

# PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Weekly Readings for the Week of December 1, 2019

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37- 44

**Monday:** IS 4:2-6 / 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:** IS 30:19-21, 23-26 / MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** IS 11:1-10 / ROM 15:4-9 / MT 3:1-12

### Join Newman Center!

Do you enjoy being part of this wonderful community?

**Students:** fill out the cards located in the pews

**Community members:**

- fill out your information on the sign up sheets in the lobby
- Visit our website
- Or contact the office

### Contact the Parish Office for information about:

- Sacrament of Baptism
- Sacrament of Marriage
- Reconciliation
- Funeral Arrangements
- Mass and Prayer Requests
- Pastoral Ministry to the Sick & Homebound
- Ministry to those in Need
- Vocations to the Priesthood
- Learning about the Catholic Church or returning after time away

## Parish Office

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DECEMBER 1, 2019

# 1st Sunday

## OF ADVENT

"Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" Isaiah 2:5

### Masses

**Sunday** 9:00 am & 11:15 am, 8:00 pm  
**Tuesday** 12 pm in the Prayer Room  
**Wednesday** 12 pm in Atwood Center's Columbine Room  
**Thursday** 8:00 pm in the Chapel  
**Friday** 12 pm in the Prayer Room

**Thursday, December 5**  
5:00 pm FREE Student Meal  
6:30 pm Praise & Worship

**Friday, December 6**  
Anointing of the Sick following noon Mass

### Confessions

Sunday 7:30 pm & Friday 12:30 pm

### Upcoming Events

**Monday, December 9**  
7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass

**Thursday, December 12**  
6:30 pm Discipleship

**Saturday, December 14**  
11:30 am Community Meal

**Sunday, December 15**  
Graduate Blessing at all Masses  
Nativity Performance during Coffee & Rolls

**Tuesday, December 17**  
7:00 pm Nativity Play

### This Week

**Sunday, December 1**  
*Food Shelf Collection*

Coffee & Rolls following 9 am Mass  
Busy Student Retreat begins after 8 pm Mass

**Tuesday, December 3**  
6:30 Advent Reconciliation Service  
7:30 Seasonal Choir Rehearsal in Delta

## Reflecting God's Light

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
one nation shall not raise the sword against another,  
nor shall they train for war again.  
O house of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord!  
~Isaiah 2:5*

The above excerpt from our first reading today is a remarkable description of one of the ways to recognize the arrival of the kingdom of God: there will be true peace. As night approaches earlier and earlier for us in the Northern Hemisphere, we rejoice because we have heard the invitation, "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

Recently, while talking to a good friend, I noticed something new about her. Her face was shining. The source of the light from her face was not from make up, or sparkles from the glitter which accumulates around our homes and stores this time of year...no, her face was shining because she was trying (and if I'm the judge, succeeding) to authentically live her life for God. After some reflection, I recognized this light which shined from her face was the result of serving and walking with Christ, the light of the world.

For me, it is so easy to see reflections of God's light this time of year: in the generosity offered to those in need, in the joyful preparations for Christmas, but most especially in the eyes and faces of children who reflect the light with their sincerity, simplicity, joy, and wonder!

Our meditation throughout this Advent season will focus on the coming of Jesus, the light of the world! In order to remind us of our ability to reflect God's light in a multitude of ways and places, Steve Wilson created a mirror mobile for our seasonal corner. We are grateful for the symbols and signs available to help us reflect on the shining light of God.

I want to be a reflection of God's light, but I know many times I am discouraged, even by the smallest inconveniences. I have found it is so much easier to be a person living to reflect the light of God when I am surrounded by others who are doing the same. So please, join us this **Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm**, as we reflect on the desire to be mirrors of God's light to all the world. Join us for prayer and meditative music, for encouragement and healing, as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the arrival of our God, prince of peace and light of the world!



**STUDENTS!**

**Thursday, December 5**  
5:00 pm, FREE Student Meal with  
Holiday Movie Trivia  
6:30 Praise & Worship

**Sunday, December 15**

- Graduate Blessing
- Finals gift bags will be handed out at all masses



**December 1-5**  
**Busy Student**  
**Advent Retreat**

See pew info card for more information & to sign up!



**Reconciliation**  
**Service**

Reflecting  
God's Light

**TUES, DEC 3 @ 6:30 PM**



**IN OFFICE LOBBY**

**HAT & MITTEN TREE**

Take a hat or mitten,  
purchase the item listed,  
and return to the  
Newman Center!

## MEMBER NEWS

### Nativity Play

We are looking for help with the Nativity Play (costumes, rehearsal, set up or tear down) Contact Sherry!

### Save the Date

Church of the Week, an extension of Place of Hope, will take place at the Newman Center Jan 20-27, 2020.

### Renewal Opportunity

Don't forget to Renew! Visit our website, call the office, or complete your renewal on paper forms next Sunday after Mass.

### Immaculate Conception Mass

Come (Monday, Dec 9 at 7:00pm) celebrate God's plan to bring about salvation for all the world! Join us in giving thanks for God's choice to prepare the world for the coming of Christ through the conception of Mary, the mother of Jesus!

## OPEN TO ALL

### Hat and Mitten Tree

You're invited to participate in one of our longtime traditions! Please take an ornament from the Hat and Mitten Tree as a reminder to buy a winter item for someone in need. XL Adult sizes preferred. Items returned by **December 11** will be distributed at the Community Meal.

### Reflect God's Light~~Reconciliation Service

Join us on Tuesday, Dec 3 at 6:30 pm for a candlelit Taize service where we will reflect on the light of Christ we are called to share with one another!

### Discipleship

Join us Thurs, Dec 12 @ 6:30 in the Terrace for delicious food and discussion! Mark your calendars for Dec 19 for our micro Discipleship at Beaver Island!

### Christmas (Seasonal) Choir

Open to anyone age 14 and up! Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings, Nov 26, Dec 3, Dec, 10, and Dec 17.

### Youth Song at Christmas Eve Mass

If your child (age 7+) will be attending Christmas Eve Mass at 5 pm and would like to sing one special song with the choir, please contact Stacy at [sellens@scsucatholic.org](mailto:sellens@scsucatholic.org)! There will be just two short practices to nail down the simple melody.