

A Pastor's Perspective

November 16, 2025 Bulletin



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is mid-November. The Solemnity of the Christ the King (Sunday, November 23) will mark the final week of the current church year, and the First Sunday of Advent (Sunday, November 30) will inaugurate the beginning of a new church year.

The end of the year is drawing near, which means that start of winter is not too far away. The daylight hours are decreasing; the weather has turned bitter cold; and we have seen the first snowfall of the season. These signs also remind us of the upcoming holiday season including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

We want to help you and your family prepare for these typically busy yet beautiful weeks leading up to and celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Please watch your mailbox for a special mailing that is going out to every registered household. The flyer will announce the various programs offered during the Advent and Christmas seasons, including:

1. Family Advent Palooza (pancake breakfast and Advent wreath-making) in the Hall at St. Joseph Church (Brewer) on Saturday morning, November 29
2. Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction followed by Mass at St. Gabriel Church (Winterport) on Friday, December 5, 12, and 19
3. Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation on Monday, December 8
4. The Light Is On For You, our expanded confession hours during the week of Monday, December 15 through Sunday, December 21
5. Musica Sacra, an Advent-Christmas Concert at St. John Church (Bangor), under the direction of Dr. Kevin Birch, on Sunday, December 21
6. Masses for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), a holy day of obligation, including the Masses on both December 24 (vigil-eve) and December 25 (day)

7. Masses for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (New Year's), a holy day of obligation, including the Mass on both December 31 (vigil) and January 1 (day)

Also, a special seasonal issue of Magnificat will be available next weekend at all our churches. Please pick up a copy for your household. Then each day, spend some quiet time reading and reflecting on the Sacred Scriptures and meditations to help us understand how the Lord worked throughout human history to prepare the world to receive his Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Peace and blessings,
Msgr. Andrew Dubois*

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FAMILY ADVENT PALOOZA!



Pancake breakfast & wreath-making workshop



Saturday, November 29
St. Joseph Church Hall
9-10:30 AM

Please sign-up by
November 27, 2025

FMI, please call 217-6740 x1300

