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ST. DOMINIC

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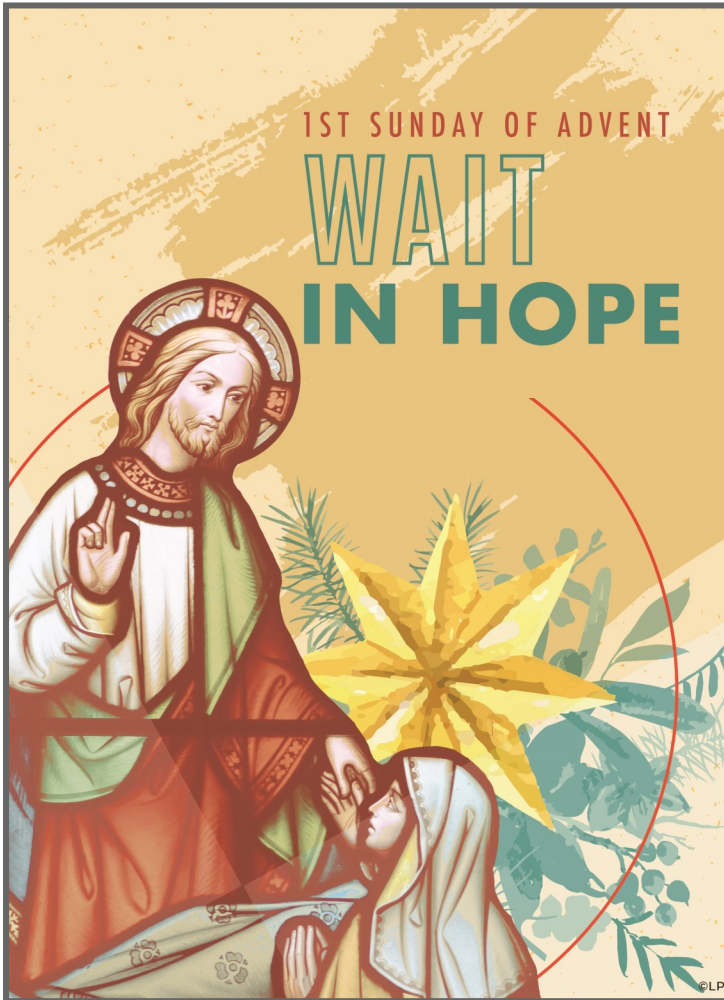


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

GRANTSBURG

First Sunday of Advent

November 30th & December 1st, 2024



There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to men, His coming into men, and His coming against men. –St. Bernard

Weekly Mass Times

St. Dominic:		Immaculate Conception:	
Saturday	4:30 PM	Sunday	8:30 AM
Sunday	10:30 AM	Thursday	9:00 AM
Tues & Wed	10:30 AM	Friday	5:30 PM

Advent Reflection

Our weekly themes this Advent will be focused on Hope - the habit of waiting with joy, patience and perseverance. Hope is one of the three theological virtues. It is more than passive optimism - everything will be ok. It actively calls us to place our trust in God's promises.

Advent is a season designed to help us focus on the blessing of hope. Our theme for the first week is *Patient Hope*. We wait with patience for the coming of our Savior, for the fulfillment of God's promise to all mankind. But it is hard to be patient when we are waiting for God's will to unfold in our lives. Time can seem to drag. There is a saying by Robert H. Schuller, "God's delays are not God's denials." This saying can bring us peace and comfort, knowing that God is calling us to be patient; that he is preparing our minds and hearts for his blessings.

During Advent it is sometimes easy to be impatient for Christmas to arrive, especially when it begins in the world around us as early as September. But it is important to prepare during Advent and remember that our hope is not in the gifts, food and fun of the season, but rather in the greatest gift our world has ever known—our Savior, coming in a manger for all mankind. For in him, that tiny infant, is our hope.

How are you waiting with *patient hope* this Advent?

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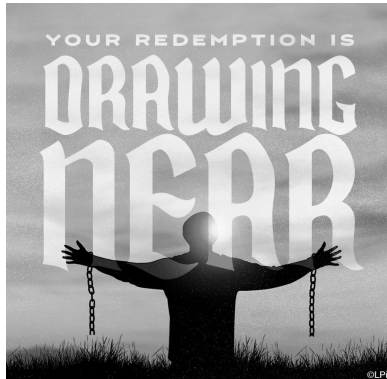
~~~ Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of the Gospel ~~~

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to

hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming." — Father John Muir ©LPi



Feast of Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because this Holy Day falls on a Sunday in Advent, the *obligation* is moved to Monday. Both parishes are offering Masses for this Feast Day. We encourage everyone to attend one of the services.

Sunday, December 8: SD - 4:30 pm

Monday, December 9: SD - 10:30 am

Monday, December 9: IC - 5:30 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary are on Wednesday this year. Please carefully check the times of Masses for these two feasts.



Dec. 24: IC - 5:00 pm

Dec. 31: SD - 4:30 pm

Dec. 24: SD - 7:00 pm

Dec. 31: IC - 6:30 pm

Dec. 25: IC - 8:30 am

Jan. 1: SD - 9:00 am

Dec. 25: SD - 10:30 am



Christmas For Kids

St. Dominic will be collecting gifts for children in Polk and Burnett counties. Tags will be placed on Christmas trees in the church. Take a tag or two and bring all unwrapped gifts to the church by December 15th. Your generosity of gift giving will bring much joy to children in our area.

Christmas Porch Pot Making

Join us at IC for Christmas Porch Pot making fun on Sunday, December 15th following the 8:30 am Mass. Just bring a large pot with dirt, as well as \$15 to cover the pot décor supplies. Wine and snacks will be served. PLEASE RSVP to Tera Bowman by Wednesday, Dec 11th. See you there!



Advent Reconciliation

There are several opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent.

Fr. Thomas is available after daily Masses, by appointment and on Saturdays at 4:00 pm (SD) & Sundays at 7:45 am (IC) to hear individual confessions.

While we will not be having a Reconciliation Service this year, we will be adding additional times when Father will be available to hear confessions.

Wednesday, December 11 @ SD 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 12 @ IC 9:30 - 10:30 am

Tuesday, December 17 @ SD 11:00 - 12:00 pm

Friday, December 20 @ IC 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Please make every effort to receive this sacrament during Advent to better prepare yourself to celebrate the coming of our HOPE – Jesus, our Savior – on Christmas.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us to "be vigilant at all times." Advent is a time of watchfulness. Things are moving and shifting and changing — in our souls, in heaven, on earth. It's a time of great consequence. Great trial. Great hope. So, look to Jesus. He is coming. ©LPi

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

This Advent we are offering the book, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* by Matthew Kelly. This spiritual resource presents profound truths, astonishing historical facts, powerful practical examples, a daily virtue to adopt, extraordinary prayers, and inspiring stories—all in an easy-to-follow daily format. After the close of the Eucharistic Revival last July, this book will help you experience Jesus in the Eucharist like never before.

The book is available in the back of church.



SD Fellowship: December 8

St. Jude - Maria Taylor

IC Fellowship: Sunday, December 8

St. Barbara - Jennifer Wagner

CCW Christmas Party

All women from SD and IC are welcome to get together for the annual Christmas party at the Pour House in Siren on Tuesday, December 10th. We will gather at 5:30 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Please call the parish office by Thursday, December 5th to RSVP.



IC Baby Shower



When: Sunday, December 8 after Mass
 Who: Ceilia VonHoltum-Martinez and baby due in February
 Where: Parish Fellowship Hall at IC

Frederic Nursing Home and CCC in Grantsburg Masses

On Thursday, December 5, there will be a 10:30 am Mass at CCC in Grantsburg. Please join us!

On Friday, December 6, there will be a 1:30 pm Mass at the Frederic Nursing Home. Please join us!

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?

Question: What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer: Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas. ©LPI

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 2

SD Quilting & Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 1:00 pm

Tuesday, December 3

SD Bible Study @ 11:00 am

Wednesday, December 4

IC Bible Study @ 12:30 pm

Check the Mass schedule on the next page for Mass dates and times at the Frederic Nursing Home and CCC in Grantsburg.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

Advent Preparations

Waiting is not always so easy. If you lack patience, like me, you probably want whatever is going to happen to just happen already. I remember waiting on the births of my children. There was the time I sat with my dying father in the hospital. One year, we waited to see if our oldest child got into the college of his choice, or any college at all, which seemed quite nerve-wracking.

So, to make the time pass more easily, and because it is prudent and wise, we make preparations. We put together nurseries, go over last will and testaments, and look through endless college mailings. Then, when the event finally happens or our fate is unveiled, the preparation ends. Either you have prepared well for that moment, or you realize your actions didn't prepare you at all.

Advent comes every year. So, unlike events in our lives that only happen once, we have been through Advent many times before. Even though this is the case, when Christmas arrives many of us will think we missed it again, and next year will be the year we really get into Advent. Of course, not to sound morbid, but there is no promise of next year. What if you knew this was your last Advent ever?

I read a book some years ago about how to live your life as if you only had one year to live. The author said that doing this provides incentive for a real commitment to living life to its fullest. You notice things for the first time. You make those plans that you always put off. You tell people what you always wanted to say.

I hope all who read this have many wonderful years ahead of them. However, let's approach this Advent like it is our last. I bet Christmas will seem that much sweeter. And who knows, we may find a new and improved way to live all year long. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

	SD	IC
Dec. 4	CLASS	CLASS
Dec. 11	CLASS	CLASS
Dec. 18	CLASS	CLASS



MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30 *St. Andrew*

SD 4:00 pm Confessions
SD 4:30 pm Twyla Rieck by Jo Hasse

Sunday, December 1 *1st Sunday of Advent*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions
IC 8:30 am People of the Parish
SD 10:30 am Rayola Sparish by Michael & Jean Matlock

Tuesday, December 3 *St. Francis Xavier*

SD 10:30 am Twyla Rieck by Mark & Sara Ronningen

Wednesday, December 4

IC 7-10 am Adoration
SD 10:30 am All Souls Day Intentions
SD 11-12 pm Adoration

Thursday, December 5

IC 9:00 am Stan Peer by The Harter & Bowman Families
IC 10:30 am Deceased Members of IC by CCW
Continuing Care Center - All are Welcome!

Friday, December 6 *St. Nicholas*

SD 1:30 pm Rayola Sparish by Mark & Sara Ronningen
Frederic Nursing Home - All are Welcome!
IC 5:30 pm All Souls Day Intentions

Saturday, December 7 *St. Ambrose*

SD 4:00 pm Confessions
SD 4:30 pm Gary Marek by Judy Marek

Sunday, December 8 *2nd Sunday of Advent*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions
IC 8:30 am Richard Michel by Elaine Michel
SD 10:30 am People of the Parish
SD 4:30 pm Joseph Durand by Ronda Thompson
Anticipation for the Feast of Immaculate Conception

Parish Services

Home Bound

Please contact the office to be placed on the communion list or if you would like a ride to Mass on the weekend.

Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office to get all the information you need for your upcoming sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

Prayer Chain

If you need a prayer said for you or your loved ones, please contact the office to begin the prayer chain.

Rosary

The Rosary is recited at SD - Saturday (4 pm) & Sunday (10 am)

STEWARDSHIP 11/17/24	SD	IC
Envelope Collection	\$1,450.00	\$1,232.00
Loose Collection	\$598.75	\$424.00
Children's Collection	\$48.00	\$18.25
<i>Still owed on CSA 2024-25</i>	WOW! \$0	WOW! \$0

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

Saturday, December 7

St. Dominic - 4:30 pm

Ushers: Bill Schommer, Don Supinski
Greeters: N - Colleen Draxler
S - Carol Schommer
Lector: Pam Klatt
Sacristan: Kathy Supinski
Communion: Colleen Draxler
Server: Steve Swies

Sunday, December 8

Immaculate Conception - 8:30 am

Homebound: Emily Hesla
Lector: Elaine Michel
Communion: Dolores Swenson
Sacristan: Shannon Webster
Ushers: Brian Webster, Tim Michel

St. Dominic - 10:30 am

Homebound: Colleen (S), Kathy (L), John (F)
Ushers: Ken Deutsch, Joe Draxler
Greeters: N - Mary Wallin
S - Jeanette Laqua
Lector: Judy Marek
Sacristan: Dave Malinovsky
Communion: Mary Wallin
Server: Patrick Chenal

St. Dominic - 4:30 pm *Feast of Immaculate Conception*

Ushers: VOLUNTEERS
Greeters: N - Colleen Draxler
S - VOLUNTEER
Lector: Ray Draxler
Sacristan: Maria Taylor
Communion: Colleen Draxler
Server: Patrick Chenal

Monday, December 9

St. Dominic - 10:30 am *Feast of Immaculate Conception*

Ushers: Sue Wallin, VOLUNTEER
Lector: Judy Marek
Sacristan: Nancy Chenal
Communion: Sue Wallin
Server: Steve Swies

Immaculate Conception - 5:30 pm *Feast of Immaculate Conception*

Lector: Jennifer Wagner
Communion: Shari Harter
Sacristan: Shannon Webster
Ushers: Brian Webster, Mike Cole

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: During the liturgical year, when is the very first solemnity celebrated?
Answer: December 8th—the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary