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**1st Sunday of Advent  
 November 27th, 2022**

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the **First Sunday of Advent**, opening the Advent season. 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.

Today, I will bless the wreath which is usually circular to represent God's infinite love. It's green color represents the season of hope that we are ushering into. We will also light the first purple candle which represents Hope. We live in hope and that is what faith is all about.

The **Gospel** is taken from *Matthew 24:37-44*. St. Matthew gives us a discourse which our Lord held with his disciples concerning the destruction of the temple of Jerusalem and the *Parousia*, or the second coming of Christ as judge of the world. In the verses we read today Christ is speaking of his second coming, and emphasizes its unexpectedness and suddenness.

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.

Christmas comes just once a year, but it's meaning and it's lesson, must remain in our hearts and minds all the year round. God wants us in heaven forever. He sent his Son on earth to bring us there. Aided by God's grace we resolve today so to live our lives that when death claims us, we shall meet Christ, not as condemning judge, but as a loving brother.

*In courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*

**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
**Advent Retreat for St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parishes**

I can't believe that Christmas is just around the corner! Before then, come and join us in a short retreat on Advent and reflection of the anticipated new way of doing things in our parishes. This event will be presented by **ADVENT** Fr. Kevin Vogel, the Pastor of the churches in Randolph, Osmond and Pierce, NE. It will be on Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at Holy Cross church, Beemer.



**.....Continued From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**Today's Catechism – Let's learn something about our Catholic Faith**

**Lesson 16: The Church**

*Did God intend that the Bible alone should be the guide to salvation?* No, because certain things in it can be misunderstood, and because the Bible does not give specific answers to all moral problems.



*How long did Jesus want his church to last?* Until the end of the world. Even though we have many churches today, Christ found only one Church that has direct connection to the apostles. It is Universal (Catholic) Holy and has unity through one pope.

*When was the name catholic first used of the church of Jesus?* In the year 110 by St. Ignatius of Antioch who wrote: "Where Jesus Christ is, there is the catholic church".

*Why do we say the Catholic Church is Holy?* Its founder Jesus is holy, it teaches a holy doctrine, it gives its members what is needed to be holy, many of its members have become saints.

*What do we mean by unity of Catholic Church?* It means that the Catholics all over the world: believe the same basic truths, obey the same laws, receive the same sacraments and are all united under one authority of the pope.

*Why do we say that when the church teaches, it is Christ doing it?* This is because the church is Christ's other self. (St. Paul calls the church, Christ (1Cor. 12:12). (Jesus himself identifies with his church and refers to it as "me".) (Acts 9:4).

*Why can't the Catholic Church ever be destroyed?* Because Jesus promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Mt. 16:18).

**Today's reality:** The Catholic Church accepts members of other Christian churches with respect and affection as brothers and sisters in Christ. However, they are not blessed with that unity which was handed down from Jesus himself to apostles and then to our church

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2022-2023**

This Advent, take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to you. Your gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal strengthen our parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your faithful support!



**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**  
**Weekend of December 4th**

**WORD:** Rita Eichelberger  
**EMHC:** Dawn Peatrowsky  
**SERVER:** Will Robertson

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**  
**Weekend of December 3rd & 4th**

**LEC:** Diane Davies  
**EMHC:** Alison Kluthe  
**SERVER:** Jose Ramirez Lugo, Jesa Montgomery  
 Mariah Andersen  
**OFF:** Steve McGuire  
**USHER:** December Men's Group

**LEC:** Holly Schroeder  
**EMHC:** Anne Ausdemore  
**EMHC2:** Alan Harms  
**SERVER:** Charlee Thies, Knoxyn Thies, Ella Jacobs  
**OFF:** Todd Schroeder  
**USHER:** December Men's Group

<b>Stewardship of God's Gifts</b>	
<b>Holy Cross—November 20, 2022</b>	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$720.00
Plate:	331.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Youth:	113.00
Thanksgiving:	800.00
HELP/Fuel:	100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,164.00</b>

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, November 27th—Team #3** Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer  
**Sunday, December 4th—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—December 2022**

**Chair:** Chris Borgelt  
**Co-Chair:** Tyler Oligmueller  
**Members:** Brian Phillips, Steve Ausdemore, Shane Batenhorst, Tim Phillips, Galen Minds, Alex Ausdemore, Spencer Batenhorst

**HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold it's regular meeting December 5th at 5:30 in the church basement.

**THE BABY JESUS SHOWER** will be held at this time. Proceeds from this are given to various charities: Birth-right, local Goldenrod family needs and Emergency Pregnancy Services.

**2022 ADVENT RETREAT**  
**November 27th**

at Holy Cross Parish in Beemer

3:30—Speaker: Father Kevin Vogel  
 5:00—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Adoration, Rosary, Scriptural Meditation, Confessions  
 5:55—Benediction  
 6:05—Dinner



<b>Stewardship of God's Gifts</b>	
<b>St. Joseph—November 20, 2022</b>	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,525.00
Plate:	190.06
Children:	16.00
Tithe.ly Online:	180.81



**Celebrations:**

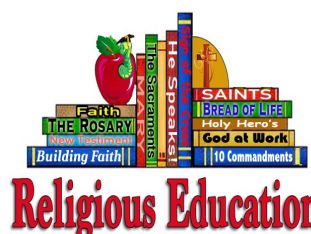
Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

**Birthdays**

Cristina Pena November 27  
 Brenda Anderson November 28  
 Jesus Pena November 29  
 Renae Carlson November 29  
 Carla Petersen December 2

**Anniversary**

Robert and Ashley Praest December 2



**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

**Grades K-6:** Remaining schedule for the year is:  
 November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 7<sup>th</sup>: Normal class times  
 December 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Program and soup supper.  
 Notes were sent home with students a couple of weeks ago. A reminder will be sent home on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12**

**Grade 7-12** Class at normal time this week for all grades.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SERVICES**

**Holy Cross** - Wed., December 7th at 5:30 pm  
**St. Joseph's** - Thur., December 8th at 8:00 am

**GriefShare – Surviving the Holidays**

Franciscan Healthcare in West Point will be hosting a GriefShare workshop. It is a 2 hour Christian based grief workshop. Participants will watch a short video given by grief experts, small group discussions and then an input from experts.



Date and Times are: December 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 7:00 pm and December 12<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The venue will be at the Hospital's second floor in the Clare conference room. For questions, contact Chaplain Tom Manhart at 402 372 6708 or [tmanhart@franhealth.org](mailto:tmanhart@franhealth.org). Check fliers for more information.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Mon	28	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	29	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Cleone Bates
Wed	30	8:00 AM	HC	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Thu	01	9:00 AM	SJ	+ Alvin Barent
Fri	02	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Francis & Vera Hetherington
Sat	03	5:00 PM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	04	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Leo & Hildegard Hunke
Sun	04	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Caleb Ladehoff

SJ—St. Joseph's                      HC—Holy Cross  
 WCC—Wisner Care Center      CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer

