



St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, MI www.stvincentferrer.net

DECEMBER 3, 2023 † FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From The Pastor

Advent is a season of hope, built on faith, with a lively anticipation of joy and renewed strength. Hope is the theological virtue that lives in communion with faith and love. Hope is built on faith, and faith is supported and animated by love. Each of these virtues is dependent on and expressive of each other. The virtue of love gets most of the front-page attention in the Christian life but love can only flow from faith in God as the source and origin of love.

Hope supports faith and love in the trials and challenges of life that can incline a person to discouragement. None of these virtues, singularly or as a group, grow in an uninterrupted increase. The challenges, losses, hurts, and tragedies of life are the very things that purify and deepen the virtues of faith, hope, and love.

If one chooses to notice, we are living in a time that is showing us a snapshot of the history of civilization. Well before the challenges Israel faced as a conquered nation, the development of human civilization had already been characterized by war, oppression, conquering nations, and a critical disregard for the dignity of human life, society, or creation. This very much is the frame of this post-modern time.

As we enter the Advent season in such a frame, how might our faith secure us against fear, doubt, discouragement, or inclination to give up on the promises of God? Such a time is the critical reason not only for the season, but for the reality it celebrates. The hope of the season is built on the acceptance, trust, and secure faith that God entered the world as Savior and Christ precisely because of the very challenges that lie before us today.

Will we cling to faith in the Incarnation of God entering our world with the promise to save, heal, and reconcile the human family? Or are we inclined to join the fifteen million or so Americans who have chosen to leave the Christian faith? I do not pretend to know the breadth or depth of reasons why people leave their faith. I will however offer, in the spirit of Advent, that in a time of economic and political uncertainty, fear, and broad social change many are unseated in a faith that no longer seems to work. If the world can have this kind of chaos, confusion, deception, social violence, and a lack of moral integrity, where is God? Many have lost hope in the reality of Divine Love and the capacity of God to control the world.

God did not become Incarnate in the person of Jesus to control the world. God came to the world to save the world from the very disorder that has befallen us. Jesus,

as the Christ, came to reveal that even during time of such chaos, faith, hope, and love would nonetheless secure the day. Jesus himself is a critical example of what Advent means. Jesus lived in an oppressive time of social change and upheaval. Most were poor, most were oppressed, and most had lost a grip on the fidelity and promises of God. More personally, even as Jesus faced his personal death that would reveal our redemption, he clung with hope in the promise and experience of his Father's love. At the point of his Crucifixion, Jesus embraced the Father's fidelity responding, "Not my will, but your will be done." That is faith, hope, and love on full display.

Mary is another critical example of Advent faith. Her life is radically turned upside down with a pregnancy by the Holy Spirit, bearing a child to be known as the Son of God. Mary abandoned herself to God's promise with perfect trust against the chaos of her time. Poor, uneducated, pregnant, and unmarried, Mary went forth with Joseph on a radical journey of suffering, rejection, exile, and ultimately to the death of her child. Mary clung to hope in the darkest of dark times. Mary refused to surrender her faith in the promise and the power of God she saw and experienced in her own Son.

It is a good time for Advent. It is a good time to be reminded of who we are as Christians, what we believe in, and why. Ours will not be the last age. But our days will come to an end. This is the tone of our readings in these weeks. Be ready, stay awake for you do not know the day or the hour of the Lord's coming. We too often hear this message as a threat or something to be afraid of. What if we received the message as one of hope and promise that God remains ever-present and active in this wounded world. That is what I hear.

Stay awake. Cling to your faith in a living, mature, and confident way. God is still in charge. God has not left the building. Ours is to cling to faith, to live with love, and to be agents of hope through the virtues of compassion, acceptance, mercy, tolerance, and forgiveness.

This is a time of trial. Will you stay with your faith or not? Will you cling to Christ, living gospel values to the best of your ability? If that is your plan, be at peace. You are secure in the Kingdom of God. If you are wavering, run to someone secure and be restored to faith, with living hope in the constancy of Divine redemption in the Lord Jesus. Christ is King of Creation and Lord of the Cross, and you belong to him.

Father John Esper

Liturgical Schedule

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday thru Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am

Church doors open 1/2 hour before Mass begins

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm
in Adoration Chapel

Only one person allowed in chapel at a time. Persons seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation will be allowed in church to line up at 3:00pm

LIVE
STREAMING

Live Streaming of Mass
Monday thru Thursday 8:00am and
Sunday 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesdays
8:45am to Noon

Livestream of Rosary on Thursday
following Mass

Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

Contact Information

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm,
Friday 9-Noon
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Parish Office Staff

Reverend John C. Esper, Priest in Solidum
Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin
Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Mary Ann Przybysz, Evangelical Charity Coordinator/
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Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

Faith Formation Office

248-398-1743

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

For information on Baptisms, OCIA and
Funerals contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720

Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 4, 2023

8:00am Mass: John McKay† req. by Sheryl Brown

TUESDAY, December 5, 2023

8:00am Mass: Christopher Hudy (Special Intention) req. by Mom

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2023

8:00am Mass: Stefanija Juska† req. by Regina Juska-Svoba

THURSDAY, December 7, 2023

8:00am Mass: Thomas, Kevin & Tommy Brown† req. by Family

7:00pm Mass: **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL:**

Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

FRIDAY, December 8, 2023 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00am Mass: Stella & Casimer Gucl† req. by Family

SATURDAY, December 9, 2023

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Peter Conway (Special Intention) req. by Mom

Paul Morello† req. by Dominick & Rosemary Lopez

Anthony Szeliga (16th R.A.) req. by Son, Tony & Jeanette Szeliga

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

Fr. Heary K of C Living & Deceased Members & Families

Joseph & Maria Manh† req. by Ryan Vu Family

Barbara Merchelt† req. by Family

Michael DeRubeist† (2nd R.A.) req. by Sue DeRubeis

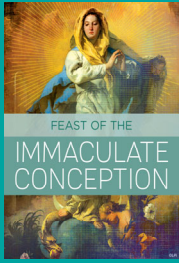
For the Souls of the Bince Clan



Readings for the Week

December 3

Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



Holy Day Masses
Vigil Mass
Thursday, Dec. 7th 7:00pm
Mass
Friday, Dec. 8th 8:00am

“Today the Church is celebrating the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If Christ is the day that never fades, Mary is its dawn, shining with beauty. Chosen in advance to be *the Mother of the Incarnate Word*, Mary is at the same time the first-fruits of his redeeming action. The grace of Christ the Redeemer acted in her in anticipation, preserving her from original sin and from any contagion of guilt.”
 St. John Paul II

Join us after the 9:00am Mass next Sunday for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

We thank the Fr. Heary Knights of Columbus Council for sponsoring and hosting this month’s Coffee & Donut Hospitality.



EVANGELICAL SERVICE CORNER

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING - DEC. 5TH

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry will meet this Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm in church.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - DEC. 10TH

Angela, our Parish Nurse will be checking blood pressures next Sunday, December 10th after Mass.

SENIOR FOOD COLLECTION - DEC. 9/10

Items requested:

Individual lunchbox sized and packaged snacks like: Crackers, Granola bars, Cereal bars and Fruit snacks

Canned Foods including:

Soups, Stews, Chili, Ravioli, Spaghettios, Fruit, Vegetables

Gift cards in any amount from: Kroger, Meijer, Walmart or Target

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE



To have names of deceased loved ones included in the Christmas bulletin, memorial flower envelopes must be returned by Monday, Dec 11th.



THIS YEAR'S GIVING TREE RECIPIENTS ARE:

Mary's Children Family Center provides a day program with academic, social, and recreational activities to persons with brain injuries and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Oakland County Jail Outreach Ministry provides for the immediate needs of the prison inmates, their families, and their victims.

Sanctum House rescues victims of human trafficking and provides them with housing, food, clothing, medical, dental, and psychological services.

Pope Francis Center provides meals, showers, laundry services, access to doctors, dentists, and providers of housing to individuals experiencing homelessness in Detroit.

See below for requested items and additional ways to support these ministries.

Our giving tree has two options this year. You are invited to take a tag from the giving tree in church or you can go to our website to make online purchases. Gifts with tags must be returned UNWRAPPED WITH THE TAG and placed in the coordinated boxes in church by the end of Mass on Dec. 10th. Online purchases must be received in the Parish Office by Noon on Friday, Dec. 8th. Gift cards are to be put in an envelope with the charity’s name on it and dropped in the collection basket by Dec. 10th or at the Parish Office by Noon on Dec. 8th. Gifts will be distributed on December 11th. The requested items are below:



MARY'S CHILDREN FAMILY CENTER

Green Christmas Tree Tags
 Requesting gift cards to Costco, Gordon Food Service, Kroger, Meijer



OAKLAND COUNTY JAIL OUTREACH MINISTRY

Yellow Star Tags
 Requesting gift cards to Meijer



SANCTUM HOUSE

Orange Mitten Tags
 Requesting cases of toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, Large containers of regular ground coffee, Large containers of sugar, sweetener and powdered creamer, Laundry detergent and dryer sheets, Gift cards to Meijer, Walmart, Target, Kroger



POPE FRANCIS CENTER

Blue Snowman Tags
 Requesting the following items for both men and women: warm winter hats, skull caps, gloves, scarves, thick boot socks, white socks, hand warmers, foot warmers, also needed are men’s thermal underwear sets only in sizes small, medium, 3XL, 4XL, women’s thermal underwear sets in sizes small thru 2XL, men’s sweat suit sets only in sizes small, medium and 4XL, women’s sweat suit sets in sizes small thru 2XL, men’s underwear only in sizes medium, large, 1XL, 2XL, 3 XL, women’s underwear in sizes small thru 2XL

IN THANKSGIVING FOR YOU



Thank you again, for your most generous response to our Thanksgiving food collection. St. Vincent Ferrer Parish was able to provide 24 meals for families who were able to enjoy the feast that you made possible. Thank you for the food that you brought and the money you gave. Thank you to those who organized this effort, for your many hours behind the scene, seeking donations from large companies, organizing work efforts, and much more. Thank you, also, to the volunteers who assisted in sorting food, packing boxes, and helping those who came to receive your gift. "I was hungry, and you fed Me."

ANNUAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 9/10

The annual collection taken to provide for our Religious Brothers and Sisters in their retirement years will be taken next weekend. Envelopes for this collection are at the church entrances. **Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.**

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

.Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening. ©LPI

Pray
for



...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding a peaceful solution to world tensions.

...medical and humanitarian

aid for those suffering from hardship due to catastrophic weather, fires, floods, wars, earthquakes and disasters.

...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.

...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

...all who are sick, homebound, undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

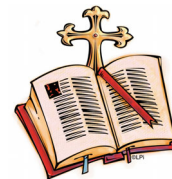
Lord Jesus,

You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey. Amen

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 9am
Faith Formation Office in School

The men's fellowship group gathers for a scripture reflection/sharing every other Saturday. All men are welcome.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WED. DEC. 13 - 7PM



MON. DEC. 18 6:30pm
SVF CHURCH



Tuesday,
December 19th
7:00-8:00pm SVF
Church

Meditations to listen to and ponder during these hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are available at :
<https://www.iamhere.org/come-and-see>
where you can download *Hallow*, the #1 Catholic App.

These meditations are designed to guide you through Eucharistic adoration so that you can encounter Jesus in your life in a deeper and more meaningful way. Wherever you are on your journey, these meditations are an invitation to speak heart-to-heart with Jesus and rest in his presence .

ALL ARE WELCOME

Hosts Needed for Traveling Vocations Chalice



Individuals and families are needed to host the Traveling Vocations Chalice for a one week commitment to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Sign up sheets are at the table outside the chapel wall near the Herbert door entrance.

ST. NICHOLAS | FEAST DAY DEC. 6TH
 March 15, 270 – December 6, 343



St. Nicholas of Bari was the bishop of Myra in the fourth century. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys. ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

WINE DISTRIBUTION

Question: Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

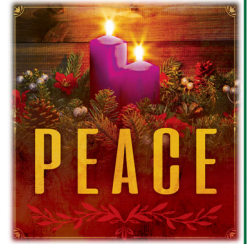
Answer: If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood of the Lord. ©LPi



- Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent ©LPi

Second Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Peace



Saturday, December 9, 2023
4:00pm Mass: Mary Ann Simmons

Sunday, December 10, 2023
9:00am Mass: Stan & Linda Yolkiewicz

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

First Reading: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

In prayer, the prophet Isaiah grieves over our sins that separates us from God. What sorrow or distress have you experienced over the past week?

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many gifts the believers have received because of their faith in Jesus. As we begin the season of Advent, for what are you thankful?

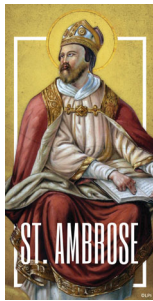
Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

Each Advent, the Gospel reading begins with Jesus instructing his disciples to watch carefully for the end times. How often do you think about the Second Coming of Jesus and judgment day? ©LPi

Ministry Schedule		
December 9/10, 2023		
Mass	4:00pm	9:00am
Sacristan	T Riley	C McCarthy
Reader #1	P Miles	R Grant
Reader #2	T Riley	C McCarthy
EME	P Miles	R Grant
	R Pasiak	A Goll
	M Simmons	T Karolski
Greeters	R Pasiak	M McLaughlin
	T Pasiak	D McLaughlin
	J Ballantine	D Vu
	L Collins	M Bessler
Traveling Chalice Host beginning week of December 9/10		
Kim Magri		

GETTING TO KNOW OUR SAINTS...

SAINT AMBROSE
FEAST DAY DECEMBER 7

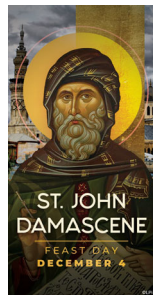


Saint Ambrose was born to an aristocratic Roman Christian family in 339 in what is now Trier, Germany. One popular legend tells of a swarm of bees alighting on the infant Ambrose's face and leaving behind a drop of honey which his father took as a sign that Ambrose would be an eloquent speaker with a 'honeyed tongue.'

Ambrose was educated in law and rhetoric in Rome. Like his father, he went into public service and was made governor of Liguria and Emilia about 373. In the second year of his governorship, he went to moderate the election of the bishop of Milan because the heretical Arians were challenging the succession. Unbaptized and untrained in theology, Ambrose was called by popular acclamation to be bishop. Though he attempted to flee, he was found and within a week he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on December 7, 374.

As bishop Ambrose studied scripture and the writings of Church fathers, he gave his property and wealth to the poor, and became an impactful orator, hymn writer, and renowned teacher. He highly praised consecrated virginity, likely influenced by his sister who took the veil. A contemporary with St. Martin of Tours, he also defended the faith against the Arian heresy (which questioned Christ's divinity), and against the state. Ambrose required Emperor Theodosius do public penance after the massacre of Thessalonica. His classic education contributed to his writing and sermons which attracted and converted Saint Augustine of Hippo who Saint Ambrose baptized.

Saint Ambrose is one of four original doctors of the Church. He died in 397 in Milan, Italy. His remains can be seen today at the Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio, where he lays with Saint Gervasus and Saint Protasus.



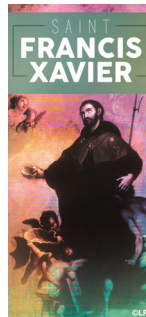
ST. JOHN DAMASCENE
FEAST DAY DECEMBER 4

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

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FRANCIS XAVIER
FEAST DAY DECEMBER 3



December 3rd, although not celebrated this year because it falls on Sunday is the feast of St. Francis Xavier. As a young man, Xavier met Ignatius of Loyola at the University of Paris. Xavier was inspired by his friend's zeal and devotion. When Xavier was 31, he became one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). The order presented themselves to the Pope for service as missionaries. Xavier would spend the rest of his life traveling the world and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. He served side by side with the poor in India, modern-day Malaysia, Pacific Islands, and ultimately Japan. Rather than imposing on the people, Xavier wore local dress and arranged translations of religious texts into the local language. It's estimated that he baptized 30,000 people. His charismatic joy is an inspiration for all who want to bring people to Christ.

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MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

2100 W. 12 Mile, Royal Oak, 48073

SATURDAY- 8:30am and
 4:30pm (livestreamed)

SUNDAY-7:30am, 9:30am (livestreamed),
 11:30am

4:00pm (Spanish-livestreamed), and 6:00pm

WEEKDAYS (*Monday - Friday*)
 6:30am (livestreamed), 8:30am

St. Justin, St. Mary Magdalen

1631 E. Elza Hazel Park, 48030 (St J)
 50 E Annabelle Ave. Hazel Park, 48030 (St MM)

SATURDAY - 4:00pm - St. Justin

SUNDAY - 9:00am & 11:00am - St. Mary Magdalen

MON-WED & FRI- 9:00am - St. Justin

St. Mary

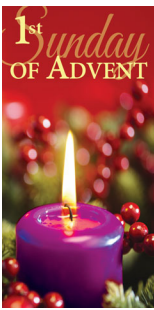
730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067

SATURDAY - 4:30pm

SUNDAY - 9:00am, 11 am

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30am

WED - 12:10pm



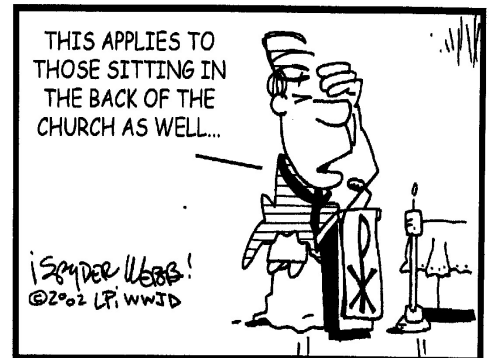
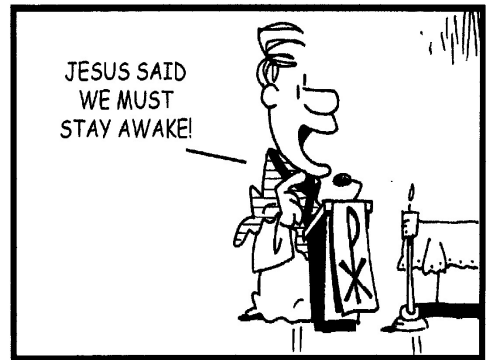
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep."** Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GIVING - WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18/19

664.01 Fiscal Year 7-1-23 to 6-30-24	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	245	23	95	
Offertory (including loose cash)	\$ 5,293.00	\$ 4,485.01	(807.99)	(3,190.32)
Energy	289.00	135.00	(154.00)	(997.08)
Other: Coffee & Donuts, Flowers, Memorial Trees, Candles	\$ 1,115.39	132.00	(983.39)	(20,355.55)
Mass Intentions	n/a	30.00		2,050.00
AOD Collections: Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan	n/a	305.00		360.00
Priest Retirement fund	n/a	10.00		1,217.00
Thanksgiving Basket Monetary Donations		255.00		615.00
Budget deficit donations *includes 1,540.94 - 2023 CSA refund		*1,732.94		3,597.31

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GIVING - WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 25/26

Fiscal Year 7-1-23 to 6-30-24	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	245	15		
Offertory (including loose cash)	\$ 5,293.00	\$ 4,067.96	(1,225.04)	(4,415.36)
Energy	289.00	240.00	(49.00)	(1,046.08)
Other: Coffee & Donuts, Flowers, Memorial Trees, Candles	\$ 1,115.39	273.00	(842.39)	(21,197.34)
Mass Intentions	n/a	50.00		2,100.00
Benevolent Fund/General Donation	n/a	165.00		165.00
Diocesan collections: Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan		25.00		385.00
Holy Days: All Saints/All Souls	n/a	20.00		2,595.00
Thanksgiving Basket Monetary Donations		145.00		760.00
Budget deficit donations		40.00		3,637.31

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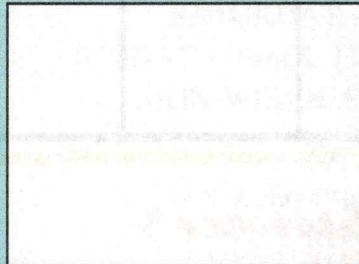
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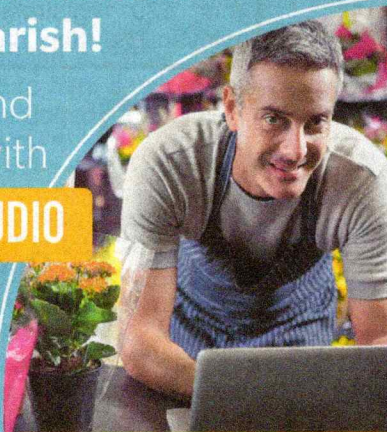
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