

November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. What do you know about this season in the Church that is all-too-often overlooked? Here is a brief article that can help remind us of the importance the Advent season:

“The word ‘Advent’ is from the Latin ‘*Adventus*,’ which means ‘coming.’ Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches), and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (which is November 30th), and so it will always fall somewhere between November 27th at the earliest and December 3rd at the latest. The liturgical color for this season is purple (Usually a deep purple as opposed to the lighter, red-violet shade of purple associated with Lent).

Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

As noted in the New Catholic Encyclopedia, during Advent, the faithful are asked:

to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of Love, thus to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge-at death and at the end of the world.

Origin and History of Advent: The exact time when the season of Advent came to be celebrated is not precisely known. Of course, it was not in practice before the celebration of the Nativity and Christmastide began; the earliest evidence shows that the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord was established within the later part of the 4th century. There are homilies from the 5th century that discuss preparation in a general sense, but do not indicate an official liturgical season. A Synod held in 590 established that Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from November 11th until the Nativity would be offered according to the Lenten rite. This and other traditions, such as fasting, show that the period of time now established as the Advent season was more penitential (similar to Lent) than the liturgical season as we know it today.

A collection of homilies from Pope St. Gregory the Great (whose papacy was from 590-604) included a sermon for the second Sunday of Advent, and by (the year) 650, Spain was celebrating the Sundays (five at the time) of Advent. So it seems the liturgical season was established around the latter part of the 6th century and first half of the 7th century. For the next couple of centuries, Advent was celebrated for five Sundays; Pope Gregory VII, who was pope from 1073-85, reduced the number to four Sundays.

Advent Today: The themes and traditions of the Advent season have evolved throughout the history of the liturgical season. As mentioned, the early Advent season was mainly penitential, close to the theme of the Lenten season. Today a penitential theme still exists, but it is not as intense as in 7th century. Also, it is blended with the theme of prayerful, spiritual preparation for the second and final coming of

Welcome to the Churches of

St. Paul &

St. Michael

We are happy that you are here! If you are new to our parishes, please call or stop at the Parish Office. We would love to meet you and answer any questions that you might have!

SACRAMENTS

Confession - Saturday 4:00pm at St. Michael; Sunday 8:25am at St. Paul and 8:00am before daily weekday Holy Mass at both parishes.

Baptism - Please contact the parish office.

Matrimony - Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick - This is for someone who is seriously ill, dealing with major surgery or infirm. Please contact Father Kasel to make arrangements.

WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Church of Saint Paul - Sunday Confessions at 8:25am, Rosary at 8:20am, Mass at 8:45am

Church of Saint Michael - Saturday Confessions at 4:00pm, Rosary at 4:35pm, Mass at 5:00pm

Church of Saint Michael - Sunday Mass at 7:00am, Rosary at 10:05am, Mass at 10:30am

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Church of Saint Paul - Tuesday and Thursday

Confession 8am & Mass 8:30am, Rosary at 8:10am before Mass

Church of Saint Michael - Wednesday and Friday

Confession 8am and Mass 8:30am

the Lord, as well as the joyful preparation for the annual festive remembrance of the Incarnation and Christ's birth.

In recent decades, a trend of wearing blue vestments rather than purple during Advent has emerged. However, purple is the appropriate vestment color, as noted in paragraph 346 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, in the section which discusses the prescribed colors for liturgical vestments:

Violet or purple is used in Advent and Lent. It may also be worn in Offices and Masses for the Dead.

Rose may be used, where it is the practice, on Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and on Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent).

Advent Traditions: Advent celebration and traditions can vary from place to place, influenced by culture. However, some traditions have come to be common throughout the (continued on page 4)



HOLIDAY TEA

Peace on Earth to People of Goodwill

Saturday, December 3, from 9:00am-11:30am
at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

Baked items, Crafts, & Raffle items are available!

Enjoy our Holiday Tea Table!

Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation:

Wednesday, December 7 St. Michael, Pine Island 8:00pm

Thursday, December 8 St. Michael, Pine Island 8:30 am

Thursday, December 8 St. Paul, Zumbrota 5:30pm

Thursday, December 8 St. Michael, Pine Island 7:00pm (Latin)



The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be on Sunday, November 27, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited! This month, we welcome Kay Swenson, a Veteran who served 6 years with the 79th MP Co. in Rochester. Kay will share her experiences as a Veteran, particularly on the loss of her son, LCpl Curtis Swenson, killed in action in Afghanistan in 2010. Let us give thanks for all the Veterans who have sacrificed so much for us and our country!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

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Holy Spirit Novena: December 1 to December 9

Birthdays Celebration

Father Kasel is coming up on his 50th Birthday on December 3. Since this represents a milestone year, many parishioners have expressed a desire to have a birthday party for Father Kasel. We are planning to do this on December 4 after the 10:30am Holy Mass. This will be an opportunity to celebrate Father's birthday with him as a parish family at St. Michael. There will be a sign up sheet at the entrance of the Church, asking for volunteers to bring a variety of salads. Cake will be provided. Thank you - and if you have any questions, please contact Barb Keehn or Carol Berns.

Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, November 30, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk. All high school students and confirmation candidates are invited to this youth event. Please RSVP to our parish office! God bless you!

Christmas Flowers: This year we will again be collecting Christmas Flower offerings for the purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas Season. You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The suggested donation is \$13. Please put your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, Dec. 18. If you miss this deadline, please drop off donation at the Church office the following week. Any money collected over the cost of the Christmas flowers will be used for flowers in the sanctuary throughout the year. Thank you and God bless you!

Advent Penances and Act of Charity

Dear Parishioners: As we enter Advent, I invite all to prayerfully consider undertaking voluntary penances and acts of Charity toward God and neighbor appropriate to this Season of the Church year. Doing this together across our parishes will increase our unity and provide new openings for the Holy Spirit to work in our parishes and our personal lives.

Here are some suggestions: abstaining from meat on Friday and another day of the week; fasting on Friday or another day of the week (fasting is: two half meals and only one full meal during that day, with no snacking in between meals); giving up desserts; volunteer your time at the church; make time for more personal prayer; attend one or two weekday Holy Masses per week; give special financial alms; forgive offenses; make apologies for wrongs and make a good Sacramental Confession. Your may also have some ideas for penances and acts of Charity. Let us make this an Advent that truly pre-

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture: SWORDS AND SERPENTS: A Study of Salvation History by: Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo

Trying to read the Bible for the first time can be a frustrating and confusing experience for those seeking insight and guidance for their personal spiritual life. In this salvation history lecture series, you will be guided on a journey through the Scriptures and be given the tools needed to read them as a coherent whole. Following the major figures and events of the Bible, you will build bridges through the confusing and lesser known parts of Sacred Scripture so as to "connect the dots" from Adam to the coming of the Messiah.

Event Details: Mondays, November 28, December 5, & 12. Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM EST, Lecture: 8:00 PM EST. Registration is required at: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/swords-and-serpents-regular-lecture-series>

WEEKLY TITHING November 19-20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,945.00
Plate:	\$ 1,164.41
EFT:	\$ 3,312.50
Total:	\$ 7,421.91
Kitui Mission Collection:	\$ 191.00



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Hosted by: St. Gianna Molla Guild

Ladies of the Parish: Please sign up to bring baked goods, and other food, and volunteer to work.

Retirement Fund for Religious second collection: Dec. 3-4

Help our elderly Religious: Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to helping others. Across the US, generations of Catholics gratefully recall their ministry in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and works of mercy. Most older religious served for little pay. Today, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for senior members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Parishioners,

Panthers Holiday Helpers Project needs your help! This Christmas project collects gift donations for children in need from Pine Island. You may donate any of the following winter wears: **HATS, CAPS, SCARVES, MITTENS, SNOWPANTS, GLOVES, and/or FACE MASKS.** These donations will go to both girls and boys, from birth to 18 years. Please consider making a donation to this worthy project. If you wish to make a monetary donation, someone from the Church of St. Michael will shop for you. Families will be coming to the school to choose the items for their children, so please do NOT wrap them. Please bring donations by December 3rd and place in the box in the entryway.

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for December: Your choice!

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 2, 2022

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

6:30pm (Latin) First Friday Holy Mass

Saturday, December 3, 2022

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, December 4, 2022

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 30, 2022 Michael Werber

December 2, 2022 Thomas York

December 2, 2022 †Nick Hoflund

December 3, 2022 Father Kasel (Josefina M. & Sara M.)

December 4, 2022 James Maina

December 4, 2022 Parishioners



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Archdiocesan Evangelization Prayer

Holy Spirit, renew your wonders in our time, as though in a new Pentecost, and grant that this Archdiocese, united in prayer around Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Peter, may spread the Kingdom of the divine Savior, a Kingdom of truth, of justice, of love, and of peace. Amen. Saint Paul, our great missionary patron, pray for us!

Forgiveness Prayer

In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, I willingly forgive anyone who has hurt or harmed me (including N., N., N., etc.). I forgive them with my whole heart and I ask God to bless them. (3 times) I choose to let go of the lack of love I experienced in the actions of (N., N., N., etc.). In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, I ask that my heart be filled with the Light and Love of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." St. Teresa of Calcutta

"The season of Advent is like springtime in nature, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy. Advent is also meant to do this to us - to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Christ in whatever form He may come to us." St. Teresa of Calcutta

"To Love is to will the good of the other." St. Thomas Aquinas

"The greatest kindness one can render to any man consists in leading him from error to Truth." St. Thomas Aquinas

"It is by the path of Love, which is Charity, that God draws near to man and man to God. But where Charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess Charity, we possess God, for 'God is Charity' (1 John 4:8)." St. Albert the Great

Prayers in the Holy Land: All parish members who provided written prayers for me to hand carry in a sealed envelope – the prayer intentions were all placed on each Altar at the 12 Holy Masses that were offered in the Holy Land during our pilgrimage. I also brought your unwritten intentions on your hearts to the 20 Holy sites that I visited in Israel. I also prayed for our parishes and members during a 9-hour Adoration in the Holy Sepulcher. The hand written prayer requests were left undisturbed at the Western wailing wall in Jerusalem. In gratitude for your prayers, Karen Hodgman

Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864 will meet Monday, November 28, 6:30pm at Holy Trinity in Goodhue. We will have a speaker from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Clare Ruff from the Hosea Initiative who will speak about the conversion of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, America's Abortion King. All are invited to the presentation.

WEEKLY TITHING November 20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 610.00
Plate:	\$ 27.00
EFT:	\$ 1,750.00
Total:	\$ 2,387.00

Christmas Sharing Collection: We will again be collecting items for those in our community that are need this Christmas - through the Community Connections Event. This is the same collection as in the past; however, no need to pick an ornament from the tree. Choose whatever requested item you wish and return to the vestibule or church office by **December 4**. Items requested are: Household products such as paper products, laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, toothpaste. Gift cards are also welcome. You could donate local cards - preferably \$20 increments so that all are the same value. Reminder tags are available on the board. Thank you for your generosity in sharing God's gifts with those in need. Please contact Maggie Eggerichs at 507-951-2316 with questions.

St. Paul CCW will next meet on Tuesday, November 29, at the Church of St. Paul. There will be a Holy Mass at 6pm followed by the meeting. All ladies are invited!

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PRO LIFE QUOTE:

Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows easily... And abortion, which often follows from contraception, brings a people to be spiritually poor, and that is the worst poverty and the most difficult to overcome. St. Teresa of Calcutta Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid! St. John Paul II

Look at the mothers who truly love their children — how many sacrifices they make for them. They are ready for everything, even to give their own blood so that their babies grow up good, healthy and strong. St. Gianna Molla

How can it be that the most Wondrous and Sacred Human Space ... the Womb ... has become a place of unutterable violence? Pope Benedict XVI



HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm St. Paul CCW Holy Mass

Thursday, December 1, 2022

8:00am Confessions/8:30am

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 29, 2022

Laura Eggerichs

November 29, 2022

†Patrick Gilligan (Shirley Gregory)

December 1, 2022

Hoa Tran

December 4, 2022

Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) Catholic Church.

The Advent wreath is likely the most popular tradition, and wreaths are typically present in both the parish church and in the home. It is a more recent tradition, with the modern Advent wreath emerging in Germany and spreading throughout Europe and beyond in the 1930's. It is often circular, representing God's eternity, and it includes 4 candles - one for each Sunday of Advent. Many families have a wreath in the home, and will light the candles each Sunday and say Advent prayers together.

The Jesse Tree is also a popular Advent tradition. A Jesse Tree, named for the father of David, is a tree that is decorated gradually throughout Advent with symbols or pictures of biblical persons associated with the gradual coming of the Messiah, Christ. This includes, among others, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Joseph and Mary. The Jesse Tree tradition provides a wonderful teaching opportunity; it is a perfect way to teach and remind children about the preparatory nature of Advent. Advent calendars are another popular tradition, although they most often follow the calendar month of December, not the four Sundays which can begin in November." (from www.aquinasandmore.com)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may the Holy Spirit help us during Advent to prepare for the celebration of the Birthday of our good Lord Jesus!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Archdiocesan Synod: Have you read Archbishop Hebda's recent Post-Synodal Pastoral Letter to the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis? This pastoral letter, entitled *You Will Be My Witnesses—Gathered and Sent from the Upper Room*, is the culmination of three years of the archdiocesan synod process. You can read the letter and find out more at: <https://www.archspm.org/synodletter/>


St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer to Obtain Special Graces
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 piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30) until Christmas (December 25) will obtain what is asked. You may also see the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer as the bulletin insert.

Parish Safety

Dear Parishioners: I am in the early stages of developing a parish committee dedicated to forming a Parish Emergency Action Response Plan for Inclement Weather (Tornadoes, Storms), Emergencies (parishioner injury or health crisis, parking lot accidents), and Security Threats (demonstrations, protests, etc). I hope to identify parishioners for input and volunteers - especially those with First Responder/Emergency, Medical, and Security training/skills.

Until a final action plan is completed and made known to you, the immediate response in case of an Emergency Event would be as follows: Do Not Panic - Remain Calm. Listen to instructions from Father, Ushers, and/or Designated Personnel to Shelter In Place - "Duck and Cover" under pews protecting the vulnerable as best as possible allowing Visual and Mobile Access to Designated Personnel to Assess and Mitigate any sort of Emergency Event. Assist families and parishioners around you, if possible. Evacuation instructions would also be issued by responsible Personnel according to the circumstances of the Event. Thank you for your attention to this important topic and your assistance. To provide your input and/or volunteer status, contact or email Fr. Kasel or Pat Smith at ltpsmith@gmail.com -- A proactive parish is a safer parish!

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