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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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SO GLAD YOU ASKED

About

The Meaning of Advent



The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year, and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (which is November 30th), and so it will always fall somewhere between November 27th at the earliest and December 3rd at the latest. The liturgical color for this season is purple (a deep purple). (Rose may be used on the 3rd Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday)

Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

During Advent, we the faithful, are asked to prepare ourselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love, making our souls fitting places for Jesus coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and thus, making ourselves ready for His final coming at the end of the world.

The themes and traditions of the Advent season have evolved throughout the history of the liturgical season. The early Advent season was mainly penitential, like Lent. Today a penitential theme still exists, but it is not as intense as in 7th century when Advent was celebrated for 5 Sundays. Pope Gregory VII, who was pope from 1073-85, reduced the number to four Sundays.

Also, the Advent Season is blended with the theme of prayerful, spiritual preparation for the second and final coming of the Lord, as well as the joyful preparation for the annual festive remembrance of the Incarnation and Christ's birth.

One of the common Advent celebrations and likely most popular traditions throughout the Catholic Church is the Advent wreath, present in both the parish church and in the home.

It is often circular, representing God's eternity, and it includes 4 candles – one for each Sunday of Advent.

How will we celebrate Advent at Sacred Heart? We will begin the first part of Mass each Sunday with a progressive Advent Procession bringing in the candles for the Advent wreath, accompanied by interspersed prayers (including the Greeting and Opening Prayer) and singing with a specific theme for each Sunday. On the 1st Sunday (and Saturday), one family will bring in the first candle, then continue to bring in the first candle on each of the 3 remaining Sundays. On the 2nd Sunday, another family will bring in the second candle, then continue on the remaining 2 Sundays, and so on, until by the 4th Sunday, there will be 4 families in the Advent candle procession. After the candles are placed in the wreath, the Word of God will be called forth, and the 1st Reading will be proclaimed. **May this be a prayerful, spiritual, and joyful preparation experience for all of us!**

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Dec. 2 ~ Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass
 Dec. 4 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Dec. 5 ~ Pre-12 Gr. PSR Family Caroling w/Santa, 6:30 PM
 Dec. 5 ~ Pick up Zak's Cheese orders
 Dec. 5 ~ RCIA, 7:15 PM, Parish Office
 Dec. 7 ~ Immaculate Conception Mass, 6:00 PM, Sacred Heart
Dec. 8 ~ Parish Pot Luck Dinner, 6:00 PM, SHS Gym
 Dec. 9 ~ Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass
 Dec. 9 ~ NCYC Youth & Parent Mtg, 11:30 AM, Parish Office
 Dec. 12 ~ Advent Penance Service, 6:45 PM
 Dec. 12 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-2), 6:30 to 7:30 PM
 Dec. 12 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. 3-12), attend Penance Service
 Dec. 12 ~ RCIA, 7:15 PM, Parish Office
 Dec. 15 ~ High School Youth Bake Sale following 5:00 PM Mass
 Dec. 16 ~ Children's Dismissal @ 10:30 AM Mass
 Dec. 16 ~ High School Youth Bake Sale following 10:30 AM Mass
 Dec. 18 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
 Dec. 19 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. K-8), 6:30 to 7:30 PM
 Dec. 19 ~ PSR Classes (Gr. 9-12), 7:00 to 8:00 PM
 Dec. 19 ~ No RCIA – Christmas Break
 Dec. 22 ~ "The Christmas Pageant", 3:30 PM, SHS Gym
 Dec. 23 ~ No Children's Dismissal
 Dec. 26 ~ No PSR Classes (Gr. K-12) – Christmas Break
 Dec. 26 ~ No RCIA – Christmas Break
 Dec. 28 ~ Larned Community Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
 Dec. 30 ~ No Children's Dismissal

2012 Christmas Schedule

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 PM – Friday – December 7 at Sacred Heart

9:00 AM – Saturday – December 8 at St. Bernard, Belpre

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday – December 12th ~ 6:45 PM at Sacred Heart

Sunday – December 23rd ~ 4:00 PM at St. Bernard, Belpre



Christmas Eve Masses ~ December 24th

5:00 PM at Sacred Heart, Larned

7:00 PM at St. Bernard, Belpre

Christmas Day Mass ~ December 25th

9:00 AM at Sacred Heart, Larned

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

5:00 PM – Monday– December 31 at Sacred Heart

7:00 PM – Monday– December 31 at St. Bernard, Belpre

FINANCE/PROPERTY COUNCIL

- ❖ Met November 20th
- ❖ Members present: Bob Haymaker, Dennis Wilson, G.L. VonFeldt, Carol Jacob, Sharon Larsen, Jim Damm, Don Jensen, Fr. Warren & Pam Hutfles. Unable to attend: Leon Sanders
- ❖ Minutes of the October 16th meeting were approved.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial reports for October reflecting \$24,975.62 in income and \$46,527.99 in expenses for a net loss of \$21,552.37. Our YTD net loss is \$18,093.00. Total assets at the end of Oct. were \$536,000.23 compared to \$545,438.97 at this time last year. Most of the extraordinary expenses during the month involved the Centennial Celebration.
- a. Parish sprinkler system: David Spare will be reimbursed for pipe & supplies purchased for the irrigation job to be completed in the spring.
- b. Carpet in basement classroom: The teachers elected to not have the carpet replaced if they could not have food and drink in the room. After discussion it was decided to proceed with the carpeting and allow food & drink.
- c. Pam shared a recap of the Centennial receipts and expenses. More cookbooks have been ordered with about 38 Centennial Books left.
- d. Dennis Hill from H & B Video installed a wired microphone in the choir loft and added a wireless microphone in the front of church. Cords were also rearranged and secured in the choir loft.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 18, 2012 @ 12:00 Noon.

PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- ❖ Met November 11th
- ❖ Members: Ann Ellis, Tammy Cloninger, & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Brian Haberman, Joy Schmidt, Stacy Sanger, Don Kazmaier, Connie Mauney.
- ❖ A thank you was extended to everyone who helped with the decorating and preparation of the Centennial Celebration.
- ❖ The Outreach Committee will provide hot cocoa & cookies to the PSR students following their caroling on Wednesday, December 5th.
- ❖ The committee will host a Parish Potluck on December 8th after the 5:00 pm Mass in the SHS gym.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 13, 2013 @ 11:30 AM

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met November 15th
- ❖ Members present: Michael Klemens, Philip Hammeke, Matt Stucker, Barbara Hammond, Nicki Roof, Sr. Rebecca, David O'Gwin, Mary Klinge & Fr. Warren. Unable attend: Elaine Coulson.
- ❖ Minutes of the October 15th meeting were approved.
- ❖ Assigned phone calling of weekend Mass servers.
- ❖ The council reviewed a Centennial Celebration wrap-up report prepared by Pam Hutfles. Appreciation was extended to all who made the Centennial Celebration a memorable success.
- ❖ The council accepted a letter of resignation from Elaine Coulson from serving on Pastoral Council due to her work schedule. Mary Klinge will fulfill the remainder of Elaine's term.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 17, 2013 @ 6:30 PM.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

- ❖ Met November 27th
- ❖ Members: Grethe Jensen, Linda Befort, Sr. Rebecca, Regis Lopata, Vera Schmidt & Fr. Warren. Unable to attend: Jo Molleker, Lee Durler, Sr. Virginia, & Nora Sanders.
- ❖ Set the Mass times for Immaculate Conception, Christmas & the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.
- ❖ The Rite of Welcoming for our RCIA candidates will be Dec. 9th.
- ❖ Sr. Rebecca shared the procedure for our upcoming Advent procession. Families will be asked to carry in candles.
- ❖ The group will meet Friday, Nov. 30 to change out missalettes and music issues.
- ❖ There will be no Adoration in December.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 22, 2013 @ 5:30 PM



PSR NEWS

December will be short in length for PSR, but long in activities! On the 5th PSR youth & families will be caroling with Santa at Larned Healthcare, the hospital, and both Country Living facilities. Zak's Cheese orders will be in on the 5th. The 12th & 19th bring some rare classroom time along with penance.

Those PSR high school youth interested in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in November 2013, should plan to attend a meeting Sunday, the 9th at 11:30 am in the Parish Office. Parents need to attend also.

The high school youth will be having a pre-Christmas bake sale after Mass on the 15th and 16th, so stop by for some holiday goodies!

PSR will resume on January 16th. (Catechists will be attending a meeting in Great Bend on the 9th so there is no PSR.)

K-12th grades need to practice their prayers over Christmas break to prepare for some "friendly" competitions when they return.

May you be blessed during this glorious season! Be safe and God Bless!

Brenda Johnson, DRE



The Christmas Pageant Returns

For years Sacred Heart School was known throughout the area for their Christmas programs. Well, folks...the tradition is back! The PSR kids, under the direction of Stacy Sanger, will be presenting **"The Christmas Pageant" on Saturday, December 22nd at 3:30 pm in the school gym.** This portrayal of the first Christmas will be a true reminder of God's gift to us all and the true meaning of Christmas. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Spread the word...the Christmas Pageant has returned!

December Birthdays

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| (02) John Hutfles
Darlene Medina
Nicholas Orth | (16) Becky Dodez
Kristin Hammeke
Karen Kuntz
Jeremy McDonald |
| (03) Alexandra Moscoso
Brandon Turner | (17) Shannon Fischer
Sr. Irene Hartman
Abby Kelty
Brianna Sell
Daniel Sell |
| (04) Bob Brack
Brandon Cenicerio
Sr. Mary Ann Klein
Mary Schartz | (19) Jacob Finger
Kevin Hammeke
Kelsey Parr
Malia Schartz
Jordan Steinert |
| (05) Dustin Danler
Mike Mauney
Katie Romo | (20) Monica Clark
Felicity Newell |
| (06) Stephen Heit | (21) Cade Parr
Joe Simmons
Richard VonFeldt |
| (07) Gretchen Holopirek
Alexis Kimble | (23) Vi Prosser |
| (08) Troy Langdon | (26) Jean Simmons |
| (09) Erin Josefiak | (27) Alec Carlson
Brad Colglazier
Adam Unruh |
| (10) Steve Lemuz
Bryan Schroeder
Janice Schroth | (28) Lawrence Bauer
Liz McDonald |
| (11) Casey Danler
Linda Lemuz
Jeanie Snyder
George Youngers | (30) Danielle Chilcott |
| (12) Debbie Danler
Cindy Perez | (31) Brayson Bird
Marissa Smith
Amy Welsch |
| (13) Kristin Schartz
Justin Skelton | |
| (14) Kathy Hammeke
Eric Hammond
Betty Hulsey | |
| (15) Retha Delgadillo | |



December Anniversaries

- (01) Henry and Kristen Snodgrass
(03) Phil and Ann Schreiber
(04) Frank and Linda Garcia
Mike and Connie Mauney
David and Stacy Sanger
(19) Doug and Jennifer McNett
(25) James and Sharon McGinness
(28) Joe and Annie Garcia

KNIGHTS DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec. 1 LJCF Christmas Party (G)
Dec. 4 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
Dec. 6 Life Hunt Dinner (R)
Dec. 7 PVCH Christmas Party (G)
Dec. 8 Pawnee County Coop Christmas Party (R)
Dec. 15 Ward Feed Yard Christmas Party (G)



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Emmet Thomas, Sarah Elizabeth, Grace Ellen,
the children of Matt & Elizabeth Fisher
November 3, 2012

Jordyn Sage,
the daughter of Kyle Cook & Stephanie Burd
November 11, 2012

Natalie Jane Marie,
the daughter of Nathan Stude & Karisa Ruiz
November 17, 2012

Remember with Prayer

John Grant	Elora Robinson
Marjorie Vratil	Grace Sloan
Lucille Fox	Pat Thompson
Mary Schartz	Elsie Jones
Curtis Smith	Mickey Perez
Armella Dechant	Mary Ann Schartz
Calvin Blattner	Clayton Kelty
Grace Perez	Sr. Mary Ann Klein
Phyllis Neidig	Catherine Orth
Kindra Perez	Joyce Greathouse
Ed Haremza	Susan Colglazier
Jayden Waller	Betty Tauscher
Chris Gross	Carol (Bartz) Eaton



All of our men and women serving in the
United States military

Advent Penance Services

Following are the places and times of area Penance Services. If the Larned time is not convenient for you, please feel free to go to another.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 – 7:00 PM at St. Patrick, Great Bend

Sunday, Dec. 9 – 4:00 PM at St. Rose, Great Bend

Wednesday, Dec. 12 – 6:45 PM at Sacred Heart

Sunday, Dec. 16 – 2:00 PM at Hoisington

Sunday, Dec. 16 – 4:00 PM at Ellinwood

Sunday, Dec. 16 – 7:00 PM at St. Patrick, Great Bend

Sunday, Dec. 23 – 4:00 PM at St. Bernard, Belpre



OCTOBER FINANCES

INCOME:

Collections	18,445.93
Special Donations	
Endowment	
Interest	4.90
Farm	
PSR	
Fundraisers	671.79
Miscellaneous	<u>5,853.00</u>
TOTAL	\$24,975.62

EXPENSES:

Stewardship	1,782.15
Salaries	12,109.50
Insurance	1,428.00
Utilities	1,611.99
Maintenance	1,437.00
Improvement	
Office	669.49
PSR	2,686.12
Farm	
Miscellaneous	<u>24,803.74</u>
TOTAL	\$46,527.99

Sr. Rebecca Otter's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of RCIA team members in last months Sacred Heart Beat.



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**A Prayer
For Christmas**

Oh, God, our loving Father,
help us rightly to remember
the birth of Jesus, that we may share
in the song of the angels, the gladness
of the shepherds, and the worship
of the wise men.

May the Christmas morning make us happy
to be your children and Christmas evening
bring us to our beds with grateful
thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.

Amen