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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Father John Meyer, Pastor



Weekly Meditation

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! (Isaiah 2:5)

Welcome to Advent! All of us here at *The Word Among Us* pray that you will be deeply blessed during this season as you prepare for the coming of Christ. And what better way to begin this season than with the invitation in today's first reading: "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" (Isaiah 2:5).

At Mass today, the first candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. Then, for the next three Sundays, the light coming from that wreath will grow stronger as one more candle is lit. And that's how Advent is supposed to be for us spiritually: four whole weeks of coming more and more deeply into the light of Christ. There are lots of ways you can let that light grow stronger in you as Christmas approaches.

- Bring yourself to the light through daily prayer. Spending just a few minutes a day in Jesus' presence can open your heart to the warmth of his love. You can even use this magazine to help you.
- Enlighten your heart and mind through spiritual reading or a Bible study. Let Jesus "instruct [you] in his ways" so that you can "walk in his paths" (Isaiah 2:3).
- Ask the Lord to shine a light on those parts of your life where you are content to live in the shadows. Then, take those areas to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and do as St. Paul says: turn from darkness and "put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12).
- Spread the light of Christ by joining other believers to serve those in need. Provide them with meals or Christmas gifts. Bring supplies to a homeless shelter. Pray for them.

We don't have to walk in darkness! Every time you turn to the Lord in these ways, his light in you becomes brighter and shines out more clearly. So let the Advent wreath remind you that Jesus, the light of the world, can overcome all darkness.

Come and walk in the light of the Lord!

"Lord, let your light in me grow throughout Advent!"

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Advent Pamphlets

Advent, the season of waiting and preparation, starts today, November 27th. To help you and your family experience our Father's boundless love and compassion there is a variety of pamphlets, provided by the Adult Faith Formation committee, available this weekend in the gathering space. Please help yourselves and discover God's presence for a renewed relationship with God and others!

Advent Confessions

Sunday, December 4th confession will be available from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come anytime during that time frame for individual confessions.

Archbishop Hebda Releases the Synod Pastoral Letter

After three years of listening, preparation and engagement with laity, consecrated women and men, and clergy across the archdiocese, Archbishop Hebda released his pastoral letter last weekend, November 19-20. This pastoral letter outlines his vision and Synod Priorities for our local church, informed through feedback from the Synod process.

Read the letter now at archspm.org/synodletter

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 26th

5:00 p.m. Miken DeMars

Sunday, November 27th

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. † Harold & Luella Nelson

Monday, November 28th

6:00 p.m. † Jeff Ruhland

Tuesday, November 29th

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Wednesday, November 30th

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thursday, December 1st

8:00 a.m. † Tom Taylor

Friday, December 2nd

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius. Mass available at St. Timothy's in Maple Lake (8:00 AM)

Saturday, December 3rd

5:00 p.m. † Gordon Diethert

Sunday, December 4th

8:30 a.m. † Donna Schumann

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Ministry ScheduleSaturday, December 3 @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Dayanana Martinez Mejia— Presley Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers: Bren Stepp— Deb Goodale

Greeter: Linda Zimmermann

Lector: Isaac Millner

Sacristan: Mark Logeais

Ushers: Al Jude— Mike Zuehlke— Loren Frappier— Cliff Zimmermann

Sunday, December 4th @ 8:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Altar Servers: Tayden Petersen— Cecelia Bachel

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Athman— Gael Zachman

Greeter: Pat and Dianne O'Keefe

Lector: Susan Oie

Live Stream: Shawn Petersen

Sacristan: Jen Braun

Ushers: Peter Braun— Jerry Elsenpeter— Steve Logeais— Doug Zachman

Sunday, December 4th @ 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner

Alter Servers: William, Wyatt, and Wesson Reich

Eucharistic Ministers: Roger Millner— Renee Logeais

Greeter: Paul and Karla Braun

Lector: Mary Nowak

Sacristan: Shelly Naaktgeboren

Ushers: Craig and Traci Arends— Josh Paumen— David Spike

Share your Christmas Events 2022

- Share your Christmas 2022 will be organized the same as 2021. We are again asking parishioners to donate monetary funds, either cash or checks, in the amount that you would normally spend on gifts. Checks should be made out to St. Ignatius. **Donations can be mailed to church, dropped off in the parish office, or put in the collection basket. Please clearly mark your donation "SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS."** The goal is to provide each child with a \$50 gift card. Each family will also receive a \$50 Marketplace Gift card. Gift cards will be mailed to families the week of December 5th. (Donations deadline December 4th). Share your Christmas is the only local organized gift project. Neither Toys for Tots or Wright County Human Services provides for this area. Families served are from Annandale and South Haven. St. Ignatius has always been so generous and supportive of Share Your Christmas in years past. We are counting on and appreciate your participation again this year. Thanks so much! Barb Groth CCW chair
- **It's back! The 31st Kiwanis "Share Your Christmas" Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, Dec 4th from 8 AM - Noon. Petty Brother's sausage plus egg bake, all you can eat pancakes along with beverages will be served in the St. Ignatius Church dining hall. Cost is \$12.50 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 6 -10 and children under 5 are free. All proceeds will go towards the Share Your Christmas Fund. Come and join us for some good food and fellowship!

CCW Retreat

All women in the Parish are invited to a Northwest Deanery Advent Day of Prayer at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN on Thursday, December 8th, 2022. The day begins with registration at 9:00 a.m. followed by conferences, lunch, confessions and Mass closing at 3:00 p.m. The topic for the day will be "A Spiritual Potpourri." The Preaching Team will present reflections on the Our Father, Saint Paul's favorite hymns, and Pinocchio— A Paradigm for Christian Living. Please consider attending to be moved by the spiritual potpourri that will be presented and experience all that the Lord has planned for you during your retreat and CCW will pay for half of your \$50 registration fee. Please register with your \$25 fee at parish office. Registration deadline will be December 1st.

Mardi Gras Tickets Available on December 3rd and 4th

Are you ready for a fun filled evening that includes social time, a fabulous dinner, games with prizes and our yearly cash raffle? Tickets for the Mardi Gras event which includes a traditional dinner, dessert and 2 adult beverages will be available to purchase next weekend, December 3rd and 4th. Tickets are \$42.50 per person and there will be limited seating to this adult only event. Our yearly cash raffle tickets are also available to purchase, \$10,000 in cash prizes, only 200 tickets sold and 10 lucky winners to be drawn at the event. Be sure to stop in the gathering space to purchase dinner tickets and a raffle ticket or two. Purchase your tickets early to guarantee a spot! This is one event you don't want to miss!

Early Bulletin Deadlines:

If you would like to place a bulletin announcement in December or January, please note the following early deadlines:

For the week of December 10/11— submissions due by November 30th

For the week of December 17/18— submissions due by December 7th

For the week of December 24/25— submissions due by December 14th

For the week of December 31/ Jan 1— submissions due by December 21st

For the week of January 8/9- submissions due by December 28th



Christ Child Luncheon

Fri., Dec. 2, 10-45-1:00

This year's delicious luncheon will be returning to the in-person beautiful Christmas setting in the downstairs' dining hall!

New for 2022:

"Any Thyme Catering" will provide 3 all new hot dish choices, 2 salad choices, breads, pickles, cupcakes and something hot/cold to drink!

Luncheon Tickets:

Tickets will be sold at the door. We also will be pre-selling tickets after Masses on Nov. 26-27! Tickets are also available in the parish office. Ticket prices are \$15.00 each for adults: \$10.00 for 6-12: 5 and under are free

Raffle Tickets:

3 Christmas-themed prizes! \$2.00 each!

Sweet Shop

"Any Thyme Catering" will be setting up a Sweet Shop! Many goodies will be available! Hannah Groth, owner of "Any Thyme Catering", will donate 50% of each sale to the Council of Catholic Women to be included in their four Pro-Life donations.

Please come and bring friends and family!

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| Larry Oberg | Elaine Manke |
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| Mike Meyer | Barb Wiegand |
| Anna Purcell | Lynnae Frappier |
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Prayer requests can be made through the parish office

Gospel Meditation I* Sunday of Advent

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources." Donation totals not available at the time of publication of the bulletin. Please check the "Stewardship" section in the next bulletin.

Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

- Sunday: Is 2:I-5/Ps 122:I-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
 Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:I-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:I-10/Ps 72:I-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
 Thursday: Is 26:I-6/Ps 118:I and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:I-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 11:I-10/Ps 72:I-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:I-12

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Dec. 2nd-** Christ Child Luncheon
Sunday, Dec 4th- Kiwanis Breakfast 8am– noon
 And Advent Penance 5 pm -7 pm
Thursday, Dec. 8th - CCW Advent Retreat and The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (mass 8:00 am and 7:00 pm)
Thursday, Dec. 29th- Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am – 7pm

Stewardship (November 12/13)

Projected weekly giving.....	\$5,890.00
492 parish families	
Envelopes	\$6,607.00
Plate.....	\$332.00
Auto Deposits	\$1,360.00
Total.....	\$8,299.00
Food Shelf Collection	\$200.00

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Youth Minister: **Bernie Gauthé** bernie@stignatiusmn.com

Hours: Wed. 2:00 pm– 9:00 pm, Thurs 8:00 am– 12:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

8:00 am (No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday—one-half hour prior to Saturday Mass

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments**Baptisms**

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the baptism. Baptismal classes are held the 2nd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November. Parents are required to attend this class before the baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office 274-8828 ext. 100

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know would like one of our home visitors to stop by your residence for companionship, prayer, or have communion brought to you, please call or email the parish to make arrangements (contact information above)

Bulletin Deadline

Submit by Tuesdays at noon, any early deadlines will be noted in the bulletin

ST. ANDREW ADVENT PRAYER

Hail and blessed be
the hour and moment
in which the Son of God
was born

of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem,
in the piercing cold. In that
hour vouchsafe,
I beseech Thee, O my God,
to hear my prayer and grant
my desires,

[here mention your request]

through the merits of Our
Savior Jesus Christ,
and of His blessed Mother.

Amen.



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The St. Andrew Advent Prayer is a simple and beautiful prayer that is traditionally said 15 times a day and helps us focus on the sacred moment when Christ, through His Blessed Mother, entered human history, and our destiny was forever changed.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.

The repetition of the prayer really drives home how cold, dark, and isolated that moment was: when the most omnipotent being, the Son of God, in the dark of night slipped quietly into this side of the veil, through an extraordinary young woman. By those words, we allow ourselves to focus our hearts and minds squarely at that moment and just let ourselves 'be' in awe of the humble beginnings of our salvation and redemption, *at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.*

The prayer continues, *In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires...* At the most ripe, fruitful, and potent moment in human history up to that point, we are invited to present the desires of our heart. Could there be a more hopeful time to entrust our needs in? As salvation history begins to unfold, we have reason to allow ourselves to confidently hope for the fulfillment of our present needs, as well as joyfully look forward to the Second Coming.

The season of Advent doesn't exist just to prepare us to commemorate the historical coming of Christ 2000 years ago, but Advent is also meant to help us prepare ourselves for Christ's Second Coming as well.

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