
and lay ministers. May
your kingdom come.
Amen.



Pray for:
Logan M. McGahan
St. John Vianney
College Seminary
2115 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Parish Calendar | November 30 - December 6, 2020

Monday, November 30				
Tuesday, December 1				
4:00 - 5:00 pm	STG	Adoration		
5:15 pm	STG	Mass †Rick Aerts Requested by Lori Lee		
6:00 - 6:45 pm	STG	Confessions		
Wednesday, Decemb	er 2			
3:00 - 5:00 pm	11 Wash.	Bread of Life Food Pantry OPEN		
5:15pm	OLF	Mass		
Thursday, December 3				
7:30 - 8:45 am	STG	Adoration		
9:00 am	STG	Mass Parish Family		
Friday, December 4	Friday, December 4			
7:30-8:45 am	OLF	Adoration		
9:00 am	OLF	Mass		
9:45 - 10:30 pm	OLF	Confessions		
Saturday, December 5				
3:00 - 3:45 pm	OLF	Confessions		
4:00 pm	OLF	Mass † Agnes Kokx		
Sunday, December 6				
9:30 am	STG	Mass †Mary Ann Merten Requested by Gerald Heydenbeck		
Spanish 11:30 am	STG	Mass †Ciripin Arellano Vazques Request by Angeles De Blas		

Ministry Schedule for December 5/6				
Time	Reader	ЕМНС	Sacristan	
5:00 pm	Kathy Carter Kathy Grantz	Gerry Freeman	Walter Carrier	
9:30 am	Marsha Mahynski Linda Foster	Harold Schaner	Mike VanAgtmael	
11:30 am	Penny Burillo	Peggy Morales	Agueda Tudon	



The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

FAITH FORMATION

ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES:

Beginning next weekend, December **5 and 6**, you may pick up your children's assignments for the month of December, and drop off their completed assignments from November, in the Gathering Area of each church. Two separate boxes, "pick up" and "drop off". You just have to let us know which church you prefer to do the exchange at. Student names will be on each packet of work. Catechists will be calling this week to ask you, or you may call them! Each church is open during the week if you are not attending Mass. Any questions, please call Linda or Sister Guadalupe. This will be our procedure until it is safe to meet again.

So Faith May Flourish - Catholic Services Appeal

Goal: \$33,163 Pledged: \$23,720 Needed \$ 9, 443



SO FAITH MAY FLOURISH -

CELEBRATIONS OF THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE 2020

NOVENA (NINE DAYS). December 4-12.

This year due to COVID-19, all families are invited to join in prayer at 7:00 PM praying the Rosary to the Virgin at the same time from our homes.

There are two options:

- Pray with all the members of your family in the language you prefer to pray.
- 2. Join online with Father Dan to pray the bilingual rosary online at 7:00 pm.

This is a very powerful form of prayer to honor Our Mother the Virgin of Guadalupe in the celebration of her Fiesta.

LA SERENATA (The Serenade) GUADALUPANA.

December 11 at 7:00 PM will be online and with a very limited number of participants. On this occasion, only people who serve in a ministry of the Liturgy will be able to attend: Music, Lectors, ministers of communion, sacristan, and their families.

MASS. Saturday the 12th at 10:00 AM at St. Gregory.

The altar of the Virgin will be placed so that if someone likes to bring flowers to the Virgin they do so before Mass. There will be no procession.

MASS. On Sunday 13.

We invite you to arrive at 11:00 am to pick up the flowers that set aside and take them to the altar of the Virgin with her family. There will be no procession.

The flowers can be set aside with Mrs. América Reyes after the Spanish Mass on Sundays, November 22 and 29.

THERE WILL BE NO POTLOCK

POINTS OF INTEREST

- † BREAD OF LIFE PANTRY: Open Wednesday 3-5pm.
 Canned or packaged food items as well as personal products such as schampoo, soap, toothpast, etc. are all needed. Feel free to leave these items in the vestibule at either church, St. Gregoryor Our Lady of Fatima. There is a container for them at each church.
- † **RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING:** Tuesday, December 1, 7pm. Meets at Hart Wesleyan Church 3757 W. Polk Rd. For thos who cannot speack for themseleves. Conttact Wally at 231-233-1560 and Paulette at 231-742-2042.
- dive to help families affected by Hurricanes Eta and Iota The impact in Central America of Hurricanes Eta and Iota has caused widespread devastation and loss. Hardest hit have been Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Mexico. People who were already living in poverty are now facing the damaging aftermath of powerful winds, flash floods, river overflows, and landslides. To aid victims of these natural disasters, Bishop Walkowiak has asked for a special collection in the parishes of our diocese the weekend of Dec. 5/6. Funds collected will be directed to Catholic Relief Services to provide lifesaving assistance. Please give as you are able, and pray for victims and those engaged in disaster relief. For prayer resources, and the option of giving online directly to CRS, visit grdiocese.org.

The annual Retirement fund for Religious Appeal helps religious communities care for their senior members. Historically, Catholics sisters, brothers, and priests in religious orders served for little to no pay at a time when there were no 401k plans or pensions. Today, many religious communities lack sufficient retirement savings, and rising health care costs and a growing number of senior members compound the challenge to meet retirement expenses. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for

Religious Apple provides vital finding for medications, nursing care, and more. This year's Retirement fund for Religious Appeal will be taken up in our diocese the weekend of Dec. 12-13.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anthony Aerts, Bryan Cramer, Oralia Davila, Richard Davila,
Juanita Jaramillo, Annalee Avery, Brenda Carr,
David Adamczyk, Gaye Adamczyk, Xavier Setlak, Richard Merten,
Amanda Merten, David Jensen, Alice Cunningham,
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Sylvia Gonzalez, Virginia Delgado, Tammy Taylor, Jane Thocher,
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