

FIRST SUNDAY OF

# Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“You also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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There are numerous photographs of people who sleep on mountainside ledges, who carelessly dangle their feet into the space of geological chasms, and of course there's the iconic photograph of workers eating their lunch on a beam of the under-construction Chrysler building in New York. Some people seem attracted to these precarious, stomach-churning locations; many of us are not. More of us have had the experience of beginning a new stage in life, with the excitement and occasional stomach-churning newness of a moment that can put us a bit on edge. Advent—its first couple of Sundays in particular—has a similar role in the passage of time that we call the liturgical year. It's unlikely that the First Sunday of Advent makes many stomachs churn, but perhaps more would if we truly took it seriously that we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the reign of God at any moment.

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## WALK IN THE LIGHT

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah's prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. This is where Advent as the brink of God's reign comes into play. Advent can be a time for each of us to de-weaponize, even in the smallest of ways, the world around us. Advent's days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. As we head through Advent, the elevated focus we have when we are standing at those new moments, those new stages of life, can help us tune out the despair, so we might open our ears and hearts to Jesus. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah's invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the Word-made-Flesh!

Today's Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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## Notes from Fr. Anthony ...



It is hard to believe that advent is already here, a new Church year begins and shortly the civil year will follow. Advent is a season that very often gets glossed over or put aside a bit as we have so much going on in preparation for the great Christmas season. It would be good for us to carve out a little time each day to contemplate this wonderful season and prepare our minds, hearts and souls as best as possible for the coming *Holydays*. We can put in an effort to try and understand a little more deeply the great love and humility of Christ, who comes down to earth and takes on our human nature in order to redeem it. We can draw a little closer to the Blessed Mother as she is filled with the grace and joy of being the God bearer, the love she has for God that she places her whole mind, heart, soul and body at His disposal for the fulfillment of His plans. We can look at good St. Joseph, who filled with love, purity and piety, has the utmost respect for the Virgin Mary and the Christ child. How he was willing to give up everything he had to safeguard them. We can learn a lot from reading the Scriptures dealing with the birth of Christ and making use of different Catholic literature on the subject. A deepening of the prayer life helps us to grasp more clearly these mysteries and allow their effects to enter into our lives in a fuller way.

On that note, I am reminding you all of the **St. Andrew Christmas preparatory novena** that begins on **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, the feast day of St. Andrew the apostle and martyr, and it goes until Christmas eve. It is a novena we can pray together as a family each evening before the manger scenes that we set up in our homes. It is prayed 15 times a day (it can be prayed in one sitting 15 times consecutively each day) and is a great way for us and our families to drive home the meaning of the season we celebrate.

*God love you, Fr. Anthony*

### The Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

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.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

**St. Isidore** — Please wrap the gifts and tape the tag on the outside of the package. Gifts need to be returned by Dec. 11. All gifts go to school age children of the area.

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**Holy Family Giving Tree** — Please return your **UNWRAPPED** gift by Dec. 18th. The confirmation class has chosen to donate to **Angel's Hands Community Outreach of Owosso**.

**Monetary donations are accepted and needed. Checks should be made out to: "Ovid Christmas Basket". They can be put in the regular collection and we will get them to Lion's Club. The money is used to buy gas gift cards from Applebee Oil and food gift cards from Village Food Pride. Gifts must be turned in Dec. 18th for delivery to the Ovid Lions Hall.**





## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Nov. 30— 6-8 —Women's Bible Study—Holy Family

Dec. 3—TMIY—7:30-9 am—at Holy Family

Dec. 4—Brunch—Mexican Breakfast—HF—Noon

Dec. 14—CPR Training—6:00 pm— Holy Family



### **CPR TRAINING**

# CPR

CPR class will be Dec. 14 at 6:00 pm in the Holy Family Hall. The class will teach the proper procedure for

CPR on adults and children. A charge of \$10 per person or \$26 if you want a certification card. Payment is due at start of class.

### **Laingsburg Community Singers Present...**

#### ***The Songs of the Season***

Come see the Laingsburg Community Singers perform at the Laingsburg United Methodist Church. If you will be in town for Saturday's Winter Fest, come on down and warm up and enjoy the songs of the season. Concert begins at 7:30pm. Or join us on Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm.

#### **Concert Schedule:**

- Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 PM
- Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 PM

We'll also be selling our delicious handmade candy and our cookbooks which are titled "*Music is Food For the Soul*". They are full of wonderful family recipes shared by our members that have been handed down from generation to generation.

### **A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**

**Friday, December 9 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm | St. Mary Cathedral**

The Diocese of Lansing is hosting our first annual Diocesan "Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols" to commemorate Mary's Immaculate Conception & the anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. The Diocesan combined choir from local parishes will sing sacred choral works by Rachmaninoff, Biebl, and other composers, hymns, and other treasures of the Church's inestimable musical tradition.

This event is a wonderfully way to dive deeper into the inseparable mysteries of Mary's Immaculate Conception and the Incarnation of Jesus in the Word made flesh at Christmas. This is sure to be a profound spiritual event.

**Please consider attending and supporting this major musical event of our fellow parishes and our Diocese.**

## **RELIGIOUS ED. FORMATION—(REF)**

### **Holy Family**

Class Time—Sunday: 9:50 am—Before Mass

### **St. Isidore**

Class Time—Sunday: 10:15 am—After Mass

More info: [marystevens@stisidorechurch.org](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org)



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Dec. 14—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

**Knight of the Month:** Will Seymour

**Family of the Month:** Keith, Lisa, & Kaitlyn Kingsbury



## **SWEATSHIRT COLLECTION**

**Knights of Columbus** is again collecting sweatshirts for the young people that are served by Holy Cross Children's Services.

**Deadline: THIS WEEKEND.**



Once again, for the **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** Poster Contest, we asking our kids to make their posters at home. Starting November 27, forms and blank posters can be found on the table near the St. Isidore parish office door, or at Holy Family in the hall. Completed poster must be returned by December 15 and placed in the box. We will announce the winners at the pancake breakfast on December 18.

**ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG****MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Saturday—Nov. 26—(5:30 PM) † John & Helen Bartkowiak  
 Sunday — Nov. 27 —(9:00 AM) † Harold & Mable Bauman by the Family  
 Wednesday — Nov. 30— (6:30 PM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family  
 Thursday—Dec. 1—(8:30 PM) Intentions of the Basgall Family  
 Friday — Dec. 2— (8:30 AM) For Poor Souls  
 Saturday—Dec. 3—(5:30 PM) † Phyllis Izdebski by Fred & Therese Bruso  
 Sunday — Dec. 4 —(9:00 AM) † Hal Bauman by Helen Stelzer

**HOLY FAMILY, OVID**

Saturday— Nov. 26— (4:00 PM) † Gene Schoendorf  
 Sunday—Nov. 27—(11:00 AM) † James Brooks by the Family  
 Tuesday — Nov. 29— (12:10 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Lillian Bigelow  
 Thursday - Dec. 1— (6:30 PM) John Wood by the Wood Family  
 Saturday— Dec. 3— (4:00 PM) † Doug Angell by Char Angell  
 Sunday—Dec. 4—(11:00 AM) Rosemarie Goodwin by Eleonore Schussmann

**PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR** Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Pamela Morgan, Tori Martens, Mary Hughly (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Beth Ann Elliott (Daughter of Don & Denise), Clarence Dell, Craig & Caren Henning, (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell) Vince Minarik, (Son-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Terri Sue (Daughter-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Fr. Mathias Thelen (Brother of Pam (Ryan) Fabus), Gary Delaney (Nephew of Bev Delaney), Pat Spencer (Friend of Bev Delaney), Charles Oleniczak, Judith Bond, Sandy McPherson (Sister of Cooky Hawkins), Sharon Darling, Carlos Duncan (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Steve Butler, Sean Robinson, Chasidy Martin (Niece of Doug & Char Angell), Rosa Zamarripa (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Taylor Nixon (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Bob Bunn (Nephew of Pat White), Tom Hulburt (Son of Nita Hughes), Larry Miller, Diane Mead (Friend of Joanne Evans), Gary Hrncharik, Donna Fruchey, Nancy Alice Carbary (Mother of Maggie Sayles), Michelle Houska, Melvia Quine, Judy Kovarik (Mother of Bill Kovarik), Eddy Trevino, Bruce Chandler (Brother of Marti Rowley), Tammy Smith, Brenda Seeley & Betty Ann Fulgaro (Both friends of the Smith Family), Gregory Acker (Brother of Angela Michels), Michelle Dell, Shannon Strobel, Toni Doyle, Jase Ellsworth (Great-Grandson of Phyllis Hart), Richard Hutchings, Phyllis Hart, Pam Hurst, Katie Florian (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Rebecca Crites (Friend of Bev Delaney), Micalah Brundage (Step Daughter of Mike Putnam), Lana Miersen, Napoleon Martinez, Jr. (Brother of Elodia Keys), Jim Mosley, Mike (Doc) O'Bryant, Isabelle Wesley, Don & Denise Elliott, Anita Rios (Sister of Jesse Anguiano), Stan Beherns, Pat Shaw, Armando Anguiano, (Brother of Jesse), Juan Chapas, (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Dave Nickols, Jodi Barber (Friend of Tammy Smith), Tristen Henning, Teresa Arnold (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Olivia Klein, Haven S. King (Niece of Barb Wight), Steve Bachelder & Mark Sickler (Nephews of Mike & Aloise Bachelder), Allen Smith (Nephew of Pat Brown), Michelle Hurst, Nancy Ferguson (Friend of Cindy Broome), Richard Elliott, (Son of Pat Elliott), Mary Harris, Chris Chandler, Robert Shaw, Kathryn Okada, (Friend of Porrell's), Donald Jacks, (Son in Law of Diane Stasa)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Remember to make a special prayer request to our Prayer Group: call the office, email the office, or write the request and put into the prayer box located in the St. Isidore small hall. The prayer group will then pray for the individual.

**ADORATION****St. Isidore Church- Wednesdays**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions  
 6:30 pm Mass  
 Adoration & Confessions Following Mass  
 Until 7:30 pm

**Holy Family—Thursdays**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions  
 6:30 pm Mass

**Remember our service members in your prayers:**

Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force  
 Christian Garza—Army  
 Fr. Brandon Oman—Air Force  
 LTC Nathan Cooley - USN  
 MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force  
 Alexandra Cultra - Navy  
 Andie Ostrander—Navy  
 Patrick Schiffer—Air Force  
 Kelly Brown—Navy  
 SPC Jared Mersino—Army  
*(To add names, - contact the office.)*

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY  
Nov. 19 & 20, 2022**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$1,963  
 Holy Family Offertory - \$2,557  
 Online Offertory - \$1,635  
**TOTAL: - \$3,853**