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Parish News

Advent marks the start of the Christmas season and the new year in the Church. It begins on the Sunday nearest November 30th, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, and lasts four Sundays. The date it begins changes from year to year. As a result, so does the length of each Advent season. This year the first Sunday in Advent is November 29, 2020.

The word *advent*, from Latin, means “the coming.” It is a time of spiritual reflection. We look to experience penitential as well as cheerful anticipation.

An Advent wreath is made from green to symbolize continuous life and contains four candles -- three purple and one rose. Often a fifth candle (white) is added to the center of the wreath for lighting on Christmas Eve, in celebration of the birth of Jesus.

The progressive weekly lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming in to the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

One purple candle is lit to symbolize Hope.

Second Sunday: Peace

Two purple candles are lit - Hope & Peace

Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday): Joy

Two purple candles (Hope & Peace) and one rose is lit to symbolize Joy.

Fourth Sunday: Love

All four candles are lit - Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Christmas Eve:

We light all four candles and add the fifth white candle which represents the light of Christ.



Spaghetti Dinners



Our Friday Night Spaghetti Dinners are now cancelled until further notice.

YMS of R Men's Group

YMS of R meetings are cancelled until further notice.



St. Paul Choir

Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice..



Ladies Adoration Society

On behalf of our Adoration Society, we thank you for your never-ending support and wish you Christ's choicest blessings and a joyful and Happy Christmas Season.

In His service,
Dori Canfield, President
The Adoration Society



Here's a look inside the social hall with over 20,000 personal care and hygiene items for our church's Clean Kids Backpack Program, benefitting homeless school children. Many thanks to the volunteer workers from Pasta Faire and our Regional Director, Kevin Robert for their help.



The ladies room in the social now have new sinks and cabinet. The walls were also painted a nice cool green color.



Father Mark's bible study class has been cancelled until further notice.

Golf League



Our church golf league has been cancelled until further notice.



Words for Thought

The most vivid memories of Christmases past are usually not of gifts given or received, but of the spirit of love, the special warmth of Christmas worship, the cherished little habits of the home, the results of others acting in the spirit of Christ.

Lois Rand



Birthdays

- 5th** Judy Mierzwiak
7th Brian Clark
8th Deb Williams
10th Bette McGuire
 Louise Waszak
11th Vic Dunphy
13th Harry Moebis
 Debbie Niznik
19th Lydia Kowalski Cane
27th Frances Salzman
31st Kathy Lazenby
 Ron Mierzwiak



Anniversaries

- 1st** John & Pat Kirby
21st Jack & Diane Adinolfi
28th Ben & Dorothy Boogaard
30th Louis & Irene Torresin

* Members: if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

Special Offering Envelopes



For December, there is an envelope entitled: **Christmas Decorations**. This is used for the poinsettias and other decorations for the Christmas Season.

The month of December is designated for the **Seminary Fund**. Parish members can donate to this fund by using their Seminary Fund envelope. Also, if you are not a member and would like to donate to this fund, please use a Love Offering envelope found in the church pews and mark it "**Seminary Fund**". This fund is used to help promote vocations and assist seminarians in their formation to the diaconate and priesthood. Thank you for your considerations.

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