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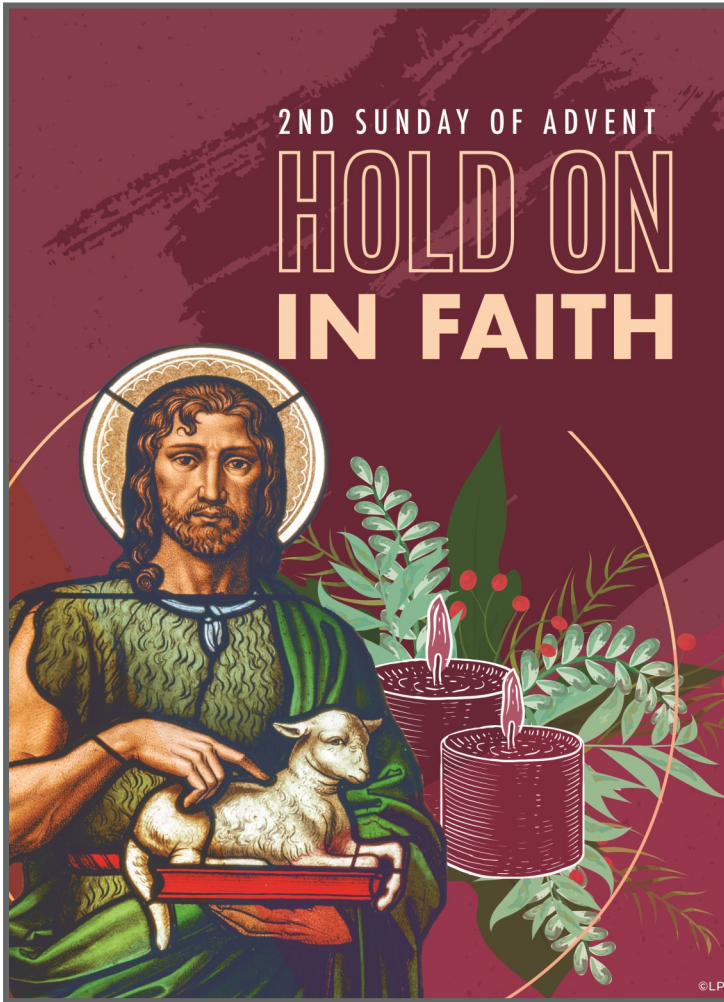


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7th & 8th, 2024



Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew.

—St. Francis de Sales

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. Hope actively calls us to place our trust in God's promises through acts of kindness, prayer, service and study of His word.

Our theme for the second week of Advent is *Persevering Hope*. Perseverance is persistence in doing something despite difficulty. This applies to our whole life, but most especially to prayer. St. Paul says "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances". He connects these three actions, for it is hard to persevere when we lack joy, stop praying and ignore the importance of gratitude.

When we persevere in prayer, we trust in God's plan with a passionate faith. We can see the hope that God has promised. Jesus tells us to never tire of praying, for God is always ready to answer us.

When our hope in God's promises determines our actions, faith grows. For example, by putting confidence in what they hoped for, not what they saw or felt, Mary and Joseph persevered.

At times, we feel uncertain, or we experience difficulty in life. Hope is what allows us to persevere through all the fear and agony.

Are you persevering in prayer for the hope of this Advent?

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

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is

meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with

these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— 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

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart. ©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 15

All Saints—Jeanette Laqua/Barb Murphy

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 this Tuesday, December 10th. We will gather at 5:30 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm.

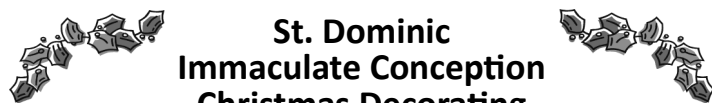


IC Gift Baskets Silent Auction

Thank you to all who donated baskets to the Silent Auction Raffle. Please be sure to check out the baskets. Bidding runs through December 15 when baskets will be distributed.



**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.

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?

Question: What is the Hispanic Advent custom of “Las Posadas”?

Answer: “Posada” is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. “Las Posadas” refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our “posada.” As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell. ©LPi

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 9

Holy Day Masses—see schedule on page 2

Tuesday, December 10

SD Bible Study @ 11:00 am

CCW Christmas Party @ Pour House in Siren

Wednesday, December 11

IC Bible Study @ 12:30 pm

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What is the difference between a cross and a crucifix?

Answer: A Crucifix always includes Christ’s body and a cross does not.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

Be the Flame for Others

I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed. I will bet over 50% of the wreaths never received a 4th flame! Of course by then, most kids in elementary school had moved on to Christmas. Christmas was not a day. It was an entire experience of vacation from school.

You may or may not have an Advent wreath in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don’t think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don’t wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

	SD	IC
Dec. 11	CLASS	CLASS
Dec. 18	CLASS	CLASS
Dec. 25	NO CLASS— <i>Merry Christmas</i>	NO CLASS— <i>Merry Christmas</i>



MASSES AND 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

Monday, December 9 *Feast of Immaculate Conception*

SD 10:30 am Louis Stocco by Joanne Stocco
IC 5:30 pm Gerald Klinkhammer by Karen Klinkhammer

Tuesday, December 10

SD 10:30 am All Souls Day Intentions

Wednesday, December 11

IC 7-10 am Adoration
SD 10:30 am Toby Carley
SD 11-12 pm Adoration

Thursday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

IC 9:00 am All Souls Day Intentions

Friday, December 13 *St. Lucy*

IC 5:30 pm Sally Strub by John & Bonnie Scheidt

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

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 11/24/24	SD	IC
Envelope Collection	\$810.00	\$970.00
Loose Collection	\$637.00	\$732.00
Children's Collection	\$5.00	\$8.00
Flower Collection	\$792.00	\$499.00
Still owed on CSA 2024-25	WOW! \$0	WOW! \$0



LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

Sunday, December 8

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*

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

Saturday, December 14

St. Dominic - 4:30 pm

Ushers: Bill Schommer, Don Supinski
Greeters: N - Sara Ronningen
S - Carol Schommer
Lector: Ronda Thompson
Sacristan: Elisabeth Franzen
Communion: Sara Ronningen
Server: Steve Swies

Sunday, December 15

Immaculate Conception - 8:30 am

Homebound: Barb Hoefler
Lector: Ken Kutz
Communion: Shari Harter
Sacristan: Shari Harter
Ushers: Mike Cole, Pete Lauer

St. Dominic - 10:30 am

Homebound: John (S), Maria (L), Sara (F)
Ushers: Dan & Thomas King
Greeters: N - Kris Opitz
S - Mary Erickson
Lector: Randy Antonich
Sacristan: Nancy Chenal
Communion: Kris Opitz
Server: Hattie & Carl Antonich