

This Week's Gospel Reflection

1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Food Pantry Christmas Basket Ministry

If you are interested in helping with this ministry here are the dates & times:

WEDNESDAY, December 15th, wrapping the presents at 1:00p.m. Please bring scissors & tape. Also, wrapping paper if you have any extra.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16th, is setting up. I was not given a time for this.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th, is packing the baskets at 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th is basket pick-up from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE call Sue Fournier at 309-799-5851 if you would like to help or if you have any questions.

Scripture Readings for Nov 29 - Dec 5

29 Monday Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

30 Tuesday Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

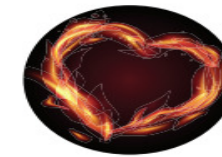
1 Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

2 Thursday Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

3 Friday Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

4 Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

5 Sunday Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



Rediscovering the Warmth of God's Love

Do you believe in God's love? Would you like a deeper awareness of God's love for you? Fr. Peter Schavitz is a nationally known speaker and is the presenter for our Parish Mission which will run from Sunday, January 9th to Thursday, January 13th at 6:30 each night. Sunday's symbol is the Bible with the topic being God's plan for salvation and our response.

MISSION MEETING

There is a Mission Meeting Monday, November 9th at 6:00pm in the hall here at St. Maria Goretti. Everyone interested is welcome to come.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME & TALENT. Your time is truly appreciated...Thank you to:

Roberto Alleruzzo, Randy & Christy Jaminet, and Ron McDermott for the Fall Clean-up you did at the Church. It looks fantastic!!

Ron McDermott for the extra days you cleaned up the fallen leaves.

Robert Alleruzzo for taking care of things that needed done around the church and office.

SMG parishioners Barb Herbert – Nancy Robinson - Maureen St Clair - Cheryl Alleruzzo shared their blessings in providing and serving the St Joe's Evening Meal Mission on Tuesday November 9th. If interested in involvement in this gratifying monthly mission, call Cheryl Alleruzzo 309 721 5012.



God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

- Author Unknown



Holiday Hope. There is a tree in the vestibule with gift tags for families we are sponsoring through The Center for Youth and Family Solutions. If you like, take a tag and purchase the gift. The gifts will be picked up on December 13th and need to be returned to church before then. They need to be in a gift bag with the gift tag attached. Not wrapped. We at SMG have been generous in the past, and it is very appreciated. Any questions, call Ann Fennell at 309-235-4665



PRAYER REQUESTS

Those in need of healing at St. Maria Goretti...

Sr. JT McNulty, Sr. Mary Core, Dave & Sandy Bledsoe, Patrick Bredeck, Fred DeCoster, Judy DePorter, Gwen Escajeda, Lorraine Gengler, Velda Grief, Lee Kimball, Dale Langel, Maureen St. Clair, Dennis VanDuyne & Janice Warner

Those who are Homebound or in Healthcare Facilities...

Yvonne Sherlock, (Hope Creek), Ken & Donna Frels, Jan & Richard Siebert, Jean & Ralph Teerlinck.

Those in need of healing at Mary Our Lady of Peace...

Brian Carlson, Lisa Carlson, Beverly Catton, Sr. Mary Core, Deb Gainey, Jim Hamerlinck, Owen Hink, Alice Isaacson, Janet Jacobson, Debbie Jones, Ryan Jones, Gabe Laleman, Ava Lawson, Carol Marshall, and Tom Schulenberg

Prayers have also been asked for ...

Jason Bauer, JoAnn Cady, Debbie Cheban, Kevin Francescon, Kevin Faucett, Amanda Gill, Bill Kussner, Susie Lopez, Charlie Parks, Frank Proske, Stacie Ringier, Evan Smith, Tim Solbrig, Dan Tworek & Janelle Wilks

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Nov 27)

4:00PM Leroy DeDoncker & Beryl Hicks
by Chris & Henry Hicks

5:30PM Chet Wexell by Joan Wexell

(Nov 28)

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8:30AM Sue McConnell

10:00AM Raphael Terronez by Celia Riesebieter

Tuesday (Nov 30) MOLOP

8:00AM Julius Driessens by Joan Wexell

Wednesday (Dec 1) - SMG

9:00AM Peggy Driscoll by Margaret Francescon

Thursday (Dec 2) - MOLOP

8:00AM Mary Newton by Joyce Alba

Friday (Dec 3) - SMG

9:00AM The Faithfully Departed by Jan & Dan Britton

Saturday (Dec 4)

4:00PM Tom Chappell by Lydia Chappell

5:30PM Tom Schnerre by Dcn. Tom & Deb Gainey

(Dec 5)

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30AM Joe & Dorothy Seys by Mark & Jean Sottos

10:00AM Ed & Marie Bender by The Parish

Reconciliation by Appointment Only
Call Fr. Tony at 309-581-2923

thank you!

A big Thank-You to everyone for your birthday wishes, gifts and cards. God bless all of you...Fr. Tony

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation in honor of a family member or friend for Christmas now is the time. Please use an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" along with the name or names of the person(s) being honored and your name. Place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. Your names need to be in by December 19th in order to be on the memorial list in the Christmas bulletin.



Thank-you!