

November 29, 2015

## Advent

### First Sunday of Advent

#### *The Advent Way of Life*



The readings for this First Sunday of Advent contain a number of promises, all pointing to the same reality, namely, peace and fulfillment. What is expected of those who receive the promises? – An Advent way of life exhorts us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. This way of life requires us to live the usual unusually well. It informs the attitudes that color our judgments and motivations.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Gene Schoenvogel in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

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

We thank Faith for sponsoring the Advent decorations in Church. We also thank Lorena, Mario Jr. & Mario Pinedo Sr. for helping Faith with the work.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Alice & Albert Pilat

Thursday, December 3

10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks - Prayer Service

Friday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Daniel Brom, Georgie Okruhlik

Saturday, December 5

6:30 p.m. Clara Pavlicek

Sunday, December 6

6:30 a.m. Hertha & Herbert Dierschke

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: Baruch 5:1-9**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126**

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Marcella & Willie Kalisek.

### 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. – Eleanor Wagner, *open*

1:00-2:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, *open*

2:00-2:30 p.m. – *Adores Needed*

2:30-3:00 p.m. – *Adores Needed*

3:00-3:30 p.m. – Bea Bohuslav, Linda Pilat

3:30-4:00 – Linda Pilat, James Wenske, Scott Wenske

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

4:30-5:00 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Rose Rothbauer

5:00-5:30 p.m. – Mike Janecek, *open*

5:30-6:00 p.m. – Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck, *open*

*Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.*

### ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND DONATION

*Karen & James Thomas*

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Those who wish to make a donation toward the purchase of Poinsettias for the Church could do so in memory of their loved ones. *Christmas Flower envelope attached.*

The New Liturgical Year Begins today, November 29.

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the Church entrance for those who put in an order. To order a booklet call 800-933-1800.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* is available in the sacristy. Lectors pick up your copy.
- The *2016 Respond & Acclaim* CDs are ready. Organists and Song Leaders pick up your copy at the organ.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m. YMC

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURS – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– KC Bingo, 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.

We pray for the repose of the soul of *Angeline Estrellita Akgun* and for the comfort of her loved ones.

*May she rest in peace.*

\* Angeline is the sister-in-law of Manuel Cao.



## REFLECTION

### *To Appear Before the Son of Man*

Each year, the First Sunday of Advent focuses on the coming of the Lord, of which no one knows the day nor the hour. The certainty of this manifestation is at the heart of Christian faith, of the assembly and of the Sunday Eucharistic celebration itself. The liturgy allows us, here and now, to participate sacramentally in the salvation that has already come, that comes now, and will come again. Everything proceeds on its way from this time toward the end of time. This is the meaning and importance of Advent, this season that opens the liturgical year and defines it from beginning to end.

On this First Sunday of Advent (Year C), we hear the witness of Luke. St. Luke stresses, on one hand, the attitude that we must assume when we see the signs pointing to the Lord's return; on the other hand, he emphasizes the role of prayer in our vigilance.

With this Gospel, we read a passage from the Book of Jeremiah and an extract from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. Paul's prayer for them as they await the coming of the Lord is that they *increase and abound in love for one another and for all*. We are to prepare in the same way, by growing in love, by growing in fidelity to our covenant relationship with God. What will you do this Advent to prepare for the coming of the Lord?

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 30 – August Etlinger  
Dec. 1 – Susan Jasek  
Dec. 2 – Taylor Bohuslav, Joyce Hanzel, Leonard Kalisek,  
Richard Kresta Jr., Shirley Schoenfeld,  
Nancy Sivyer, Blake Zidek  
Dec. 4 – Jean Bochat, Christina Darilek  
Dec. 5 – Aaron Chudej, Linda Pilat

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 2 – Ann & Gene Hrcir

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** - No C.C.D. (Thanksgiving Holiday)  
**Nov. 30** – Gold Star Club Meets (K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
**Dec. 2** – Champions Club Meets (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
– 9<sup>th</sup>– 11<sup>th</sup> C.C.D.  
**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

### **Youth Ministry Bake Sale Nets \$640.00**

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

### **Youth Ministry Fund Donations** *In Memory of Beverly Roznovsky Kloesel*

*Angie Jalufka*  
*Mary Lou Dierschke*  
*Barbara & Eugene Anderle*

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD



### **Advent/Christmas Confession Schedule**

#### *Parish Penance Services*

**Praha** – Wednesday, December 16, 5:00 p.m.

**Moulton** – Thursday, December 17, 5:30 p.m.

### **Christmas Altar Flowers Needed**

Used the attached envelope to make a donation.

### **Christmas Cookies For The Homebound**

Look out for more details.

### **Youth Choir For Christmas Eve Mass**

Come sing at the Pageant and Mass.

### **Christmas Parties/Socials**

Dec. 13 – Breakfast With Santa

Dec. 14 – Altar Society Luncheon, see insert.

### **Christmas Eve Pageant**

Pageant practice and dress rehearsal schedule out soon.

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

### **Praha Cookbooks For Sale After Mass Next Weekend**

They make great Christmas Gifts.

## ORIENTATION

### *The Sacrament of the Liturgical Year*

Typically, the liturgical year calls to mind only the Christian calendar of Sundays and feast days that, instead of beginning on January 1 and ending December 31, goes from the First Sunday of Advent to the Thirty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Feast of Christ the King. This deviation from the common secular calendar is not strange. We are used to other similar deviations, e.g. the school year, the financial year, the Chinese New Year and others.

Without the Word of God there would be no sacred history; nor would there be a liturgical year. "In the beginning was the Word" (John 1:1) the Word of God created heaven and earth and all they contain. God's word called us to life and entrusted the universe to us. This was God's first revelation of himself and of his plan: Sacred history had begun. In sum, the liturgical year is presented as an itinerary marked by the Word of God proper to each Sunday. It constitutes a unity where everything participates in the mystery of salvation. The Liturgical year develops, therefore, a spirituality of responsibility of acting to bring about the reign of God, its peace, justice and joy in a world that is never without meaning into our own historical time. It opens the pathways of our creative imagination, enlightened and stimulated by the Word of God.

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

**2015 Breaking Bread Missals** are at the main entrance of Church. Feel free to take copies home.