

November 27, 2016

ADVENT

First Sunday of Advent



Actively Waiting For God

The coming of the Son of Man will be sudden and unexpected. People before the flood were busy with their own life's pursuits, oblivious to anything else: "the flood came and destroyed them." If we are negligent, we will end in disaster. The Gospel reminds us that we must continue to live with renewed watchfulness!

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Helen & Daniel Bohuslav and is sponsored by their family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Faith Nichols.

We thank Faith for sponsoring the Advent decorations in Church. We also thank Taylor Nichols, Kelly Nieto and the Lorena & Mario Pinedo Family for decorating the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 30
8:00 a.m. Daniel G. Kozelsky
Thursday, December 1
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – Frances Pilat
Friday, December 2
8:00 a.m. Hertha & Herbert Dierschke, Alice & Albert Pilat, Carrie & Frank Zamykal
Saturday, December 3
6:30 p.m. Betty Martinez
Sunday, December 4
6:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Mary & Cyril Dornak Fam.
9:30 a.m. Annie & Herbert E. Anderle

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Responsorial Psalm: 72
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for a Special Intention.

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment \$17,080.00
Contributions So Far \$13,987.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 3,093.00
Number of Families Who Have Contributed 30
Number of Families Yet to Contribute 284

We thank the following for their recent contributions:
Niki & Chad Chaloupka *Richard Kalisek*
Pauletta & D. J. Darilek *Angeline Jalufka*
Sharon & August Etlinger *Karin & Kenneth Filipp*
Caroline & James Freytag

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Frances Pilat
Pam Carpenter *Mary Lou Dierschke*
Diana & Harvey Kloesel

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Hattie Darilek: Gladys Seifert

L.A.M.B. THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Food – donated by the community.
Community Thanksgiving Service Collection - \$597.00

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Meeting Next Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Family Room.

DECEMBER 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule
Vigil, December 7, 6 p.m. Praha
Mass of the Day, 8 a.m., Moulton (Family Room)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:50 p.m., YMC
– Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7 p.m., Family Room
WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
THURSDAY – KC Bingo, former KC Hall
FRIDAY – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration,
8:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Family Room
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially William Cullen Graham.

We pray for the repose of the souls of
Hattie H. Darilek
Sergio Colchado Posas
and for the comfort of their loved ones.
May they rest in peace.



REFLECTION

Life on the Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is the overarching theme of this First Sunday of Advent. It also sets the tone for the entire Advent Season. We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God but the readings turn our attention to our own journey to God.

The readings provide us with clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into plows and pruning hooks. Saint Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, and a disposition open to a change of heart.

The life we must live must be lived in the actual world in which we find ourselves. We are called to journey deeper into our lives, not outside of them. That is where God is present. And if we are truly alert and attentive we will discover that it is in our lives, as ordinary as we may think they are, that we will discover God. There we will find fulfillment, and there the Son of Man will come to us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 27 – Lillian Kubicek, Caden Michal, Eleanor Wagner

Nov. 28 – Sheri Beyer, Robert Lee Berckenhoff,
Sofia Martinez Margaret Rebecok,
Richard Rodriguez, Dwayne Simper

Nov. 30 – August Etlinger

Dec. 1 – Susan Jasek

Dec. 2 – Taylor Bohuslav, Joyce Hanzel, Leonard Kalisek,
Richard Kresta Jr., Shirley Schoenfeld,
Nancy Sivyver, Blake Zidek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 27 – Congratulations Patricia & Elmer Michna
on your 45th Wedding Anniversary

Nov. 28 – Cynthia & John Cinadr

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – No C.C.D. (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Nov. 28 – After School Program, K – 2nd Grade

Nov. 30 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grades
– 9th-11th C.C.D.

Next Sunday – Altar Server Commissioning; C.C.D.

Youth Ministry Bake Sale Nets \$585.25

We thank all those who made monetary donations and donated/purchased items. All proceeds benefit the YMC.

The Altar Society will lead the Saturday evening rosary during the month of December.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-9:30 a.m. – Sharon Etlinger, *open*

9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck

11:00-11:30 a.m. – *adorers needed*

11:30-12:00 p.m. – *adorers needed*

12:00-1:00 p.m. – Betty Maskey, *open*

1:00-2:00 p.m. – James Wenske, *open*

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*

3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*

3:30-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Mary Ann Wenske

4:00-4:30 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, Mary Ann Wenske,
Cathy Wenske

4:30-5:00 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, *open*

5:00-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, *open*

Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD



Advent/Christmas Confession Schedule

Parish Penance Services

Moulton – Thursday, December 15, 5:30 p.m.

Praha – Wednesday, December 21, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Altar Flowers Needed

You are encouraged to make a donation.

Extra Christmas Flower envelopes available in church.

Christmas Cookies for The Homebound

Look out for more details.

Youth Choir for Christmas Eve Mass

Come sing at the Pageant.

Christmas Parties/Socials

Dec. 11 – Breakfast With Santa

Dec. 12 – Altar Society Christmas Party

Christmas Eve Pageant

Pageant practice and dress rehearsal schedule out soon.

If you have not turned in your form do so today.

Introduction to the Season of Advent

The themes of the coming end-time, the last things, the end of the world, the last judgment and the New Heaven and New Earth celebrated on the Last Sunday of the Year (the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time) come to a climax on the First Sunday of Advent. Thus, the successive Liturgical Years dovetails into one another. From the Second Sunday of Advent on, themes in preparation for the incarnation (the birth of Jesus) are introduced.

2016 Breaking Bread Missals are at the main entrance of Church. Feel free to take copies home.