

**First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021**

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The First Sunday of Advent – Nov. 28th 2021



For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new Liturgical Year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This

time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

*'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'*¹

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

The First Sunday of Advent marks the new Liturgical Year, and the Church shifts into a new Lectionary Cycle for Sundays, with 2021-22 from Year C, the Gospel of St. Luke. In the Sunday Gospel (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36) Jesus invites us to recognize the signs of the last days. This is a reminder that Advent is not just looking back at the first coming of Christ at Christmas, but our personal preparation for His Second Coming: "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Lesson 7: Human Beings and the Purpose of life

What is the soul? It is that part in you that never dies. The soul is real just as the body.

How do you know you have a soul? You can do spiritual things. You can think, do things voluntarily, refuse to do things, make things, enjoy a joke, work out problems among others. An animal can't do the above. That which makes you do the above is the soul.

Where did your soul come from? God created your soul and joined it to the tiny developing body in your mother's womb. (Isa. 44:2 – Thus says Yahweh who made you, who formed you in your mothers' womb....")

How long will your soul and body stay together? Until death which is caused by the separation of the body and soul. (Mt. 25:13 – And the dust returns to the earth as it once was and the life birth returns to God who gave it.)

What will happen to your body when you die? It will decay and return to the earth from which it came from (Gen. 3:19 - For dust you are and unto dust you shall return).

What will happen to your soul when you die? It will be judged by God and it will either go to heaven or hell.

Will your soul be ever joined to your body again? Yes, on judgement day, God will call your body back from the earth and join it to your soul. This is the resurrection.

After resurrection, will your soul and the body be always together? Yes, the soul and the body will always be together.

When will judgment day be? Nobody but only God knows. (Mt. 24:36 – But of that day and hours, no one knows, not even the angels of heaven but the Father only).

How should you prepare for judgement day? Pray constantly, strive to grow every day in your love of God and neighbor, obey God's commandments and do penance for your sins. (Luke 21:34-36 watch then prying at all times, that you be accounted worthy....).

Today's reality: What then is the purpose of life? To glorify God by striving always to know and love and serve Him better and by helping others do the same. (For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but suffer the loss of his own soul?)



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
Update on Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

Jesus reminds us today to be vigilant at all times by praying and sharing our lives and gifts with those we love and neighbors far and wide. Your participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is an extension of our call to share. Every gift matters. To date, St. Joseph Church with 17 donors, has committed \$5,160 towards our goal of \$7,945.42. Holy Cross Parish with 13 donors, has committed \$5,380 towards our goal of \$10,986. Please help us reach our goal.



TITHE.LY

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Both St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes now have an online giving option. The process is very simple. You may make a one time gift or sign up for something recurring and never have to remember your envelope again.

To sign up, visit your parish website and while at the home page, you will see a "Donate" button at the top right side. Click on it to create an account and set up how you would like to give to your parish. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 402-529-3891.

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Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of December 5th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky
EMHC: Dennis Mostek, Mary Mostek
PRAISE: Duane Neesen, Jeanie McTaggart
SERVER: Kris Pena
USHER: Michael Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of December 4th & 5th

LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Alison Kluthe
SERVER: Autumn Chohon, Mariah Andersen
OFF: Gary Godbersen
USHER: November Men's Group

LEC: Alan Harms
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Tammie Batenhorst
SERVER: Spencer Batenhorst, Paislie Burki
OFF: Mark Porter
USHER: November Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—November 21, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$530.00
Plate:	99.00
Children:	2.00
Thanksgiving:	750.00
Total:	\$1,381.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Nov. 28th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, Dec. 5th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

MEN'S WORK GROUP—November 2021

Chair: Jordan Feller
Co-Chair: Tim Montgomery
Members: Rick Jacobs, Chet Beckmann, Randy Jensen, Dave McGuire, Tom Feller, Ryan Schulz

MEN'S WORK GROUP—December 2021

Chair: Del Styskal
Co-Chair: Steve Gerken
Members: Jason Oligmueller, Dave Oligmueller, Dane Miller, Steve McManigal, Jeff Albers, David Dinklage



ADVENT TALK: Sunday, November 28th at Holy Cross Parish, Beemer
 + 4:00 pm—Speaker—Father Scott Schilmoeller
 + Confession to Follow
 + 6:00 pm—Meal & Fellowship
 Children's Activities & Free Babysitting
 Everyone Welcome!



Celebrations:

Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays:

Brenda Anderson November 28
 Jesus Pena November 29
 Renae Carlson November 29
 Carla Petersen December 2

Anniversaries:

Robert and Ashley Praest December 2

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—November 21, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,555.00
Plate:	450.00
Children:	17.00
All Saints:	20.00



GIFTS FOR KENYA: The needs for Kenya are many. We hope you are able to donate. Lists are available in the back of church. Any items or monetary donations are much appreciated. Thank You!



ST JOSEPH PARISH—POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia for the Christmas Season in memory of a loved one(s), the sign up sheet and envelope are in the back of the church. You may also put an envelope in the collection basket, or mail it to the church at PO Box 623. Be sure to include the name of your loved one(s) and \$20 for each Poinsettia.



Thank you! St Joseph Environment Committee

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	29	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	30	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	01	8:00 AM	HC	+ Dorothy Gentrup
Thu	02	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Carol Heller
Fri	03	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Jim Sapp
Sat	04	5:00 PM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	05	8:30 AM	HC	+ Duane Humlicek
Sun	05	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

ST. JOSEPH TRIVIA NIGHT
 February 26, 2022
 An evening of fun and entertainment
 More details to follow

CLEANING AT ST. JOSEPHS:

Only a short time left to look thru what's in the basement. Items include, fall and Christmas decorations, dishes, videos, and more. If you can give these items a good home, please do so. They will be sorted and donated around the 10th of December, that way things will be cleaned out before the Christmas program on December 15th. Please spread the word and go have a look. Thank You.



Reminder! **ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

THE HEAVENLY HENS...present "A Christmas Hallelu"
 At the Wisner-Pilger Fine Arts Theater
 Sunday, December 12th at 2:00 pm
 Free Will offering
 to go towards children's boots & mittens.

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

This past week we had Thanksgiving break. Schedule for the remainder of the year was sent home with the students last week. Reminder: Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, December 15th, at 6:00pm, followed by a soup supper. Families with last names of (A-L) are to bring 1 dozen pre-cut sandwiches and those with last names of (M-Z) are to bring 1 dozen cookies or bars (pre-cut).

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)

Grade 7-12: No class this past week due to Thanksgiving break. Classes will be held on December 1st & 8th. Christmas Bowling party will be on December 15th.