

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21,  
2014

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Our Lady of Peace:**  
**Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm**

**You may also contact Msgr. Pilon  
as needed for Reconciliation**

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

**Christmas, hope for humanity**  
That the birth of the Redeemer  
may bring peace and hope to all  
people of good will.

**Parents** That parents may be  
true evangelizers, passing on to  
their children the precious gift of  
faith.

## Our Lady of Peace Stewardship December 14, 2014

Adult Env.	1640.00
Children's Env.	41.00
Plate	65.00
Votive	13.00
Flowers	25.00
Can Redemption	40.75
Religious Retirement	65.00
Cookie Walk	1117.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,007.25</b>

## Our Lady of Peace

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## MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2014

Thursday we celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation of Jesus. God has so loved us that He has become one of us. This is a mystery beyond our understanding. It is like an author who is writing a story. The author gets concerned that the characters are going off in the wrong direction. Rather than forcing the characters to act against their will, the author enters the story as an additional character to convince them that there is a better way. The author is in the story while writing the story, but he gives them total freedom. They can listen to the author as the additional character or they can reject him.

I am not sure how good an analogy this is. Somehow God is able to be one of us and be God simultaneously. He is both author and character in the story of our lives. He does this not because He wants to do something strange. Rather He has a purpose for us.

When I was going to school at St. Aloysius Academy in Oakwood ND, we memorized the Baltimore Catechism for religion classes. One of the questions was why did God make me? The answer as far as I can remember was "to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him". The purpose of life is to come to know God in all the mystery and wonder around us. Every kind of learning is about recognizing the wonders of God acting in the world. The more we know about the world the more we know God.

The greatest wonder is to realize that all this is a gift from God. Our very existence is a gift, none of us needs to exist. When we consider the odds that anyone of us would exist, it is amazing. Each of our parents had to choose their partner out of all the people they came into contact with. In the moment of conception a specific combination of genes came together to create each of us. God gives us this gift as act of love. He has chosen us from all eternity and has a plan for us. This plan is that we come to know His love and respond with love for Him.

This gift is frequently misused. Because we are all connected with each other the misuse of the gifts of God especially life itself is injured. This is the concept of Original Sin confirmed by our own sins. There are people who question the value of their gifts because of their experience of suffering. Jesus was sent by God as an offer of hope and the promise of joy. If we can unite ourselves with the Word of God in Jesus we can overcome every disability. Serving Jesus is really about loving our neighbor. *(continued on last page)*

## WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

			Mass	Intention	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
12/22	Mon				1 Samuel 1:24-28		1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8	Luke 1:46-56
12/23	Tue	OLP	9 am		Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	25:4-5, 8-10, 14		Luke 1:57-66
12/24	Wed	OLP	5 PM		2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16	89:2-5, 27, 29		Luke 1:67-79
12/25	Thurs	St. Ag OLP	8:30 am 11 am		Isaiah 52:7-10	98:1-6	Hebrews 1:1-6	John 1:1-18
12/26	Fri	LMH	9:30 am		Acts 6:8-10; 7: 54-59	31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17		Matthew 10:17-22
12/27	Sat	OLP	5:00 pm		1 John 1:1-4	97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12		John 20:1-8
12/28	Sun	OLP	8:30 am	People of the Parish	Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14	128:1-5	Colossians 3:12-21	Luke 2:22-40
		St. Ag	11:00 am					

	Sat. 5:00 PM December 27	Sun. 8:30 AM December 28
<b>Sacristan</b>		
<b>Lector</b>		
<b>Euch. Minister</b>		
<b>Servers</b>		
<b>Cross-bearer</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Gift Bearers</b>		
<b>Music</b>	Dee	Karen

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**The Sanctuary Candle Offering this week is given for Al  
and Laura Koshney and Family by Marge Spies.**  
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**NEXT COUPLE WEEKS**

The Christmas schedule will be as usual: 5:00 PM December 24 @ Our Lady of Peace (there will be no morning mass), 8:30 AM December 25 @ St. Agnes, and 11:00 AM @OLP. January 1 being a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION will have the same schedule as Christmas.

**Thank You!**

“We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members,” writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week’s collection for the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. May



Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 God bless you for your generosity!

**Help Needed: Christmas Liturgy**

**Please sign up for Mass Ministries for the Christmas season if you will be here. Signup sheets are on parlor door.**

**Thank You!**

Elizabeth circle served 12 members of GST Special Ed on Wednesday earning \$290 for the church. Special thanks to the 4 ladies who made and served this luncheon.

**Cookie Walk**

Thank you for all the cookies baked for this fundraiser. All cookies were gone by 1 PM. Thank you to the faithful workers who kept things moving on the floor. Our total intake was \$1,153.00 with no expenses.

**Christmas flowers**

If you would like to donate toward flowers for the Christmas season there are envelopes on the table in the entry for this. Please add if the flowers are in memory or honor of someone and who it is from. We will try to get a list of the memorials and honors in the bulletin after Christmas.



**Lessons and Carols**

Come and join in the singing a half hour before the 5 PM Mass on Christmas Eve!!!

**2015 Secretary Hours**

Due to other job opportunities as a deaconess in the Lutheran Church I will be cutting back on my hours at OLP. I will be working three days of each week from 8:30-11:30. As a result, I ask that all bulletin announcements be emailed or given to me by Wednesday of each week (starting this week). Thank you! –Faith Swenson

**Offering Envelopes**

Offering Envelopes for 2015 are now available. Let Faith know if you did not get envelopes and want them. Also, check your address on the top of the envelopes to make sure it is right. If it is not correct let Faith know the changes. Thank you!

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

We will be blessings all the birthday people of each month on the first Sunday of the month. On the Third Sunday we will bless all those celebrating anniversaries that month. If someone has a special birthday or anniversary they wish to be recognized, let us know and we can bless it.

**Prayers**

Our condolences to the Mike Elliott family in the death of their sister and aunt.

Adoration is being honored 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Saturday	<b><u>St. Agnes Parish</u></b> PO Box 32, Hunter, ND 58048	<b><u>St Agnes Stewardship</u></b> December 14, 2014	
Sacrament of Reconciliation First Sunday of Month 8:10 – 8:25 Before Mass	DRE: Jessica Shultz Lay Director: Conray Griesbach Lay Director Connie Lerew Council Member: Kristin Olstad Council Member: Bryon Mitzel Christian Women: Sheila Sherritt Liturgical: Jill Moore	<b>Adult's Env.</b>	310.00
		<b>Children's Env.</b>	34.00
		<b>Plate</b>	35.00
		<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	40.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$419.00</b>

### ST. AGNES LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 21		Sunday, December 28	
<b>Lector</b>	Sharon	<b>Lector</b>	Katie
<b>Communion</b>	Roger/Sheila	<b>Communion</b>	Gerri/Jill
<b>Servers</b>	Jack/Brandon	<b>Servers</b>	Kelsey/Cierra
<b>Cross Bearer</b>	Hunter	<b>Cross Bearer</b>	Eve
<b>Greeters/Offering</b>	Roger/Sheila	<b>Greeters/Offering</b>	Al/Betty
<b>Breakfast</b>	Ken/Lois, Tracy/Randy, Ross	<b>Breakfast</b>	

### Christmas Colors...do you know their meaning?

Some parishioners have questioned why we always use green, red and white in decorating our sanctuary at Christmas time. Well, there is meaning behind those colors. The color green came from the green wreaths that symbolize eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and everlasting life. The red is symbolic of the blood Jesus shed when he died for our sins and the white stands for purity. There is also the connection with the Garden of Eden in the Christmas tree. People believe the red ornaments and the Christmas tree symbolize

the tree of Life in the Garden of Eden and the apples that were picked from it. Using candles are also symbolic of the light of the risen Christ and hope in the darkness. We are blessed with a faith that is rich with symbolism and tradition. Some consider using the colors of red and green "old-fashioned" but in a world that is ever changing it is comforting to know there are some things that remain constant.

### Mayo Report

I got pretty good news from the Mayo clinic. They confirmed that there is no tumor left and no compression of the optic nerve. I went to the optometrist to look into Prism glasses. My field of vision has improved about 10% from when I last saw him in August. The Mayo clinic says that my vision would probably continue to heal but I would probably never get back to where I was before. With my peripheral vision still limited, I cannot drive. He did prescribe some single vision glasses that should help me with reading.

### **Job Opening: Full-Time Sustained Giving Officer**

St. Paul's Catholic Newman Center on the NDSU campus, Fargo, ND is seeking a Sustained Giving Officer to build relationships with individuals who have the capacity to give anywhere from \$50 - \$250/month. This position will be expected to increase the monthly giving program anywhere from \$650 - \$900 each month. Along with managing the monthly giving program, the Giving Officer will work side by side with our Campus Missions team to assist them in building up the student campus account through parish talks and all large scale conference fundraising initiatives. Additional responsibilities will include: working with and overseeing all aspects of the newly formed Newman Alumni Board to make connections through alumni socials and gift solicitations. Candidates must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and a desire to grow in understanding of the fund development field. Must be able to work as an effective team member and be results orientated. Compensation will commensurate with experience and qualifications. Please send a cover letter, resume and three references to: [bisoncatholic@gmail.com](mailto:bisoncatholic@gmail.com) Visit: [www.bisonCatholic.org](http://www.bisonCatholic.org) Position open until filled.

**MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR (cont.)**

God invites us to love Him in each other. Love sometimes can be challenging. It means that we work for the best in each person whether we enjoy them or not. One of the sins of humanity is tribalism. We accept some people as being "us" worthy of love and respect. We reject others as "them" and undeserving of our concern. The Incarnation of Jesus calls us to be catholic in the universal sense of the word. God declares every part of creation as sacred by becoming one with it. So we are called to love God by respecting every human person as His child as well had having due respect for all of His creation. The hope and joy of Christmas is that every humans person is worthy of love. Once everyone accepts this promise, true peace will reign on earth.

**Study the New Testament via TV or internet**

Free Catholic Bible Study Resources created by Dr. Jan George. The videos can be viewed for free at [www.sacredheartproductions.org](http://www.sacredheartproductions.org), where accompanying lessons can be downloaded. Sacred Heart Productions is an apostolate dedicated to producing a Bible Study that can be used by individuals or study groups who desire to read Scripture and grow in knowledge and the love of God through His Word.

The New Testament Letters: Part I covering the early letters of St. Paul is currently being aired on local access television on Midcontinent. For more information please see the doors. Lessons can be downloaded at [www.sacredheartproductions.org](http://www.sacredheartproductions.org) under NT Letters Part I. The 15-part schedule can also be found under "Television Programming."

**World Youth Day**

The Diocese of Fargo Youth and Young Adult Ministry Department is still looking for anyone 16 and older to attend World Youth Day in July, 2016. World Youth Day is in Krakow, Poland and our pilgrimage truly walks in the footsteps of St. John Paul II. Please think about sending your student and/or come along with them on this fantastic pilgrimage of a lifetime. For further information, please contact Kathy Loney at 701-356-7902 and she will send out or email a brochure to you explaining the pilgrimage and the fee schedule.

**Stewardship Moment**

December 21, 2014 - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28*

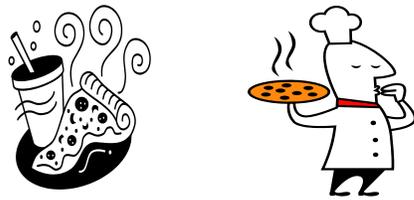
Faith is a gift from God. During this Christmas season take time in silence and pray to God. Thank him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's grace.

**Stewardship Moment**

December 25, 2014 -Christmas Day Mass  
*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us," – John 1:13*

Christmas is the celebration of God's greatest gift: His only Son. No matter what we consider our gifts we will never be able to give more than this.



<p><b>Bulletin Announcements</b>                  All bulletin announcements are due on Wednesday.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Pizza Shop</b>                  Mayville                  786-3273</p>	<p align="center"><b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>  <i>You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn for your intention.                  We ask a donation of \$3.00. Envelopes are available on the entry table.</i></p>
 <p>Mayville 788-3110                  Hillsboro 636-5500                  Hatton 543-3013</p>		 <p align="center">"We're The One For You"</p>
 <p>www.mayportinsurance.com                  1-800-448-7999</p>		<p align="center">Portland 788-3791                  Mayville 788-9030                  www.ffbnk.com</p> <p align="center"><b>Securian Financial Advisor of ND, Inc.</b>                  124 Center Ave SO (located in First &amp; Farmers Bank, Mayville, ND) 701-788-6100</p>