



December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Advent, this season that we come to now is one that can be easily missed because we are moving forward to Christmas with parties, music, gifts, food, and nativity scenes. In the middle of this though we take a moment to hear that 1000 year old chant, "O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel". The season of Advent is the season of longing, hope and expectation. As much as we may enjoy our lives on this earth, there is something in us that longs for something more. St Augustine wrote "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee". For those of us who have come to know and believe in Christ there is only one answer for this longing and that is being in the presence of Christ forever.

Advent is the season of longing and expectation. We await the Lord. We expect the Lord. So there are many traditions that go with this. The lighting of the Advent wreath, one thought about this is the tradition that one could look through the wreath and see the things of God. That one could see heaven and that the person who sees heaven longs for that fullness even more. There is the tradition of the empty manger. Place an empty manger in the house and as the children do things to remember God during advent they can place a piece of yellow yarn in the manger so that it is prepared for the one who is to come. We can place a star on top of the Christmas tree and come to think about Christ our light. Christ the light of the world.

We take a moment this Advent to remember even if we get every gift we want for Christmas, there will still be a longing. That longing is for the gift that really satisfies. The gift of Christ.

During this Advent season we have the great gift of Reconciliation which we celebrate together this Tuesday. It is a night we come together to remember the amazing power of forgiveness in the grace of our God. We will have a communal prayer service and then a time for individual confession followed by a gathering in the Terrace with Tom and Jerry's. You are invited to participate in this wonderful evening.

Blessings,
Father Joe

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

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Director: Joan Spring
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Sunday Masses

9:00 am, 11:15 am, & 8:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Tues. & Fri. 12:00 pm, Prayer Room
Wed. 12:00 pm, Atwood Primrose Rm
Thurs. 8:30 pm, Newman Chapel

Confessions

Sunday 7:15-7:50 pm
Friday 12:30 pm

Sunday, December 2

Liturgies: 9:00 am, 11:15 am, & 8:00 pm

Installation of Father Joe

Special Collection:

Retirement for Religious

Advent Busy Student Retreat Begins

10:00 am Coffee & Rolls, **Wil's Place**
10:15 am REP Nativity Play Practice, Terrace
6:30 pm RCIA, Terrace
9:00 pm Student Coffeehouse

Tuesday, December 4

12:00 pm Mass, Newman Prayer Rm
6:30 pm Advent Reconciliation, Chapel & Tom & Jerry's Party, Terrace

Wednesday, December 5

12:00 pm Mass on Campus, Atwood Primrose Rm
7:00 pm SEND, Terrace
7:00 pm Choir, Delta Rm

Thursday, December 6

5:00 pm FREE Student Meal, Terrace
7:00 pm Praise & Worship, Chapel
7:00 pm Men's Group, Delta Room
8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 pm Late Night Student Mass

Friday, December 7

12:00 pm Mass, Newman Prayer Rm
7:30 pm Communion & Liberation

Saturday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 pm Special Mass, Chapel
11:30 am Community Meal, Terrace

Sunday, December 9

Liturgies: 9:00 am, 11:15 am, & 8:00 pm

Special Collection:

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10:00 am Coffee & Rolls, **Wil's Place**
10:15 am REP Nativity Play Practice, Terrace
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Parish News

Special Mass Newman will have a special Mass **Sat. Dec. 8 at 10:30am** in the Chapel in observance of the Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Guatemala Pizza Fundraiser Order delicious pizza and support the Guatemala Trip! Pizza prices \$10 & \$12. Visit the Newman website or Facebook page for all the pizza options!

Community Meal Our parish provides a meal for those in need on the second Saturday of each month in the Terrace. This month we are requesting salads, desserts, and several workers for the meal on **Sat., December 8**. Please sign up in the entrance to the Chapel if you can help. Questions? Call Pat Ernst at 252-7839.

Christmas Flower and Decoration Memorials If you would like to make a donation towards the "Flower/Decoration Fund", you may drop it in the collection marked "Flower/Decoration" or mail/bring it to the Newman office. If your donations include in memory of a loved one, please include their name(s).



Campus Ministry News & Student Events

Free Student Meal Join us **Dec. 6 @ 5pm** for a FREE Student Meal including delicious Christmas meal items (ham & cheesy potatoes and more)! We will also be playing bingo with great Christmas season prizes!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of is hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Apr 5-7, in Baxter, MN and **Sep 20-22**, n Alexandria, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

St. Benedict's Senior Community Volunteers Current needs include: Eucharistic Ministers (8:30-11, Thurs. morning & Sun.), Rosary Leaders (Daily 3:45pm), & Chapel Attendants (Pre, during, and post mass). If you are unable to make a weekly commitment, any amount of time would be a welcome help. For more information contact Rebecca Calderone, at 320-252-0010 ext. 30276 or at rebecca.calderone@centracare.com.

Prayer Corner

•Penny Zook •Renee Miller •Nancy Huber •Kathy Williams •Dave Brinkman •Anne Fields •Katie & Dale Waletzko's grandson, Isaac •Kevin & Melissa Kruger's brother, Mark •Sr. Michelle L'Allier's cousin, Aaron Taylor •Lori Humbert's friend, Cotton •Peg Obremski's sister, Joanne Lauzon •Dave & Caroline Williams's son, Jeff •Sharon Schmiesing's brother, Mike •Gary Hennen's brother, Denny

Faith Formation News

Nativity Play Our annual Nativity Play will be performed on **Sunday Dec. 16 @ 10:15am and Tuesday Dec. 18 @ 7pm**



Parish Events

Reconciliation and Tom & Jerry Join us **Tues. Dec. 4th at 6:30pm** for an Advent Reconciliation Mass. Afterwards we will have a Tom & Jerry's Party.



Hat & Mitten Tree Please take an ornament from the Hat and Mitten Tree in the office lobby as a reminder to buy a winter item for someone in need. Adult sizes are preferred. Donations can be dropped off by the tree throughout Advent. Items brought by **Dec. 8** will be distributed at the Community Meal.



Student Gift Bags Please place hot chocolate and candy cane donations in the Office Lobby by **Wed. Dec. 12**.

Area News & Events

Christmas Meal Join us for our free community holiday meal **Sat. Dec. 15 @ 11:30-1pm** at Resurrection Lutheran Church in St. Joe and SonRise Lutheran in Avon. Dine In. Take Out. Delivery. For more information call Mary Plafcan of St. Joseph Catholic Church 320-249-5718

No 6pm Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel during our Winter break, Dec. 16th through Jan. 6th. The regular 6pm Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel at CSB will resume **Jan. 13, 2019**.

Fare for All Are you looking for a way to stretch your grocery dollar and to help others at the same time? Fare for all is open to everyone, at community-supported locations across Minnesota. Visit www.fareforall.org for more information.

Daily Readings

Sunday: Jer. 33:14-16, 1 Thes. 3:12-4:2, Lk. 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is. 2:1-5, Mt. 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is. 11:1-10, Lk. 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is. 25:6-10a, Mt. 15:29-37
Thursday: Is. 26:1-6, Mt. 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is. 29:17-24, Mt. 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn. 3:9-15, 20, Lk. 1:26-38, Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12
Next Sunday: Bar. 5:1-9, Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk. 3:1-6