



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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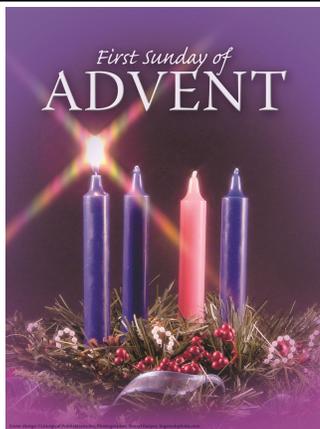
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” - Mt 24:40-42

PASTOR NOTE



Happy Advent! This is such a wonderful season in the Church. The Church encourages us to slow down and prepare for the coming of our Savior. The saints often speak of the three comings of Christ. First, we remember His coming at Christmas. This is such a cause of joy. I hope that we will be well prepared to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas.

Next, we contemplate Christ's coming here and now in our life. Jesus so much wants to be a part of your daily lives. He desires that you make room for Him through prayer, participation at Mass and through your holiness of life. This coming of Christ is marked with charity. This coming is truly a challenge and struggle. Allow our Lord to more and more be the master of your life. Give your time to Him by attending Sunday Mass, one of the daily Masses and our parish's times of Adoration. Also, allow Him to come into your life by choosing His way of love and peace by putting aside sinful habits. Make a good confession during this Holy Season of Advent. We have confessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30pm, and Saturdays at 3pm. Call me to make an appointment for confession. Later this

month, I will offer extra times for confessions: Sun. Dec. 18 at the end of retreat; Mon. Dec. 19th at 7pm; Wed. Dec. 21st at 5pm; Thur. Dec. 22nd, 7pm; Dec. 24th at 12pm and 3pm. Through a good confession we allow Christ here and now to come to us with His mercy and forgiveness.

Finally, the saints speak about Christ's coming at the end of time. We focus on this coming at the start of Advent. Focusing on Christ's second coming at the start of Advent is only right. By focusing on the goal (Heaven), our lives become properly oriented. Christ has created us to be with Him in Heaven. We have to keep our eyes fixed on the goal of Heaven. This right vision helps us here and now to always choose the way of Christ. Advent challenges us to re-orient our lives. We have been made for heaven, not just this world. At the start of Advent, the Church reminds us to look beyond our day to day lives and remember the goal of Heaven. Advent challenges us to choose the goal of Heaven through living a life of holiness.

Advent calls us to open our heart to the three-fold coming of Christ: at Christmas, now in our lives, and at His second coming. May we embrace Him now so that we will be ready to join Him in the glory of Heaven. May we have a good and holy Advent and truly prepare the way of the Lord. Come Lord Jesus! Come into our lives.

This is the schedule for the upcoming season, please mark your calendar:

Sun. Dec. 18th, Advent Retreat: 1pm to 6pm

Extra Confessions: Mon. Dec. 19th at 7pm; Wed. Dec. 21st at 5pm; Thur. Dec. 22nd, 7pm; Dec. 24th at 12pm and 3pm.

Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm, 7pm, and 10pm

Christmas Day Masses: 9am

Parish New Year's Eve Party: 7pm

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT

But, for all of you, who are married, know that is not all that simple. Marriage can be hard and challenging. There are millions of temptations against authentically living married love. Although these temptations may be constant and strong, Jesus is stronger. He has guaranteed His constant presence and grace for the married couple. So, each of these temptations are not faced alone. They are faced with the power and presence of Christ. Because Jesus has elevated marriage to the glory of a sacrament, He has also filled the couple with the grace to overcome all temptations. He has united them to the power of His cross. This power vanquishes all sin and all temptation. In moments of weakness, the couple simply needs to call upon the power of Christ who will immediately come to their aid and strengthen them. His power is ever present in the midst of ever present temptation.

However, the couple must learn to cooperate with this power of Jesus. He freely gives His gifts, but demands that we freely respond and cooperate. Therefore, the couple must develop ways of prayer, both personal prayer and prayer as a couple. Through a life of prayer they will develop habits of being receptive to the prompting of God's grace and His direction in the midst of temptation and hardship. This prayer must be centered on the Holy Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. Earlier I discussed that Jesus' life, death and resurrection can be understood in terms of marriage. Married life is intimately connected to the cross.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 28 **Weekday**
7:00 am +Beth Uher by Bill & Janet Politsch

Tuesday, November 29 **Weekday**
5:15pm +Mike Bickett by Dennis & Lori Bickett
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 30 **St. Andrew, Apostle**
7:00 am + Christine Jordan Kalil
by Gary & Becky Peach

Thursday, December 1 **Weekday**
5:15pm +Edward and Iola Carlson
by Joanne Stocking
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, December 2 **First Friday**
7:00 am +Stephanie Colby-Aburto
by Margaret Andersen

Saturday, December 3 **First Saturday Devotion:**
Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Advent
7:00am +Ray DeMarlie by Joanne Stocking
4:00 pm +Terry Goldsmith by Mary Sue Goldsmith

Sunday, December 4 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
7:30 am + Robert & Michael Foster
by Colleen Sailer-McCauley
9:00 am +Lilliana Mave Sutton
by Jim and Connie Sutton
10:30am People of the Parish

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: Being Surprised by Christ

Some people hate surprise parties. There are those who are uncomfortable with a last-minute vacation or even an unexpected travel upgrade. If it wasn't part of the plan, it's a cause for consternation.

There is a temptation to view these folks as curmudgeonly — sticks in the mud, obsessed with predictability. But I think if we're being honest, there's a little bit of the surprise-averse in all of us.

Deep within the very heart of the element of surprise is a kernel of shock. And shock, in the moment, can feel similar to trauma. If we reflect on the most traumatic occurrences of our lives — a loss, an accident, a calamity — it is likely that we will say this: "It was the shock more than anything that got to me." Grief or fear, those feelings were overwhelming as well, but they came later. In the first moment, all we knew was we were going about our lives on one path until we were thrust on a different one and then the whole future changed.

This is the natural rhythm of our life here on earth. We never know what is coming — which is to say, in a beautiful way, we always know what is coming. More importantly, we know Who is coming.

Like the early riser who sets the "pre-alarm" (the one on which he knows he's going to hit snooze just to take the edge off the disappointment of waking up), we are always being given a heads-up in Scripture. From the earliest prophecies of the Messiah to Jesus' reminders in the Gospel to the very last words of Revelations, God has communicated to His stewards: You know the time. The time is now. We are called to constant vigilance, perpetual renewal, steadfast accountability.

In the end, the coming of Christ may be the only event in history that was a surprise, but not a shock — and so it will only be beautiful, even for those who hate surprise parties. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, December 3rd

Altar Servers: Cameron and Sam Lawrence
 EMHC: Tim Smith, Chris Williams
 Lectors: Julie Hassler
 Sacristan: Julie Hassler
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, December 4th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
 EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Rita Pacunas
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano
 Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

9:00 am: Sunday, December 4th

Altar Servers: Patsy and Angelo Bystry
 EMHC: Cyndy Behrends, Tim Taylor
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Steve Bouslog
 Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
 Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Sunday, December 4th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason and Brennan Roden
 EMHC: Tim Smith, Patty Daluga
 Lectors: Jeff Peacock
 Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
 Ushers: Bart Maciczak, Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Cyndy Behrends 9/N
 Tim Taylor 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Gerry Woodlief —
 Aperia; Marybeth Crowe—Hawthorne; Rita
 Tracey—Liberty; Paula Lough—Greenfield

ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI	7:00 AM
TUE, THR	5:15 PM
SAT	4:00 PM
SUN	7:30, *9:00, 10:30 AM

First Saturday Devotion 7:00 AM

*SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook
 (when a volunteer camera operator is available)

RECONCILIATION

TUE, THR	4:30—4:50 PM
SAT	3-3:45 PM

Or, by appointment. Call or email Msgr. Kruse to make an appointment. In order to maintain privacy, he will be in the confessional a few moments before the arranged time. 309-634-5822 | jameskruse1996@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR 4:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— Contact the Parish Office for access code.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through November 13th, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 6,779.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 279.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$130,000.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$132,284.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 2,284.00

All Saints Day \$897.00

Due to the early bulletin submission deadline for the holiday, totals for **November 20th** were not available at the time of printing and will be in next weekend's bulletin.

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on Sunday, December 4th at 6:30pm at Harkrader Hall. Everyone is invited to meet for a Question/Answer session about any faith topic. Individuals ask their questions and Msgr. Kruse attempts to provide an answer.

Readings for the week of November 27

Sunday: Is 21-5/Ps 122:1-2, 34, 45, 6-7, 89/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
 Monday: Is 42:6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4c+d, 5, 6-7, 89/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7, 8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 89, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6, 8
 Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7, 8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-1

ADVENT PRAYER

*Hail and blessed be the hour
 and moment in which the Son of God
 was born of the most pure Virgin Mary,
 at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing
 cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech
 Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer
 and grant my desires,
 [here mention your request]
 through the merits of
 Our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and of His blessed Mother. Amen
 -St. Andrew*

CATECHIST'S CORNER

Happy New Year! No, I'm not a month early. This weekend marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Unlike the secular calendar, which starts on January 1st, the liturgical calendar starts with the first Sunday of Advent. Today, we celebrate the start of a new year in the Church!

Today also marks the start of a new monthly section in the bulletin, the Catechist's Corner. Here, the other catechists and I will share a bit about what we're presenting in the atrium. This section is for everyone, whether or not you have kids at home. One of the beautiful things about our faith is that it's always possible to go deeper and learn more. I invite you to, as Jesus asks, "become like little children" and join us in this Catechist's Corner every month.

With the start of a new year, we have also entered a new liturgical season in the Church. The decorations in the church have changed from the green of ordinary time to the purple of Advent. In the atrium, we sometimes call ordinary time "growing time" because it is a time to quietly grow in our relationship with Jesus. Purple reminds us that this new season is a time of preparation. The next time you are in the church, notice how the colors and decorations have changed. Do you see anything else that reminds us we are in a time of preparation? During this season of Advent, what can we do to prepare our hearts and homes to welcome Baby Jesus at Christmas?

In Christ's Love, Rebekah Mead

CCW

The CCW Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 6pm in Harkrader Hall. Cost is \$15 per person which includes your meal and drinks and entertainment! You don't want to miss the PHS Madrigals performance at our party! If you haven't already done so, please sign-up. The sign-up sheet is located on the Information Table outside Harkrader Hall. **All women of the parish are welcome!**



The annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be held in Harkrader Hall **after** all Masses the weekend of Sat., December 3rd and Sunday December 4th.

All parishioners are invited to donate 3 dozen homemade Christmas cookies. All cookies should be dropped off at Harkrader Hall on that Saturday during our setup time between 1:30pm and 4pm. Cookies **will not be sold until after** 4pm Mass. And again **after** all Sunday Masses.

Refreshments will be served only after 7:30 & 9am Mass on Sunday. Please join us to start the Holiday Season. We are so blessed to have such a generous parish community!

Pat Galassi-Carlson, Chairman Christmas Cookie Walk
815-719-2752

MAGI BABY CHEST

Mark your calendar and spread the word the next date for the Magi Baby Chest is December 3rd!



Here is a list of needed items for **December**: Wipes (Unscented Preferred), Diapers (sizes 5, 6, & 7), Prenatal Vitamins (Unopened), toy nativity sets, humidifiers, baby toys (newborn to 4 years old), bassinets, cribs, crib mattresses, seasonally appropriate girls clothes (sizes: newborn, 3mo, 9mo, 18mo, 2T, 3T and 4T), seasonally appropriate boys clothes (sizes: newborn, 3mo, 6mo, 9mo, 2T, and 3T), and grocery bags.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY HARKRADER HALL SATURDAY

DECEMBER 3RD 7PM

Appetizers, wine, beer and soda will be provided.

(must be 21 or older to attend)



"Treasure" Take-Away: As we continue to transform the Catechetical Center, we have discovered many "treasures" that need a new home. On Dec. 10th from 8:00-11:00 AM, parishioners are invited and encouraged to stop by the gymnasium to take from our "treasure trove" those things that would benefit you or your family. It is first come first serve. There is a wide assortment of items: children reading books and academic games, athletic balls, rackets, bats, etc., Christmas items, athletic uniforms, sweatshirts, and school uniforms, electronic equipment, sports trophies, and many other things.

First Saturday Devotion

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world

Saturday, December 3rd 7am



A Holy Hour for Life Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

All are welcome to gather in prayer on the fourth Sunday of each month from 6-7 pm in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.



Please join us this Sunday, November 27th