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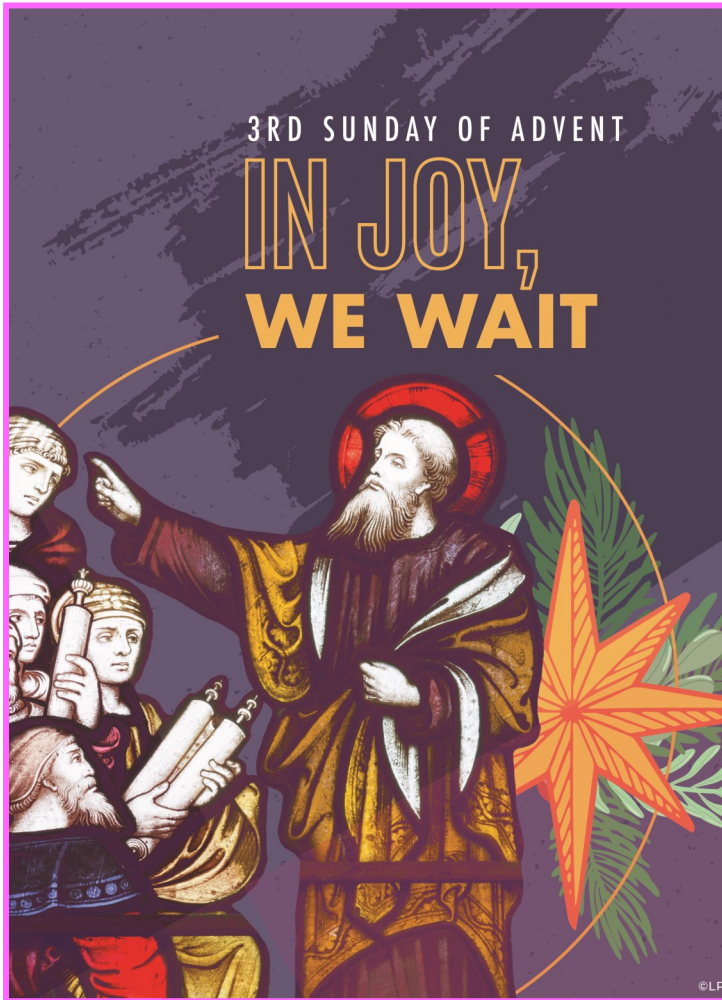


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14th & 15th, 2024



Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven.

-St. Camillus de Lellis

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 Advent themes this year are focused on Hope - the habit of waiting with joy, patience and perseverance.

Our theme for the third week of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, is *Joyful Hope*. In Romans 12:12 St. Paul urges us to 'be joyful in hope.' When we choose to be joyful in hope, God's love flows through our lives in many ways.

Being joyful in hope means choosing faith in every situation. No matter what circumstance we encounter in today's world, we can experience joy in hope, because joy is based on our relationships with God, who offers us hope. When we choose to live in faith, we choose to live with joyful hope, looking forward to the possibilities of what God may choose to do as we trust him. Here are three key ways to live out Paul's advice about joy and hope:

- 1. Expect the best.** Expecting the best outcomes by thinking hopefully about our future leads us to joy because we're focusing our minds on the source of joy, which is God.
- 2. Pray regularly.** Communicating with God through prayer is an essential way to access both hope and joy.
- 3. Look forward to learning.** God is always at work in our lives. Joyfully anticipating what we will learn through Him helps us stay focused on the hope God offers us.

Are you approaching Christmas with joyful hope?

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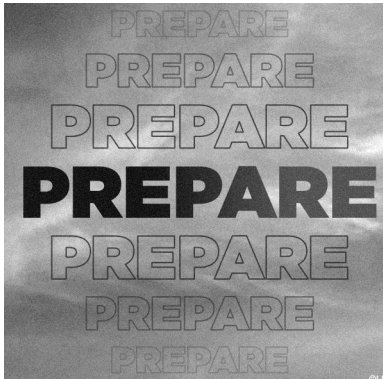
~~~ Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of the Gospel ~~~

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of

justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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	



St. Dominic Immaculate Conception Christmas Decorating



Immaculate Conception: December 22 following Mass.

St. Dominic: December 22 following Mass.

Please try to make time in your busy schedule to lend a hand. Many hands make light work.



Christmas For Kids

St. Dominic has collected gifts for children in Polk and Burnett counties. If you still want to donate, please bring your unwrapped gifts to the parish office by Tuesday morning, December 17 as they will be distributed after Mass. Your generosity in gift giving will bring much joy to children in our area.

Christmas Gift Cards

Looking for a few last minute gifts?

There's still time to order Christmas Gift Cards! Call Sue (715-497-6154) or Barb (715-220-7850) by 6 pm Sunday, Dec 15 to order your **Christmas Gift Cards**. This will be the last order placed before Christmas. (Inventory & local cards can be purchased next weekend or at the parish office Monday-Wednesday.)



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.

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

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ. ©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 22

Christmas Decorating - Merry Christmas

Knights of Columbus

52 Week Raffle Winners

For November

11/3: Allie Webster

11/10: Marie Ohnstad

11/17: Garrett

11/24: Riley Cummings



Pick up your **2025 Contribution Envelopes** in the parish hall. If you did not receive a box, but would like one, please call the parish office and we'll make one for you.

New Year's Eve Celebration at IC

Immaculate Conception will be hosting wine and cheese in the social hall after the 6:30 pm Mass on New Year's Eve.



Let us gather as a church family and celebrate the beginning of the new year!

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?

Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready. ©LPi

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 16

SD Quilting & Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 1:00 pm

KC Meeting @ SD 6:30 pm officers/7 pm business

Tuesday, December 17

No SD Bible Study

Wednesday, December 18

IC Bible Study @ 12:30 pm

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What do we call an ornamental canopy above an altar inside a church?

Answer: baldachin or baldachin

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

Be a Better Steward

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

	SD	IC
Dec. 18	CLASS	CLASS
Dec. 25	NO CLASS— <i>Merry Christmas</i>	NO CLASS— <i>Merry Christmas</i>
Jan. 1	NO CLASS— <i>Happy New Year</i>	NO CLASS— <i>Happy New Year</i>



MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14 *St. John of the Cross*

SD 4:00 pm Confessions
SD 4:30 pm Ben Schommer by Jim, Jackie & Natalie Schommer

Sunday, December 15 *3rd Sunday of Advent*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions
IC 8:30 am Tony Nelson by Kerri Harter
SD 10:30 am People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

IC 9:00 am Susan DeBruin by Tera Bowman & Kerri Harter

Friday, December 20

IC 5:30 pm All Souls Day Intentions

Saturday, December 21

SD 4:00 pm Confessions
SD 4:30 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 22 *4th Sunday of Advent*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions
IC 8:30 am Ruth & Robert Wegner by Mike & Lucy Myers
SD 10:30 am Rayola Sparish by Ronda Thompson



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 one half hour before weekend Masses.

STEWARDSHIP 12/1/24	SD	IC
Envelope Collection	\$2,005.00	\$2,185.00
Loose Collection	\$531.00	\$803.00
Children's Collection	\$3.00	\$21.00
Flower Collection	\$70.00	\$275.00
Still owed on CSA 2024-25	\$0	\$0

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

Saturday, December 21

St. Dominic - 4:30 pm

Ushers: Bill Schommer, Don Supinski

Greeters: N - Colleen Draxler
S - Carol Schommer

Lector: Sue Wallin

Sacristan: Maria Taylor

Communion: Colleen Draxler

Server: Steve Swies

Sunday, December 22

Immaculate Conception - 8:30 am

Homebound: Jennifer Wagner

Lector: Pete Lauer

Communion: Barb Benson

Sacristan: Barb Benson

Ushers: Tim & Jennifer Michel

St. Dominic - 10:30 am

Homebound: Colleen (S), Kathy (L), Colleen (F)

Ushers: John Helling, Joe Draxler

Greeters: N - Myrna Deutsch
S - Jeanette Laqua

Lector: Ken Deutsch

Sacristan: Jo Hasse

Communion: Myrna Deutsch

Server: Patrick Chenal



New Parishioners

Welcome!

If you would like to become a member of our Parishes, please fill out the following form. Then mail it, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket.

St. Dominic Immaculate Conception

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____