

NOVEMBER 28TH, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saint Anthony Saint Benedict

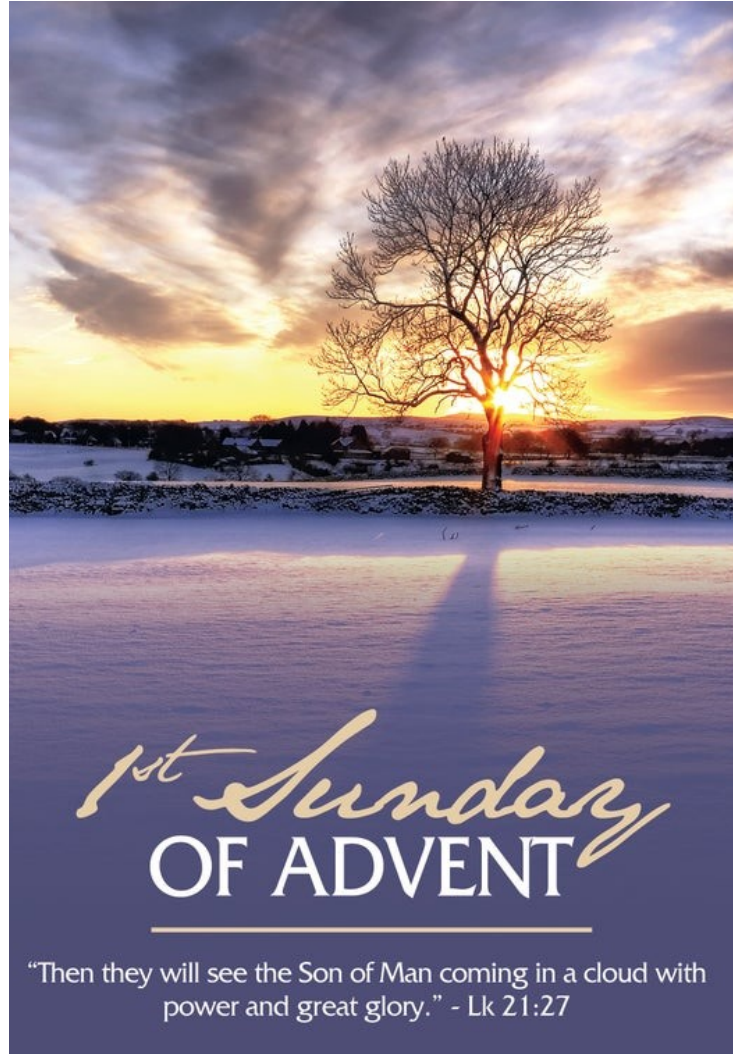
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LIVING THE LITURGY

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

MASS TIMES						PASTORAL SERVICES		
Monday	November	29	7:30 AM	Seven Dolors	† Sue Tomsche	Reconciliation		
Tuesday	November	30	7:30 AM	Seven Dolors	† Jack Petermeier			
			8:00 AM	Saint Benedict	† Edward & Bernice Clement	Saturdays	4:30 PM	Seven Dolors
Wednesday	December	1	9:00 AM	Seven Dolors	† Joyce Wolf	Sundays	8:00 AM	Saint Anthony
			8:30 AM	Saint Anthony	† L & D of St. Anthony Catholic United Financial	Thursdays	7:30 AM	Saint Benedict
Thursday	December	2	7:30 AM	Seven Dolors	† Mary Ann Rueter		8:00 AM	Saint Martin
			8:00 AM	Saint Benedict	† Joel Orne	Fridays	8:00 AM	Seven Dolors
			8:30 AM	Saint Martin	† 40th Wedding Anniv. Mass for Joe & Mary Jo Schlick	Anointing of the Sick Home Bound Communion Pastoral Visitation Prayer Requests If you have any of the above pastoral needs, please contact your Parish Office.		
Friday	December	3	7:30 AM	Seven Dolors	† Alma Buerman			
			11:00 AM	Serenity Village	† Dale Peterson			
Saturday	December	4	5:00 PM	Seven Dolors	† Jerry Glatzmaier			
Sunday	December	5	7:30 AM	Seven Dolors	† Karen Winkels & Loretta Didier			
			8:30 AM	Saint Anthony	For the People of Harvest of Hope Parishes			
			8:00 AM	Saint Benedict	† Ursula Robertson			
			9:30 AM	Saint Martin	† Herman & Steve Schaefer			
			10:30 AM	Saint Benedict	† Mike Sauerer			
			10:30 AM	Seven Dolors	† L & D members of the Forster & Toenies families			

*** Livestream Mass**

REFLECTIONS FROM HARVEST OF HOPE

Father Julius, O.S.B.

During the month of November there are a minimum of four days, that are very special. "All Saint's Day", "All Souls Day", "Veteran's Day", and "Thanksgiving Day".

Allow me to share a bit about a few things in life that I am thankful for. I am grateful for my parents allowing me to be born. I am grateful for the privilege I had, to attend a Catholic grade school for eight years, where the Benedictine Sisters instilled in me a deep faith and belief in God. My belief in an afterlife, after my short life here on this earth, a place we call heaven, and for the gift of knowing how to pray. At 60 years old, the Lord allowing me, and calling me, to become a priest after 40 years as a Religious Brother. Now at 78 years old, I have been a priest for 18 years.

One day at Mass during the month of November, we had a reading from the Book of Wisdom, which I found so powerful and meaningful.

"All people were by nature foolish who were ignorant of God, and who from the good things seen, did not succeed in knowing him who is, and from studying the works, did not discern the artisan; having observed fire, and wind, and the stars, the mighty waters, the luminaries of heaven, the moon, the sun, the stars, a rainbow in the sky, these they considered gods. Now if out of joy in their beauty they thought them gods, let them know how far more excellent, is the Lord than these; for the original source of beauty fashioned them. Or if they were struck by their might and energy, let them from these things realize how much more powerful, is He who made them." "God".

Yes, to put it in a way we can all understand, I prefer to say, I have never met a man or a woman, smart enough to make the moon, the sun, the stars, to put a rainbow in the sky, and yes, far, far more wondrous things, for our eyes and minds to behold. For creating us human beings, with a body and soul. "Heaven and earth, are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest".

Yes, one day when my short life on this earth is ended, I look forward to seeing Jesus 'face to face, and to be happy with Him, and my loved ones forever in Heaven. Oh, yes, along with those Benedictine Sisters, who put the fear of the Lord in me. The first stage of wisdom.

Allow me to end with a story Titled: "False Prophets and Messiahs". Several years ago, Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks did a comedy skit called the "2013 Year Old Man". In the skit, Reiner interviews Brooks, who is the old gentlemen. At one point, Reiner asks the old man, "Did you always believe in the Lord?"

Brooks replied: "No. We had a guy in our village named Phil, and for a time we worshiped him."

Reiner: "You worshiped a guy named Phil? Why?"

Brooks: Because he was big, and mean, and he could break you in two with his bare hands!

Reiner: Did you have prayers?

Brooks: Yes, would you like to hear one? "O Phil, please don't be mean, and hurt us, or break us in two with your bare hands."

Reiner: So when did you start worshiping the Lord?

Brooks: Well, one day a big thunderstorm came up, and a lightning bolt hit Phil. We gathered around, and saw that he was dead. Then we said to one another, "There's somthin' bigger than Phil!"

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Harvest of Hope Livestream Mass

To access the Harvest of Hope livestream each week:

- 1) Go to www.hohcatholic.org and click on LIVESTREAM MASS
- 2) Go to www.youtube.com and type in 'Harvest of Hope Mass' and it will be the first and only thing to pop-up (smart TVs and mobile devices also work)
- 3) Go to <https://www.youtube.com/c/HarvestofHopeCatholicCommunity>
- 4) myParish App

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

SHARED EVENTS

Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington.

Plan to attend the December 4-5 Marriage Encounter and bring the marriage of your dreams into the Christmas season and beyond! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

Holy Family School Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7 in the Seven Dolores Church gathering space. Ordering is also available through a virtual option from Dec. 1—Dec 14.

Serenity Village Mass

The next planned Mass at Serenity Village is Friday, December 3rd at 11:00. Parishioners and guests are permitted to attend according to the policies of Serenity Village. At times visitors may be restricted because of an abundance of caution concerning the spread of the virus. Please check before attending Mass by calling (320) 844-8880.

Catholic United Financial Matching Grant “BREAKFAST WITH SANTA”

On Sunday, Dec. 5th Saints Peter & Paul School in Richmond is having breakfast with Santa from 8:30 - Noon.
Come to enjoy omelets, pancakes, sausage, hash browns & more!

Landmark Pro-Life Case

On December 1, 2021, in Mississippi, the Supreme Court will hear the landmark pro-life case, Dobbs vs Jackson Women’s Health. We are asking our fellow parishioners to visit their churches and spend some time in prayer as this case is being heard. If you often wonder how you can help in saving the lives of babies, prayer is the answer as we draw close to the day that abortion is not a worry any longer. Looking for more information on Dobbs vs Jackson Women’s Health visit: www.catholicvote.org/dobbs

The doors at Seven Dolores will be open at 7:30 am, Tuesday, November 30 and will stay open until 7:00 pm for people who would like to come in and spend time in prayer. The doors will reopen Wednesday morning at 7:30 am and remain open until 6:00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 28: Chimes Rehearsal
5:00pm St. Benedicts Church

Sunday, November 28: Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm St. Benedicts Church

Sunday, November 28: Rite of Enrollment - Confirmation Students
10:30 Mass at St. Benedict
8:30 Mass at St. Anthony

Monday, November 29: Seven Dolores Eucharistic Adoration
There will be Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00am-10:00pm

Wednesday, December 1: Advent Penance Service
6:30pm at St. Benedict

Thursday, December 2: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Martin
9:00am to 10pm

Thursday, December 2: ACC Meeting SB
7:00pm Meeting at St. Benedict

Friday, December 3: Rosary for America
12:30pm Seven Dolores

Friday, December 3: St. Benedict Eucharistic Adoration
9:00am to 3:00pm

Friday, December 3: Serenity Village Mass
11:00am at Serenity Village

Saturday, December 4: HOH Confirmation Retreat
10:00am—6:00pm at Seven Dolores

Sunday, December 5: St. Benedict Christian Women Prayers
Following 8:00 Mass

Sunday, December 5: St. Martin CUF Meeting
10:30am Annual meeting & lunch, followed by bingo.

Friday, December 10th: Christmas Concert
7:00pm at Seven Dolores

WITH GREAT SYMPATHY



Please keep in your prayers the families of Luann Schaefer who passed away November 17th
May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PRAYER CORNER

All who are ill in our community, especially;
Alice Eichers, Alice Luethmers, Angela Teske,
Anna May Fleischhacker, Arlene Landowski, Barb Tabatt, Bea Olmscheid,
Bill Opatz, Bill Scepaniak, Brayden Harren, Bryan Goebel,
Bud & Jean Terres, Chad Fruechte, Dale Peterson, David Kleve,
Dennis Nack, Diane Rotter, Ella Budde, Fr. Raymond Monsour,
Hanna Hamann, Helen Thome, Ione Heinen, James Hudson,
Cecilia Lorsung, Jeanie Young, Jerry Ramler, Joe Rabideau, Joyce Winter,
Kathleen Goebel, Kenneth Kierzek, Les Gerads, Lisa Jensen,
Lydia Schneider, Marie Heinen, Mary Geise, Mary Kroll, Melvin Fiedler,
Michelle Novotny, Nansi Vos, Neil Nathe, Reagan Zierden, Ron Buntje,
Ruth Linn, Shellie Ostendorf, Tim Merten, Tom Geislinger, Tom Vos,
Tony Cherne, Tony Lenneman, Trish Doubek,
and all their caregivers.

If you would like a name added to our prayer list, please contact your Parish Office. Names may be removed after 6 months, however, can easily be re-added by notifying the Parish Staff.

CHURCH OF SAINT ANTHONY

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH-PRESIDER: FR. BRAD

	Gift Bearers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Lector	Sacristan
8:30 AM	Paul & Mary Rademacher	Ethan Hartung Marissa Hartung	Jen Stich Rick Vogel	Ken Wenning Jeff Goebel	Jen Stich	Jen Stich

Faith Formation Schedule

Next class is December 8th for grades 1-6 and December 22nd for grades 7-10.

Recently you may have noticed some activity on the east side of church. During a scheduled tiling project we encountered contaminated soil near the underground fuel tank which had rusted through. The tank has been removed. We have been in contact with MN Pollution Control following their guidelines for cleanup. The decision was made to convert our boiler to a gas burner. The cost for this is \$13,047. We greatly appreciate any donations for this unforeseen expense. Thank you for your generosity.

Holiday Shopping & Gift Giving

St. Anthony Parish will be placing a Scrip order for many national businesses gift cards. Orders and payment should be made by Sunday, December 5th. Please contact Joyce Rehkamp at 845-4899 to order or for more information. Order forms are in back of church and on the front porch of the parish house. Any and all orders are appreciated!

The Christian Women, Men's Society, and CUF will meet Wednesday, December 8th after the 8:00pm Mass. Hot sandwiches will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$5-\$7 gift.

ST ANTHONY FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23RD

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,620.13	Plate	\$ 146.00
Utility	\$ 10.00	Thanksgiving	\$ 345.00
All Saints	\$ 25.00	Votive Candles	\$ 125.43
Adult Envelope Giving (fiscal year-to-date)	\$ 26,45.27	Adult Envelope Giving NEEDED (fiscal year-to-date)	\$ 28,060..00

CHURCH OF SAINT MARTIN

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH-PRESIDER: FR. JULIUS

	Gift Bearers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Lector	Counters
9:30 AM	Herman & Steve Schaefer Family	Kiera Kollmann Shelby Thelen	Geri Moscho Jill Thelen Joan Wieber	Ron Buerman Dan Burg Dave Doll Marty Shay Tom Ehresmann	Kristie Kollmann	Chuck & Cheryl Schaefer Geri & Leroy Moscho

Faith Formation - Students in grades 1-10 will meet in their classrooms Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Confirmation candidates will be attending the confirmation retreat on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Seven Dolores. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

BOWLING OPPORTUNITY—The St. Martin Bowling Center is looking for additional bowling teams for Tuesday night bowling. These are 4-man teams. Bowling starts at 7:30 PM. Please contact Paul Rothstein at 320-548-3456.

WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE—Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections are available at the church entrance and free to our parishioners.

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL — Annual meeting and lunch, Sunday, Dec. 5th, St. Martin Parish Center, following the 9:30 AM Mass. Bingo will be played after lunch. All members and their families are welcome.

LIONS CHRISTMAS WREATHS—The Lions will be selling Christmas Wreaths on Sunday, Nov. 28th, at the St. Martin Parish Center following the 9:30 AM Mass. Come and visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus and have a photo opportunity. Cookies & beverages will be served.

THE GIVING TREE—The Christian Women of St. Martin are again reaching out to assist families and individuals in our community during the Advent and Christmas season. The Giving Tree will be in back of church with tags beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 24th. Please consider helping someone in need. We ask that children do not take a tag unless accompanied by an adult. Gifts are due back on Dec. 19th. Please read the labels on each tag. After purchasing , wrap your gift and tape the tag to the outside of the present. Gifts should be left under the tree in back of church. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Schaefer, Lori Arceneau or Renee Thelen.

ST MARTIN FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23RD

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,105.00	Plate	\$ 77.00
Utilities	\$ 970.00	Thanksgiving	\$ 100.00
Hall Rental	\$ 150.00		\$ 0
Adult Envelope Giving (fiscal year-to-date)	\$ 36,747.00	Adult Envelope Giving NEEDED (fiscal year-to-date)	\$ 34,563.27

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH-PRESIDER: FR. GREG

	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Lector	Sacristan	Cantors	A/V
8:00 AM	Grace Plumski Connor Plumski	Katie Reiling	Ralph & Arlene Clement Steve Salzl Tom & Doris Studniski Cliff & Linda Borgerding	Cliff Borgerding	Bill Becker	Stephanie Vaske	Sam Dupuy
10:30 AM	Jonah Ricard Maggie Merdan	Michelle Frederichs	Fisher Family Paul & Sandra Salzl Delroy Bechtold Teresa Mueller Allan Eisenschenk Mary Eisenschenk	Becky M Boyer	Laurice Kostreba	Brad Opatz	Jacob Bechtold

Faith Formation / Youth Ministry

December 1 parish Advent Reconciliation Service at 6:30pm. Please have students sit with their families. Be sure to sign the students in on the sign in sheet in the gathering place. If the student is not able to attend, please email Geralyn for other options of Reconciliation. The blue paper guide was sent home with all students on November 17. Please use this to be comfortable for this evening. There will be NO regular classes or youth group.

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass. Our young people will be attending Mass at 6:30pm with their families. Please have students sit with their families. Be sure to sign the students in on the sign in sheet in the gathering place. If the student is not able to attend, please email Geralyn for other options. There will be no regular class this Wednesday.

ADVENT family activities-Family Centered learning and activity packets were sent home with families on November 17, this will offer families ways to mark the Season of Advent.

December 15 6:30pm Faith Formation Classes meet.

As we prepare to enter into the season of Advent, we will be sharing each week some ideas to grow in our faith with our families. Please email Geralyn if you have an activity, prayer or practice that you would like to share with our faith community.

First Reconciliation Families preparing their child for First Reconciliation should continue to be using the "heart" that was sent home from the parent meeting to assist your child in recognizing "sin" and "mistakes". We are honored to support you as the primary educators of your child, please let us know how we can help. Questions? Contact Geralyn.

St. Benedict Christian Women Updates

Sunday December 5th, after both masses.

Stop and visit with St Nicholas. Get a candy cane, color sheets, Children can join the Christian Women in the Church basement to decorate a cookie to take and enjoy.

December 14: Christmas Caroling at Mother of Mercy and Serenity Home - Time 4:30 Meet at Church to ride together

December 19: Christmas Bake Sale - Bring Goodies

December 21: Monthly Meeting/Bingo Fun Night (Bring a gift)

Please contact Patty @ 320-349-1563 with questions or sign up to help. Thank You

Music Ministry & Liturgy

Today is the **First Sunday of Advent**, the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church. During Advent, instead of instrumental preludes, we will have the Gregorian Chant Introit from the *Graduale Romanum* that is proper to each Sunday. These texts tell us something about the celebration each week and connect us to an additional Psalm reading that helps deepen our understanding of the day.

For the First Sunday of Advent, the text comes from Psalm 25, verses 1-4. It reads:

*Ad te levavi animam meam
Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam
neque irideant me inimici mei
etenim universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur.*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul,
O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame;
Let not my enemies triumph over me.
Indeed, let no one who waits on you be ashamed.
Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

*Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi,
et semitas tuas edoce me.*

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

Photos from the votive displays for November can be picked up in the church office during normal office hours or from the music room before or after Mass. See Abbey if you have any questions.

All Lectors: Your new workbooks for the upcoming year are ready to be picked up. You can pick up your book in the sacristy

Thank you to everyone in funeral groups 6 & 7 for serving this past week. If you were unable to work, and have not paid your dues, please drop them in the collection, the drop box outside the parish center or at the office. Please mark your payment with your name and your funeral group. Thanks also to the regulars who work all funerals.

Funeral Lunch Grps: #6 & 7 Recently Served

ST BENEDICT FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23RD

Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,046.00	Plate	\$ 100.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 187.84	Hospitality	\$ 34.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 3,220.00	Facility Updates	\$ 170.00
Adult Envelope Giving (fiscal year-to-date)	\$ 81,083.52	Adult Envelope Giving NEEDED (fiscal year-to-date)	\$ 75,472.63

CHURCH OF SEVEN DOLORS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH/5TH - PRESIDER: FR. GREG, BRAD, JULIUS

	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Lector	Sacristan
Saturday 5:00 PM	Marvin Goebel	Sheela Arceneau Linda Hall Anne Gourde Greg Smoley	Jeff & Sheela Arceneau Greg Miller Greg Smoley	Edna Goebel	Sharon Weyer
Sunday 7:30 AM	Terry Schwab	Judy Loecken Randy Loecken Tillie Gilk	Dennis Mareck Randy Loecken Stan Kortenbusch	Darlene Felling	Diane Meier
Sunday 10:30 AM	Ava Borgerding Cole Borgerding	Joan Scherping Rosie Zimmerman Mary Sauerer	Dave Dirkes Ryan Scherping Marie Schleppenbach 1 Needed	Cindy Dirkes	Joan Scherping

Holiday Updates

Christmas Flowers!

Thank you to all those who have made donations for our Christmas flowers. Donations can be dedicated as memorials if you choose. We appreciate your generosity.

Christmas Giving Tree!

Our Christmas Giving Tree is now in our entryway! This is an opportunity to give to those who are in need. Simply take an ornament from the tree, fill out the green tag to help us track the ornament/gifts and place in the container provided. Attach the ornament to the wrapped gift/s and return to the office by December 20th. Many thanks for your generosity in helping those in need.

Also, as the holidays are approaching if you, or a family you know, needs assistance, please let us know. We have many wonderful parishioners who are always willing to help. (You calling the office is confidential and your name will not be shared)

* Knights of Columbus Meeting *

November 29th, 7:00 PM - In Seven Dolors Church Basement

Rosary for America - every Friday at **12:30** at Seven Dolors

Adoration on Mondays

Quilting Tues & Wed, 8:30-2:30, and Wednesday 6:30-9:00 at Holy Family School

Saturday Prayer Service—7:30 am - Rosary, Litany of Blessed Mother, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Intention is for our priests.

Mother Seton Thrift Store is located at 115 4th Street, Albany. Stop in and see all the fun Christmas items available!

Holy Family School Masses are Wednesdays at 9:00 am. If no school, Mass will be at 7:30 am.

Next **Funeral Group** serving will be #27. Funeral lists are available in the wall file in the Gathering Space.

Faith Formation

Thank you to the parishioners who have dedicated their time and energy to this year's faith formation program. Without all of you the program could not run. The foundation you are helping build in our young Catholics will be forever a part of them.

Schedule for class:

December 1

6:00—7:00 Grades 1-6

7:15—8:15 Grades 7-10

December 8

6:00 Holiday Day Mass (Required)

December 15

6:30 Advent Penance Service open to all parishioners and students. No catechists are available that evening. Grades 3 through 7 need to have an adult attend with them

The seventh graders have made a large Advent calendar that is located in the gathering space. Please take some time to look at it with your children. The students worked hard on preparing something that would keep us in a prayerful way this Advent season. This hands-on project gives our students the time to find stories in the Bible and to become familiar with Advent, and the true meaning of Christmas.

If you are looking for materials to create your own Advent wreath at home, please call the office. You can also find Advent Calendars that can be taken home for you and your children to enjoy together. If you are looking for more material to help young ones understand Advent, call Toni. I have ordered some nice books for younger children to be introduced to Advent. I am happy to share them with you. As adults, please pick up one of the Advent Reflection books in the gathering space.



Christian Women - Mark Your Calendars!

* Next Meeting is December 7th

* Christian Women Bake Sale

December 18 and 19 after Masses

Bring your baked goods to share!



SEVEN DOLORS FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23RD

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,407.00	Plate	\$ 398.25
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,245.00	Votives	\$ 169.74
On-Line Giving	\$ 485.20	Cemetery	\$ 115.00
Adult Envelope Giving (fiscal year-to-date)	\$ 124,768.16	Adult Envelope Giving NEEDED (fiscal year-to-date)	\$ 125,125.00

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWS



Upcoming Holy Family School Dates:

Wed., Dec. 1st	Ms. Stroeing's 2nd Grade Mass
Fri., Dec. 3rd	End of Trimester
Wed., Dec. 8th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st Grade Mass
Fri., Dec. 10th	Early Release Day and Teacher In-service
Mon., Dec. 13th	HFS School Board Mtg. - 6:30 p.m. cafeteria

HFS Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7 in the church gathering space. Please stop by to see what great books are available. Our students really enjoy Scholastic Books and they make great Christmas gifts! Here is the link to purchase online: [HFS Book Fair](#)

SHOP WITH SCRIP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Before we know it, the Christmas shopping season will be here soon. Purchasing local and retail gift cards through the HFS Scrip Program is a great way to cover all your holiday shopping needs! We also offer Guatemalan fair trade coffee through the Scrip Program. All your Scrip purchases benefit both the shopper (great convenience!) and the school (a certain percentage of a gift card goes back to support the school & the shopper can also designate a family to get a percentage of the sale, which helps defray the cost of their tuition or lunches).

Please note that the final day to submit a Scrip order for guaranteed delivery before Christmas will be Monday, Dec. 7th. The company gets busier that time of year and shipping times are also much slower. Please plan ahead for all your Christmas needs. We would also like to get away from the paper order forms and have everyone place their orders online through shopwithscrip.com. You can then either continue to pay by check at school or pay online with your bank account or credit card. Fees do apply. If you pay with your bank account or credit card, there is also an option to get an e-gift card sent to you right away which is very convenient. Thanks for shopping with gift cards through Scrip!