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**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sat., November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00PM- (St. J.)**

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**Sun., November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**8AM - (St. P.)**

- For Gregory Fitts by Roasalie Strain

**9:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For William Daskiewich by (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.) by Family

**Mon., November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For Joann F. Muller by The Family

**Tues., December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**8:30AM- (St. J.)**

- For Rev. Canon Richard Wilczynski by Fr. Matt Lyons

**Wed., December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. P.)**

- For The Living & Deceased Members Of The Catholic Women's Club by Members

**Thurs., December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For Dcn. John Leo Oduor (Seminararian) by The Parish

**Fri., December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. J.)**

-For Art Haile by Gail Haile

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sat., December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00PM- (St. J.)**

- For Colleen Bedore by Bill & Lori Bourgeois

**Sun., December 6<sup>th</sup> (Family Formation Class)**

**8AM - (St. P.)**

- For Anna Grace Leffingwell Kirk (Ann.) by The Family

**9:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**CONFESSION TIMES THIS WEEK**

**AT ST. JOSEPH'S**

5:00-6:30PM on Wednesday

3:15-3:45PM on Saturday

**If you would like an appointment for confession please call the parish office. 315-942-4618**

We remember in our prayers

Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,

Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,

Walt Belewich, Sr., Ann Lash, Paul Hartness,

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**Christmas Masses This Year!**

**Please Sign up for the Christmas**

**Mass you will be attending.**

**Sign-up sheets are at the Church**

**Entrance or call the Parish Office at**

**315-942-4618. Please leave the names**

**and phone numbers of each person.**

**Hope Appeal 2020**

**Thank you to everyone who has donated or pledged to the 2020 Hope Appeal. We have met \$9,370.00 in donations and \$2,535.00 in pledges towards our Hope Appeal Goal goal of \$19,295.13. We Have \$7,390.13 to go! The Hope Appeal will close on Jan. 31, 2021. What we don't realize in donations will come out of our savings. Hope Appeal pledge envelopes are at the Church Entrances.**

**Family Formation Weekend is Next Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Please sign in, wear your masks and social distance to ensure our families can continue to feel safe attending our religious education program. Thank You!**

**READINGS GOD'S WORD BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE ONE. THE DONATION IS \$15.00 THIS YEAR.**

**Next Saturday!**

**Knights of Columbus**

**Annual Christmas Tree Sale**

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Beginning at 9:30AM until gone.**

**(Local delivery is available)**

+JMJ

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent we

enter into our spiritual preparation for

Christmas. Years ago, on the vigil of a great feast, the color violet would be used at Mass.

This color symbolizes a penitential day or season. It is meant to prepare us to receive the graces God wishes to give us for that

particular feast through prayer, fasting and

almsgiving. Through these three things we

strive to empty out spiritually whatever in us is keeping God from working in our soul.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving and penitential

practices in general help to train our will so

that we strive to do God's will alone. Advent

and Lent are both several weeks long, which

shows us the importance of Christmas and

Easter and how much the Lord wants us to

prepare spiritually.

There is an old traditional prayer that would

be said during Advent that can be a help in

meditating on Jesus' birth. This would be said

15 times each day starting on the feast of St.

Andrew (November 30) until Christmas.

Saying this prayer and meditating on it can

help us keep our mind set in Advent looking

ahead to Christmas.

It tells us to be attentive to the time in which God Himself came into our world. God the one who created all things, enters into the world HE created, in order to save humanity from their sins. It also describes and the conditions He came into. The "piercing cold" is a physical reflection of the spiritual situation of the world when Jesus was born: since Adam and Eve, everyone was stuck with original sin and their own sins without a sure way of forgiveness. Remember Jesus' words to Pontius Pilate near His death: "For this was I born, and for this came I into the world", meaning His birth points to His later death, which opened heaven to us and gave us the ability to share in God's divine life through our baptism.

This prayer references the Blessed Virgin Mary, the "most pure Virgin Mary," reminding us that she herself had no original sin, she was a virgin mother and remained virgin thereafter.

We can imagine St. Joseph as well, considered by many other saints to be the holiest person after the Blessed Mother. A man entrusted with taking care of and protecting Jesus and Mary themselves.

St. Andrew 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 Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.**

*Fr. Matthew Lyons*



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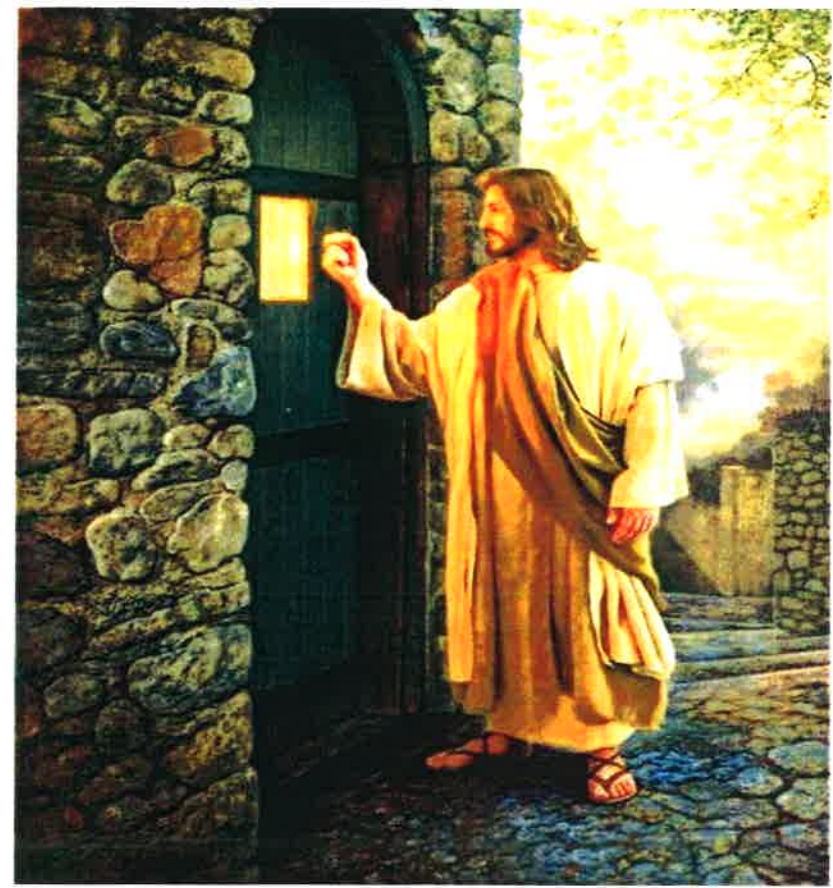
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**First Sunday of Advent**  
 This weekend's readings begin on pg. 859-- Year B  
**Nov. 29, 2020**  
 Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
*Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down!*  
 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
*We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*  
 Gospel Acclamation  
*Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.*  
 Mark 13:33-37  
**Be watchful! You do not know when the lord of the house is coming**

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