



"Stay awake! ... Be prepared." The advice is clear enough. We'd like to be vigilant. We'd like to be ready. But on its own, the desire to be alert isn't necessarily enough to keep us

from drifting off into a spiritual siesta. When the ultimate Advent comes--when Jesus returns--we don't want to be the one left standing alone in the field.

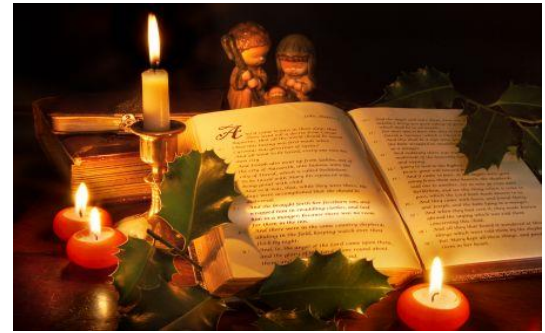
Advent is a time to pay attention. Jesus asks us to be ready to greet him at any hour. Especially in this month of holiday hustle and bustle, how can we stay constantly focused on welcoming

Christ? St. Paul gives us a hint in today's epistle: "Put on the armor of light... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:12, 14). Just as light hinders physical sleep, so too the light of Christ prevents spiritual slumber. When we invite Jesus' Spirit into our hearts, it's like keeping a vigil light flickering in the window of our souls. We may go about our business, but that expectant flame never burns out. So when Jesus comes again--even like a thief in the night--he will find us ready and waiting.



Today's Homily

We may think of Advent as a time of light-hearted celebration as we get ready for Christmas, but today's liturgy looks at it in a very different way, with warnings of disasters and exhortations to stand firm and pray constantly for the strength to survive all that is going to happen.



Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend
December 8th & December 9th, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch 5:1-9 (6C)
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Scripture readings are held each **Wednesday after 8am Mass in the Rectory.** These readings help us to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.



Prayers of the Faithful

Judy C., Ron,
Deanne MacDonald,
"Rosebud" Bouquet

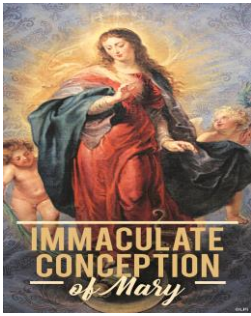
PARISH COUNCIL

will be held on Thursday, December 6th at 7:00pm
in the Parish Hall, all are welcome.



Please join us on Sunday, December 9th,
for our Parish Family Gathering
where all generations will gather together to
Come and hear the story of the birth
of our savior through the reading
of sacred scripture and singing
of popular Christmas hymns

The morning will start at 9:00am in the Parish Hall, and then move to the Church for the reading of The Christmas Story. ALL Parishioners of ALL ages are invited to join together for this inspiring morning!



The Eve Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated on Friday, December 7th at 7:00pm.



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to **Paul Ruminski, Allan Claus, Kevin Baranowski and Gordon Jackson** for setting up the Nativity Scene and the trees next to it, it looks beautiful. Also a humble thank you goes out to **James and Heather Zywiczynski** for donating the two manger trees and the Advent wreath on the altar. We warmly thank **Ed and Becky Bartels Russell** for the hay in the manger.

Gift to God:

Collection Week Of: 11/25/2018

\$2625 Regular Collection,
\$80 Religious Education,
\$158.25 Votive Candles

Attendance Week Of: 11/25/2018

Saturday Mass 5pm ~ 55
Sunday Mass 8am ~ 85
Sunday Mass 10:30am ~ 88
Total = 228

*Counters for December 9th– Z
September-October*

YTD Collections \$26,490
YTD Budget \$26,827
YTD Variance (\$337)

DECEMBER

Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

M – Memorial A – Anniversary L –Living

Monday, December 3rd

8am Fr. Florian Zaklikowski, OFM, CONV
(Len Kasprzak & Family)

Tuesday, December 4th

8am Members of the Golden Treasury of Masses

Wednesday, December 5th

8am Stanley Zywiczynski (Barilec Family)

Thursday, December 6th

8am Julius Wiozinski (Family)

Friday, December 7th

8am Lisa Williams – **L**
(Joyce Michalski)

Saturday, December 8th

5pm Ron Michalski – **M** (Joyce-Wife)

Sunday, December 9th

8am Dan Ebert Sr. – **M**
(Zakrzewski Family)
10:30am Rose Pacyna
(Dan & MaryAnn Posluszny)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, December 8th | 5pm | Help Needed |
| Sunday, December 9th | 8am | Help Needed |
| | 10:30am | Catherine Youngers |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, December 8th | 5pm | N Hack & C Roth |
| Sunday, December 9th | 8am | J Montgomery & C Kramer |
| | 10:30am | S Youngers |

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, December 8th | 5pm | Pam Turner |
| Sunday, December 9th | 8am | Valerie Sullivan |
| | 10:30am | Mary Ruminski |

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

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| Sat/Sun December 8th – December 9th | •5pm K Orlando • 8am S Franczak • 10:30am M Szucs |
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