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PRAYER CORNER

Louise Bartlett, Julia Beckmann, Lorraine Degiovanni, Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher, Ron Eisenschenk, Alvina Klocker, Gen Ludowese, Mildred Notsch, Anthony Scholz, Charlie & Nancy Wenner, all who are lonely, grieving or estranged, Military Men, Women and their families, and all the ill or suffering.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 8:30 AM MASS THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT						
USHERS:	SERVER:	LECTOR:	GIFT BEARERS:	EUCH. MINISTERS:	SACRISTAN:	MUSIC:
Brian Eisenschenk Gene Eisenschenk	Liz Merdan Nick Merdan	Nick & Greg Hansen	Arnie & Rhonda Sauerer	Joyce Abeln Nancy Fandel Chuck Griffith	Mary Griffith	Br. David Klingeman OSB Karen Schellinger

Thank you to those who volunteer for our various liturgical ministries.
If you would like to volunteer for any of our Liturgical Ministry roles, please contact the parish office.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM Mass
Faith Formation, Speaker, & Breaking Bread

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00PM Mass at the Abbey Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Hope For Those Who Mourn

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
6:30 PM Reconciliation Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:00 AM Mass & Benediction

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
7:00 PM Concert: Sara Thomsen
See Bulletin Board flyer for info.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 3rd Sun. of Advent
8:30 AM Mass +Wayne Klein
Faith Formation, Speaker & Breaking Bread,
11:30-4:00 Parish Center Rental

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
8:00 AM Mass +Rose Schaefer
8:30 AM Breakfast

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
8:00 AM Mass +Elaine Vogel & Benediction

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 4th Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM Mass ++George & Viola Dullinger

FAITH FORMATION NOTES

- "The Christmas Shoes"** Sign up for the Christmas presentation is on the table in the hallway of the Parish Center. This event will take place Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm mass. Practices will be on:
12/8 end of class for information meeting for parent questions.
12/15 after breaking bread 11:00-11:30
12/22 after mass 9:30 to 11:30 lunch will be provided for children in the participating.
If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Bechtold.
- December 8th Speaker: Josie Stang**, will be speaking about the history of the St. John's Cemetery. Pat Dwyer will be cooking Lasagna for the community meal.
- December 15th: Tying Fleece Blankets for St. Joseph Food Shelf:** Adults will be needed to set up tables, lay out blankets, and assist in tying fleece blankets with the Faith Formation students. Please consider staying to assist. Pat Dwyer will be providing the Breaking Bread meal.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

Curious about Our Community Meal?
We have been hosting a "Breaking Bread" community lunch after every Faith Formation class. This meal is for **EVERYONE!** Join us **December 8th (Lasagna, salad, garlic toast), serving at 10:45 am, a free will offering is collected at all community meals.**

Thanks to all of the volunteers who prepare food, set-up and clean-up at these community meals!

Coffee Cake Orders can be picked up from the kitchen following Mass Sunday, December 8th. Thank you to all of the bakers and kitchen volunteers!

Note of Sympathy:

Please keep in your prayers the family of Marvin Spoden who passed away on November 24th. Marvin is the father of Steve (Sally) Spoden. May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



This year our parish's **Advent "Giving Tree"** will feature two projects in which members of our parish may want to participate.

Some of the ornaments on the tree will have the names of some special people in our own parish. Included will be the names of those on our prayer list and shut-ins, and parishioners 90 years old and older.

You are invited to choose a name from the tree. During Advent and the Christmas season, you can be the "Secret Santa" for that person, possibly doing something for them weekly and ending with a small gift or visit.

The other ornaments on the tree will be invitations to donate money to FACT, a local non-profit organization that provides weekend nourishment to food-insecure school children in our area. \$5 will buy enough food and snacks for one child for one week.

How do the Numbers Compare?

Mass Attendance:	2018	2019
Week 3 of November	104	117
Week 4 of November	118	174
Week 1 of December	113	—

Are you part of our numbers?



All children are welcome to stop by the table in the hallway to pick up your weekly Gospel puzzle sheet — **and don't forget to pick up a yellow children's envelope and write a good deed on it — Father will collect them during the offertory.**



Note of Thanks -

Thank you, to all of the Faith Formation Students who collected, packaged, and delivered the Thanksgiving Meals! It was such an unexpected blessing to receive the meal and the wonderful visit. **We feel very blessed to have such amazing young people in our parish.** God Bless You All.

-The senior members of the parish.

Hope For Those Who Mourn

If you or a friend has experienced the loss of a loved one, you know how empty and sad life can seem. There is a grief support group which meets once a month here in the Parish Center for people like yourself who are experiencing grief because of a loss. Our next meeting is

Wednesday, December 11th, at 9:00 a.m.

You do not have to register. Simply come. All are welcome. You can bring someone with you if you wish to do so. God bless you.

-Sister Joyce Iten, OSB, group facilitator.

Monday, December 9th: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
5:00PM Mass at the Abbey Church.

Note: In the new Liturgical Year, the feast is transferred to Monday, December 9 and is non-obligatory. The Sundays of Advent have a higher ranking on the Liturgical Calendar, therefore, this feast is moved.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. in the **Abbey Church**. The Choir will rehearse at 4:30 p.m.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION & PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday,
December 12, 2019
at 6:30 p.m.



We encourage you to take some time out of your busy schedule to lift up your burdens and settle your soul with Christ in the form of song, personal reflection, penance and/or communal participation.

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DECEMBER 8, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Welcome



Our parish is in search of a Kitchen Event Coordinator. Shelly Carlson, our current coordinator, will be retiring after 20+ years of service. We need your help finding a replacement.

The Kitchen Event Coordinator manages the Parish Center kitchen at our three main parish fundraisers (Oktoberfest, Fish Fry Dinners and Coffee Cake Sales), funeral luncheons, and building rentals. This position is **essential** to the **vitality** of our parish, since a large portion of our income comes from our fundraising meals. Not filling this position will greatly affect our parish; and it would be hard to imagine our parish without fundraising meals, funeral lunches or other community-building parish events.

The position could be separated into smaller positions if necessary (fundraising meals - funeral luncheons - building rentals & kitchen upkeep). This is a paid position and we are willing to offer training, and time to shadow Shelly in the kitchen.

It is critical that we fill this position soon!

What can you do to help?

- If you know of someone who might be interested, please notify them of the position and have them contact Julie in the parish office.
- If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please contact Julie in the parish office.
- Please pray that we find someone willing to fill this very important position.

OUR MISSION

We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.

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Sunday: 8:30 am

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