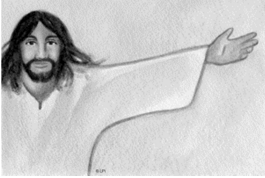


## November 30: First Sunday of Advent



*"Jesus said to his disciples: ?Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"- Mk 13:33, 37*

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## LITURGY

### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

#### Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent I (Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- David Kostelnik

5:00 pm- Daniel Silgero (Spanish Mass)

#### Monday, December 1, Advent Weekday, (Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11)

7:00 am- Elsie & Joe F. Steffek

10:00 am- Ed Biehunko (H'ville Rehab)

#### Tuesday, December 2, Advent Weekday, (Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11)

7:00 am- Magdalene Kristek

#### Wednesday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, (Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24)

7:00 am- Elroy & Judith Koerth

8:05 am- Gene Szwarc

#### Thursday, December 4, Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27)

7:00 am- Joe N. Steffek

10:00 am- Deceased members of the Anna & Frank Kahane Family & Dr. John M. Breckenridge

(Stevens)

#### Friday, December 5, Advent Weekday, Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

7:00 am- Joe & Mary Vanek Family

8:05 am- Victor & Lena Grafe

#### Saturday, December 6, Advent Weekday, Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:30 pm- James Kouba

#### Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent I (Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8)

8:00 am- Alfonse F. Dorothy, Evelyn, & Ervin Grahmann

10:30 am- Joe P. Zappe

**Bulletin Sponsor:** In Memory of John & Laura Grahmann by Roy & Loretta Hardcastle

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** KJZT Society #2

**Vigil Light:** In appreciation of answered prayers.

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$5,587; Loose-\$1,225; Children-\$50; Manna-\$2,351.

*Pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

-Church Choir Practice, 6:00 pm

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 am

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- CCD K-12, 6:00pm-7:30pm

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

- RCIA Class, Family Center, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Amanda Gutierrez, Becky Pekar, Karen Kahane, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcak, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Henry Konvicka, Sweet Hrcir, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Leo Haas, Jr., Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Anita Pesek nursing home residents, & the homebound.

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Melvin & Lorraine Rasmussen	51 years	Nov. 30
Marvin & Annette Grahmann	35 years	Dec. 2

**Perpetual Adoration:** An adorer is needed at 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. Please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

**Calendar Membership:** **Nov. 20:** Alphonse Besetzny, Schulenburg -\$100; **Nov. 21:** Mrs. Bill Bludau -\$100; **Nov. 24:** Roger Janak -\$50; **Nov. 25:** Magdalene M. Steffek-\$50; **Nov. 26:** Irene Szwarc-\$50.

**Christian Mother's Society:** The Christian Mothers Society will have their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Family Center. A visit will be made by Santa. Members may bring a small gift for your child with their name on it. A program for the children will begin at 2:15 followed by lunch, and then a visit from Santa. Members are asked to bring sandwiches, chips, dip, or dessert. Members, husbands and family are cordially invited.

**Dec. 10:** 7<sup>th</sup> Graders to be dropped off & picked up at LAJ Youth Center to help with St. Nick gift packing.

**8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders** to attend Net Team Retreat, Family Center. Meal at 5:30 p.m. Retreat 6-9:30 p.m.

All other Grades have class as usual. (Mass on Dec. 17)

**KJZT Society #2 Christmas Party,** Sunday, December 14 begins at 11:30 a.m., Family Center. Meal served at noon. Members please RSVP to Mary Ann 798-5033, Renee 798-3886 or Jennifer 798-9967 before December 5 if planning to attend.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

Thank you to all who participated in the Christ the King Procession last Sunday. It was a beautiful day and the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament gave witness to others about Jesus our King.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent.

“Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. It is a Season of Hope.

The advent wreath is a good form of prayer. Each Sunday of Advent and the week following, we light a candle, one for each week of Advent as we progress through the Advent Season.

**Youth Night:** We would like to thank all who attended last week’s youth night! We had one of our best turn outs of the year, and a great time!

We will not be having a Youth Night in the month of December. However we will be making a trip to the nursing home to visit and play games with the residents of Stevens Rehabilitation on Sunday, December 14. More details in upcoming bulletins. As we look forward to starting advent, let us meditate on the things that are most important to us, and pray that these things are the things that God wants them to be. God bless.

**Attention All Ministers:** Please call the Rectory by Tuesday, December 9 to let us know which Christmas Mass you will be attending; otherwise, ministers will be scheduled according to the person next in line. This is for all ministries.

**If you are looking for that something special for someone during the Christmas Season-- Shop now for that special gift available at the Rectory — Advent Wreaths, candles , Nativities, ornaments, etc.**



**ATTENTION  
ALL  
MINISTRIES**

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

— Mk 13:35-36

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**1st Sunday of Advent**

“What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’” The season of Advent begins with this exclamation from the Lord. He urges us, “Be watchful! Be alert!” This is not the time for a spiritual snooze. Advent is meant to serve as a wake-up call for those of us Christians who have a tendency to start drifting off after a while. We get into our routines, find the patterns that work for us, and then run the risk of just going through the motions. Maybe we say a morning prayer with consistency but have begun to forget to really think about the words. Perhaps we rouse ourselves enough to get to Mass on Sundays, but when we’re there we let our minds daydream. Some of us might have made spiritual resolutions to overcome a bad habit or to begin some regular program of service, but instead of following through with the hard work of



perseverance, we gave up the effort and fell back into our previous rut.

Whatever the case, now is the time to shake ourselves free and to ask God to invigorate us once again.

Now is the time to stop zoning out and start tuning in. Jesus' message today has the intention of getting our attention. He's doing what he can; the rest is up to us. As Advent begins, we would do well to pause for a few moments and reflect. What might be preventing me from being fully awake to my faith? What activities preoccupy my time and my thoughts? What bad habits blur my spiritual vision? How could I really listen to the voice of the Lord this Advent season? Saying a special prayer during these four weeks, committing to some spiritual reading, even simply putting an Advent wreath on the table: any of these things can help us stay awake as we continue watching and waiting for the coming of Christ.

**Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!**

Heavenly Father, We believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

