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Father John Meyer, Pastor
Father Kevin Magner, Parochial Vicar

second Sunday of ADVENT



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Dear Lord,
Open our eyes to the people
You have specifically
placed in our path
so that we can speak healing
and comfort to them.
Help us to prepare for the coming
of Your kingdom, together.
Amen.
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Join us next Sunday, December
17th, following the 10:30 am Mass
for the Youth Christmas Program!

Weekly Meditation

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ
the Son of God. (Mark 1:1)*

Beginnings are important, and the beginning of Mark's Gospel is no exception. His very first sentence reads like a summary of the entire book: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). So where does Mark start the story? He takes us to the Judean desert, where John the Baptist is preparing the way for the Christ, the Messiah.

Contrary to expectations that the Messiah would bring Israel military liberation, John proclaims that Jesus will baptize his people in the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8). He will open the way for God himself to dwell in them!

That's why John offered baptism for the forgiveness of sins. He knew that Jesus had come to do something new, something astonishing. Repentance was the key that would help the Jews—and us—to receive this surprising good news.

In order to be ready, we need to empty ourselves of our old ways of thinking. That's where repentance comes in. It clears out the sin that clouds our vision of God. It removes our shame and guilt and delivers us from whatever blocks God's life from taking root in us. It makes us ready to receive God's forgiveness and helps us to become more aware of his abiding presence within us.

Are there ways that you need a change of attitude or a new hope this Advent? As you prepare the way for Jesus during this holy season, go back to "the beginning" and listen to John the Baptist's message. Repentance is good news because it opens your heart to Jesus. So take advantage of opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this season. Let God expand your capacity to receive him at Christmas. As Mark shows us in his Gospel, that's where it all begins.

*"Jesus, help me to open my heart to you as I
await your coming!"*

The Word Among Us - December 2023 Edition

Saturday, December 16th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner
Altar Servers: Michael & Luke Millner
Eucharistic Ministers: Bonnie Hoglund & Jeff Burkhardt
Greeter: Yvonne Schreifels
Lector: Isaac Millner
Sacristan: Mark Logeais
Ushers: Tim Walkdschmidt, Ron Mares, Al Jude & Mike Zuehlke

Sunday, December 17th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner
Altar Servers: Ryan Steinhoff & Presley Dwenger
Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Goodale & Larry May
Greeter: Mary Jo Logeais
Lector: Susan Oie
Live Stream: Pat Athman
Sacristan: Renee Logeais
Ushers: Randy Latour, Doug Zachman, John Tracy & Steve Logeais

Sunday, December 17th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magner
Altar Servers: Rylan Mackedan & Celia Erickson
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Shultz & Peggy Jo Fortner
Greeter: Paul & Karla Braun
Lector: Mary Nowak
Sacristan: Jerry Polaschek
Ushers: David Spike, Craig Arends, Josh Paumen & Traci Arends



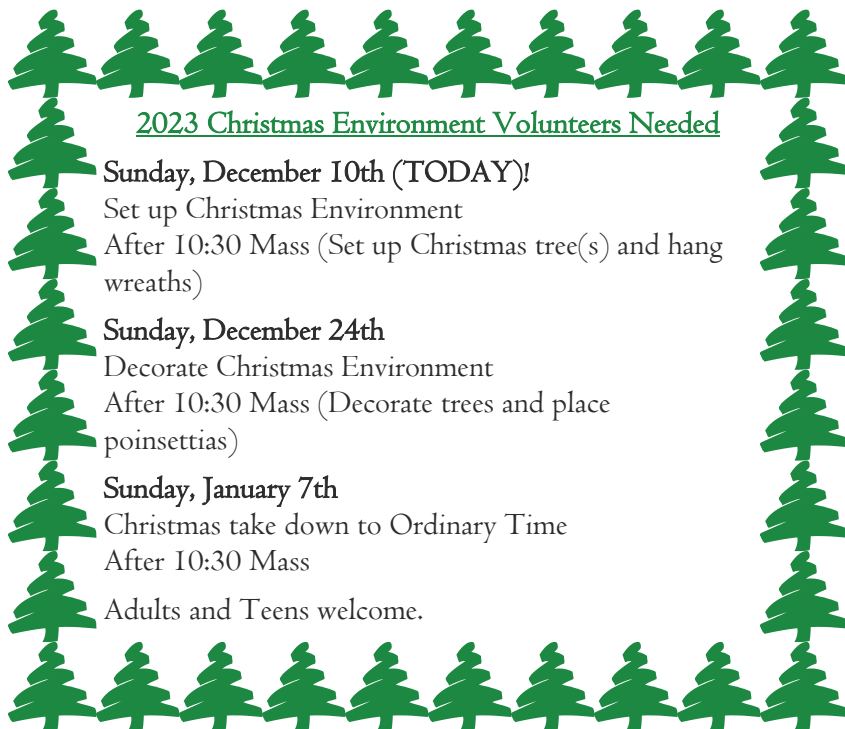
Live the Liturgy

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

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Mardi Gras Tickets Available THIS WEEKEND

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 an appetizer, traditional Mardi Gras dinner, dessert and 2 adult beverages will be available to purchase this weekend. Tickets are \$45 per person and there will be limited seating to this adult only event. Table reservations are available, ask for details when purchasing your ticket. 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. Only \$100 per raffle ticket, all proceeds go toward replacing tables and chairs in the dining hall. Be sure to stop in the gathering space to purchase dinner tickets and a raffle ticket or two. Thank you!



2023 Christmas Environment Volunteers Needed

Sunday, December 10th (TODAY)!

Set up Christmas Environment
 After 10:30 Mass (Set up Christmas tree(s) and hang wreaths)

Sunday, December 24th

Decorate Christmas Environment
 After 10:30 Mass (Decorate trees and place poinsettias)

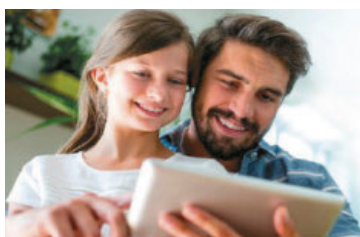
Sunday, January 7th

Christmas take down to Ordinary Time
 After 10:30 Mass

Adults and Teens welcome.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.

Personal Reflection

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah offers comfort and hope to the Israelites who were captive in Babylon in proclaiming that the glory of the Lord is returning to Israel. Do you have family or friends who could use words of encouragement from you?

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of being at peace while we wait for the promise of new heavens and a new earth when Christ returns. What gives you peace of mind these days?

Gospel:

Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of Jesus, "one mightier than I...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Where do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?

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Gospel Meditation

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Larry Oberg	Nick Mares
Joseph Niznik	Jaden Hanson
Mike Meyer	Wayne Dearing
Lynnea Stay	Ronda O'Brien
Katelyn Busch	Russ Fortner
Herman Wittsack	James Utecht
Mary Wittsack	Mary Malachuk
Mary Danielson	Jason Mitchell
Mark Johnson	Deb Cole
Paul DeMars	John Holker
Julie Pelarski	Marlene Niewind
Sally Phenow	Karen Sommers
Reanna Braun	Loren Frappier
Lynnae Frappier	Monsignor Callaghan
Dan Schultz	Janet Aretz
Louise Borstad	Leon Zachman



Saturday, December 9th

5:00 pm † Gordon Diethert

Sunday, December 10th

8:30 am † Marilynn & Jack Driste

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Monday, December 11th

6:00 pm † Barb & Leo Koshioi

Tuesday, December 12th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Wednesday, December 13th

8:00 am † Gracie Heinz

Thursday, December 14th

8:00 am † Robert Bruns

Friday, December 15th

No daily Mass on Fridays

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy

Saturday, December 16th

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Sunday, December 17th

8:30 am † Donna Schumann

10:30 am Paul DeMars



Projected weekly giving.....\$5,890.00
492 parish families

Stewardship totals unavailable due to the early bulletin deadline. Totals will be posted in the next bulletin publication.

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Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the "Ministries" menu at the top of the page, and then select "Pastoral Council" on the drop down menu.

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 6:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00am

(No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

5:30 pm Monday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to 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. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

Marriage

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

**Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at noon
unless an early deadline notice is posted here:**

**Submissions for December 24th due December 13th by noon
Submissions for December 31st due December 20th by noon**



Friday Night Live (FNL)

Who: All teens in grades 5-8th are invited to attend, and high school youth can earn service hours by attending as a leader.

When: December 15th, 7-9pm

Where: St. Ignatius.

Notes: This is a FREE event with a pizza dinner, fun, games, & faith. Register online.

Winter Stretch- Day of Snow Tubing & Service Project

Who: All teens in 5th-12th grade

When: December 28th, 11am-10pm. We will be joining a few area parishes for this event

Where: Feed My Starving Children & private snow tubing at Taylor's Falls.

Cost: \$50 (scholarships are available)

Notes: A pizza lunch will be provided, but teens should bring cash for purchasing dinner on the road. Register online

Winter Retreat– SAVE THE DATE

Who: 9th & 10th grade youth are invited

When: January 5th-7th,

Notes: This fulfills the Confirmation Archdiocesan retreat requirement. It also counts towards personal development hours for high school teens.



Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

6th grade Mass

Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

Friday, December 15: YM Friday Night Live

Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

Youth Christmas Program following 10:30 am Mass

Sunday December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses 8:30 am and 10:30 am (these Masses do not fulfill the Christmas Mass obligation)

Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Monday, December 25: Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Mass 9:00 am

Thursday, December 28: YM Snow Tubing & Service Project

Sunday, December 31: Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Masses 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Monday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Masses 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

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