



# The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

Second Sunday of Advent 12/8/2019

## What is Your Gift from GOD?

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sunday @ 9:00 am

Weekdays:

Wednesday@ 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Saturday of each month@ 3:15 pm –3:45 pm

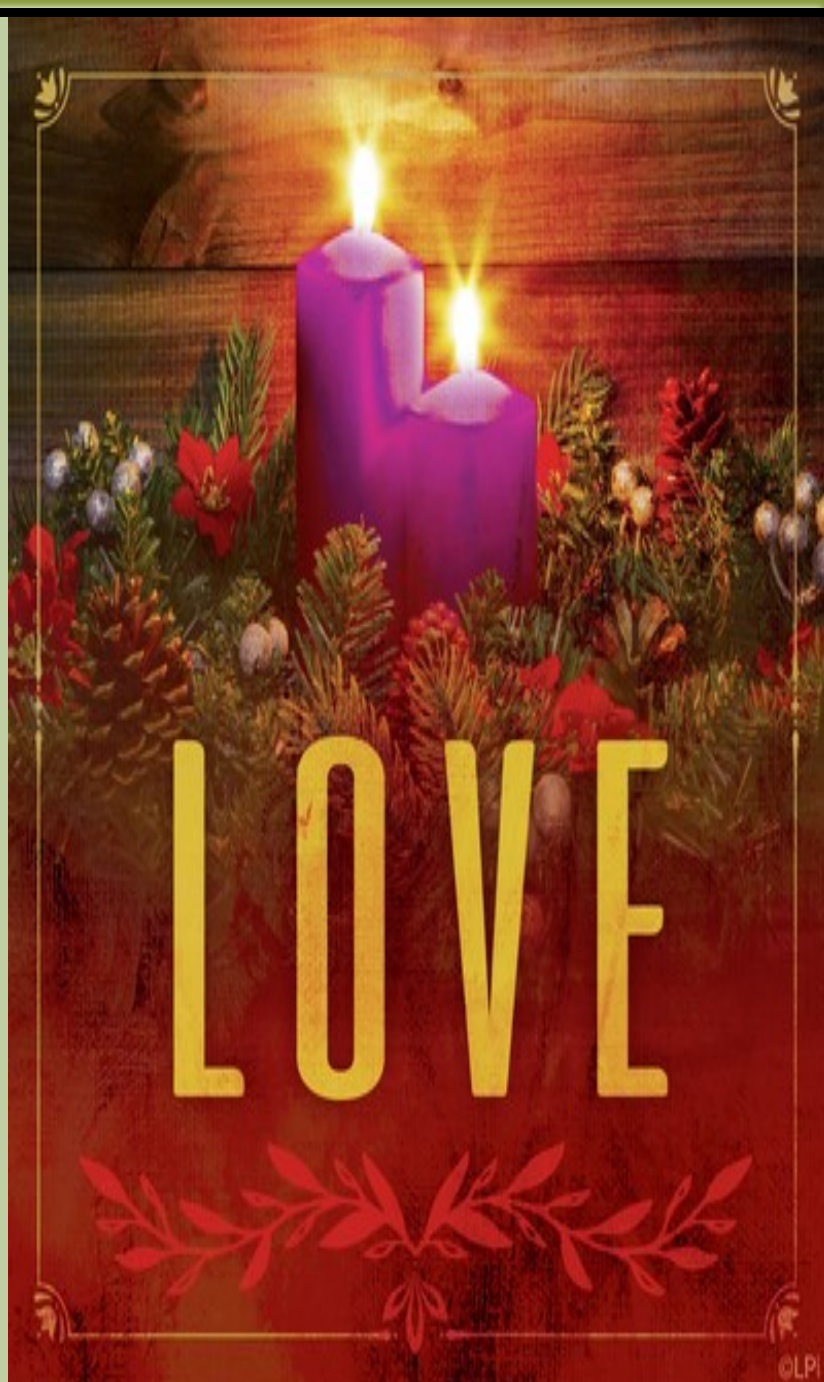
Or by appointment

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday @

8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

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## ON IT'S TIME To WAKE UP!

Are you merely sleep walking, just going through the motions, or are you fully awake? God told Noah to stay awake and be prepared as a great flood was coming. Noah obeyed God and was rewarded. Those who did not listen to God, lost their lives. Advent is a time of hope; the hope in the second coming of Jesus. Matthew 25: 44, ***“Therefore you also must be ready, for the son of man is coming at an unexpected hour.”***

Recently the media warned us of an impending snowstorm. We spent time listening to who we believe are the “experts,” keeping careful tabs on the latest updates as the storm approached of which was taking aim at our planned-out daily lives. How will this storm affect my work or kids’ activities? How do I need to be prepared so that my loved ones and I will be safe? The grocery stores were packed with people rushing off to make sure their needs were met (can’t be stuck at home without our favorite junk foods), and trips were made to make sure vehicles were full of fuel and snowblowers and shovels were ready and available. It amazes me to see how quickly we move to prepare when feeling our cozy lives may be threatened. And living in Minnesota, this happens time and time again, even if the storm is not always as intense as the media leads it to be.

As a pastor, I have watched families over the years pour time into their children’s activities. They start their kids young, signing them up to make sure they are included on a team, ensure they get to practice, listen to their coaches or teachers, and no matter what else is going on they make sure their child is at the game or big event! This continues year after year until their children grow up and venture out into the world on their own. But how much preparation are we doing as Christians to ensure our eternal salvation, and especially the eternal salvation of our children?

Why do we not heed the warning from Jesus? The Apostle’s Creed we say together at mass states, ***“He is coming again to the judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.”*** We must be careful. Reciting these words is not the same as truly believing them. When we truly believe, we live out our lives in a way that shows that we are constantly preparing our souls for the day Jesus will return.

It is easy to put things off. Procrastination is an epidemic these days! We put off cleaning until right before we have company, then become frantic trying to get everything completed in time for our holiday gatherings. We put things off like the yardwork or homework until the deadline is near, and then it’s a race against time.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we do not know when the hour will be, but he ***will*** be coming again! Seize each day to love Christ, serve Christ, be kind to one another, pray, attend Mass weekly and be a true disciple! Act centered on your beliefs!

If you knew you were going to be standing in front of God tomorrow... How would you be living your life today?



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

Mass will be held on Monday,  
December 9 at 9:00 AM

The Immaculate Conception, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Mary was conceived naturally but God kept her soul *immaculate*, i.e. free from original sin. Is the Feast of Immaculate Conception Obligatory in 2019?

In 2019, at least in the United States, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed because December 8 falls on Sunday and the celebration is transferred to Monday, December 9. The transfer is made as the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence.



### Advent & Christmas Schedule

#### December 9

#### **Feast of The Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 9

Masses at 9:00 AM

#### December 25

#### **The Nativity of The Lord**

Tuesday, December 24

Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 AM

#### January 1

#### **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

Tuesday, December 31

Vigil Mass at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, January 1

At 9:00 AM

## Celebrants

### Wednesday, December 11th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

### Saturday, December 14th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 5:00 PM

### Third Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 15th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 9:30 AM

**There is a plan and a purpose for You!**



**S.H.  
Rosary  
Devotion**

Rosaries Said:

11/24: 46  
To Date: 2260

## Liturgical Roles

### Saturday, Dec. 14th at 4:00 pm

**Lectors:** Sue Roth

**Communion:** Chuck Debevec, Annette Storm

**Gifts:** Drevecky Family

**Ushers:** Dick Ordner, Dave Peter

**Servers:** Maggie Roth

### Sunday, Dec. 15th at 9:00 am

**Lectors:** Jeremy Albright, Al Walz

**Communion:** David Prickett, Jean Peno\*, Mary Pat Hesbeck

**Gifts:** Peterson Family

**Ushers:** Craig Peterson, Paul Wendorff

**Servers:** Broderick Larson, Isabell Harer

## Mass Intentions



Dec. 11th Open

Dec. 14th Gibson Family

Dec. 15th Ben Steen

### Advent Family Prayer

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. ...  
You have shown us in Jesus what you are really like. Lord  
God, we adore you because you still come to us now.

## Parish News



### Santa Day!

It's that time of the year again! Santa Day is Saturday, December 14, which means its cookie sale time...Time to break out the cookie's sheets and recipes of your favorite Christmas cookies. Ladies, kids, even you guys who like to bake can bring a double recipe of your cookies to the RC library at 9:00 am on Santa Day, Saturday, December 14. Thank you in advance.

## Financial Update

| Totals for weekend        | 11/24/19  | 12/2/19   |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Plate                     | 344.00    | 60.25     |
| Envelopes (22)            | 3159.00   | 946.00    |
| Bldg. maint. Env.         | 50.00     | 45.00     |
| Candle Money              | 103.75    |           |
| Stipends/stole            | 84.00     |           |
| Anniversary Bldg. Improv. | 1670.00   |           |
| Aluminum Cans             | 64.00     |           |
| Military Archdiocese      |           | 10.00     |
| Liturgical Enviro.        |           | 30.00     |
| Trailer Sale              |           | 200.00    |
| Thanksgiving donation     |           | 85.00     |
| Total                     | \$5474.75 | \$1376.25 |

**THANK YOU**  
FOR YOUR  
**SUPPORT!**

## "Capital Campaign Corner"

### Financial Update:

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Project Goal</b>          | <b>\$ 100,000.00</b> |
| <b>Pledges Received (50)</b> | <b>\$ 55,510.00</b>  |
| <b>Paid to Date</b>          | <b>\$ 33,802.00</b>  |

If you have not returned your pledge card please do so soon.

Thank you for supporting Capital Campaign- A Call to Restore and Preserve.



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## NEW ENVELOPES FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Envelopes are now in the back of church for use in remitting installment donations for the Capital Campaign.

They are green in color and should be used as follows:

1. Be sure to put your name (s) where indicated.
2. Write in the amount for a check or cash placed in it.
3. Write in your envelope number if you have one. If not, circle the N/A.
4. On the left, mark the type of donation, monthly, quarterly, etc.
5. When complete, drop in the collection basket.

If you have already made a one-time donation, these envelopes need not be used (unless you would like to add to your previous one, in which case check the "Special Donation" category).

## DECEMBER SECOND COLLECTION

Give in thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members.

## Needing our Prayers



Sue Roth  
Erika Matzke-Stoltz  
Danielle Peter  
Judy Strandmark  
Matt Yurick  
Jean Isackson

Jim Kirchberg  
Elaine Schneider  
Margarette Brooke  
John Hatcher  
Savannah Yurick



Donations of any desserts would be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you!