

December 3, 2017

ADVENT

First Sunday of Advent



A New Year, A New Page

Like a blank page ready to be written on, the new Liturgical Year stands before us. Only God knows what is ahead. Advent invites us to allow the blank page to be filled not by our own plans but by the Word and Will of God. Through the experiences of living and growing, the divine potter helps to shape our hearts, our minds, and our wills. At the beginning of this new year, while we await the celebration of another Christmas, we place all we are and all we hope for in God's competent care while we wait.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Grace Schoenvogel, sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, December 6
8:00 a.m. Daniel Brom
- Thursday, December 7
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – Annette Fojtik
6:30 p.m. Spec. Intention – For Rain
- Friday, December 8
8:15 a.m. Cathy & Willie Perez, Helen Pesek,
Grace Schoenvogel, Msgr. Robert Schmidt
- Saturday, December 9
6:30 p.m. Joyce Kresta
- Sunday, December 10
6:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Rosie & Joe W.
Fishbeck Family
9:30 a.m. Evelyn & Clarence Raab

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 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The 2017 Breaking Bread Songbooks are at the main entrance of Church. Feel free to take copies home.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Dorothy & Laddie Maresh.

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment	\$17,303.00
Contributions So Far	\$15,745.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 1,558.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:
Shannon & L.A. Simper Nancy Sivyer
Karin & Kenneth Filipp Anonymous Donor
Do please consider making a donation.

DECEMBER 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. This simply means that from the beginning, she was in a state of grace, sharing in God's own life, and that she was free from the sinful inclinations which have beset human nature after the fall. — EWTN 1996

Mass Schedule

Vigil Dec. 7 – 5:00 p.m., Praha
- 6:30 p.m., Moulton

Mass of the Day, Dec. 8 - 8:15 a.m., Moulton

Introduction to the Season of Advent

Advent is a time when we prepare for the coming of the Lord. We were not present at the coming that we will celebrate on Christmas day, the coming of an infant, God incarnate. We have no idea when all of history will be fulfilled and Jesus "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Our yearly Advent season is not just to remember one coming and hope for another. Rather, we are to celebrate a present coming. We are like the servants in Jesus' parable. We each have our own work. However, as we go about that work we are to "watch" constantly so that we recognize the many ways in which Christ is coming to us every day of our lives.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- TUES. – Quilting Ladies Meet
- WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Community Pre-Christmas Concert, 7 p.m., Church.
See Article.
- THURS. – Quilting Ladies Meet
– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Annette Fae Fojtik
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



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

REFLECTION

Awaiting The God Who Comes

We are going toward an encounter with the Lord who will manifest himself. But when will he come? At certain times and in certain places – even today – some say “Very soon!” They seem unable to resist the temptation to point to a certain date. New dates are successively put forward, and no matter how many false prophecies there are, another date is scheduled.

Others, opposed to this, are content with the certitude of immediate experience. Time passes, and nothing comes. They remain asleep. They are really not concerned, and they lack true vigilance. Jesus speaks to both these groups in this Sunday’s gospel.

The coming of the Son of Man (the parousia) will be sudden and unexpected. Mark repeats Matthew’s urgent warning (First Sunday, Year A): “Stay awake!” And always for the same reason: “You do not know when the appointed time will come.” But there is one difference between the two: Mark places the return of the Lord at night.

To place the moment of the Master’s return at night is unusual, and must have a meaning. While no one can work during nighttime hours (John 9:4), nevertheless, that is the time when the powers of evil display their activity; it is then that the enemy sows weeds in the wheat field (Matt 13:24-30). The term, “night” therefore, often – and quite naturally – has a negative connotation.

Like everyone, Christians live in the night of this world, but they do not belong to it. They will not be surprised by the day that will come during this night: the light is within them and keeps them in a state of watchfulness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Dec. 4 – Jean Bochat
- Dec. 5 – Aaron Chudej, Linda Pilat
- Dec. 6 – Bryan Fernandez, Ann Hrcir, Betty Kloesel, Jayden Raabe
- Dec. 7 – Odilia Cantu Fernandez, Eugene Schoenvogel
- Dec. 8 – Mitchell Blaschke, Madison Raab
- Dec. 9 – Marian Darilek, Harvey Kloesel, Ryan Koncaba, Sheridyn Nieto

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 8 – Delores & David Raab

C.C.D. Program Donations

In Memory of Joyce Kresta

Nancy Sivyver Gussie Machalec Mary Lou Dierschke

Through the waters of Baptism
Everett Lane Jalufka
 child of Shelby & Cody Jalufka
 has begun his journey of faith
 in our Christian community.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Retired Fund For Religious

The annual appeal for Retired Religious raises funds for aged nuns who served ministering to the needs of others for many years. The Incarnate Word Sisters taught in St. Joseph’s Catholic School here in Moulton for free for many years and after the school closed they continued to serve by teaching C.C.D. They need your help now. *Be generous.*

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD



Today – KJ.Z.T. #14 Members Decorate the Christmas Tree

– Czech Christmas Mass Concert, Praha

Dec. 6 – Community Pre-Christmas Concert

Dec. 10 – Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 11 – Altar Society Meeting/Christmas Party

Dec. 12 – CDA Christmas Cookies to the Homebound
– Parish Penance Service, Moulton

Dec. 13 – Christmas Pageant Practice
– Parish Penance Service, Praha

Dec. 18 – Christmas Pageant Practice

Dec. 20 – KC/CDA Christmas Party

Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Community Pre-Christmas Concert: Parishioners are encouraged to bring chips, dips or Christmas desserts for the reception after the Concert. See insert for more details.

Christmas Altar Flowers Needed: You are encouraged to make a donation. Extra Christmas Flower envelopes are available in church.

Christmas Cookies For The Homebound: CDA members are asked to bring their cookies to the Family Room kitchen, December 9-12. Put your name and *CDA Cookies for the Homebound* on the container. The cookies will be packaged and delivered on December 12.

Youth/Adult Christmas Choirs: Come sing with the Choir. Contact Sharon Etlinger.

Christmas Bulletin See Insert.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today –C.C.D.

Dec. 4 – After School Program, K-2nd Grade

Dec. 6 – After School Program, 3rd-6th Grade
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.

Next Sunday – Youth Mass (4th Grade), Breakfast With Santa

Youth Ministry Center Bake Sale Nets \$839.00

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