

**Second Sunday
of Advent
Sunday, Dec. 6th,
2015**

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

**Saturday Mass:
5 pm
Sunday
1st, 3rd and 5th 11 am
2nd and 4th 8:30 am**

Pastor: Msgr. Daniel Pilon
Lay Director: Karen Gapp
Lay Director: Al Koshney
Council Member: Roberta Tangen
Council Member: Chris Yeargan

Council Member: Jean Capouch
Council Member: David Groven
Council Member: Dan Keating
Liturgy Rep: Karen Gapp
DRE: Samantha DeLong

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December
Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God,
who never tires of forgiving
Evangelization: That families, especially those who
suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain
hope.

**MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR
LAUDATO SI (para 11 & 12)**

As Pope Francis reflects on his patron St. Francis of Assisi he observes that St. Francis treats God's creation as pragmatically useful for study in the language of mathematics or biology. He observes that St. Francis uses the language of love breaking into song when he would gaze on the sun or moon or other creature. St. Francis seems to give them the qualities of thinking beings such as when he urges the flowers to give praise to God. Pope Francis observes that this is not being naïve. This wonder and awe can lead us to have a unity and fraternity with the world around us recognizing its beauty. We can be freed from the attitudes of consumerism and exploitation. Even beyond having a healthy relationship with creation St. Francis also saw nature as being like a book. It is a magnificent book in which God speaks describing his infinite beauty and goodness. Below are the actual words of Pope Francis regarding St. Francis of Assisi.

"11. Francis helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology, and take us to the heart of what it is to be human. Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise. He communed with all creation, even preaching to the flowers, inviting them "to praise the Lord, just as if they were endowed with reason".¹⁹ His response to the world around him was so much more than intellectual appreciation or economic calculus, for to him each and every creature was a sister united to him by bonds of affection. That is why he felt called to care for all that exists. His disciple Saint Bonaventure tells us that, "from a reflection on the primary source of all things, filled with even more abundant piety, he would call creatures, no matter how small, by the name of 'brother' or 'sister'".²⁰ Such a conviction cannot be written off as naive romanticism, for it affects the choices which determine our behaviour. If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled.

12. What is more, Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (*Wis* 13:5); indeed, "his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world" (*Rom* 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty.²¹ Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise."

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

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			Mass	Intention			
12/7	Mon	OLP	7pm	Holy day of Obligation And Immaculate Conception	Isaiah35:1-10	85	Luke5:17-26
12/8	Tue	OLP StAg	9am 7pm	↓	Genesis3:9-15	98	Luke1:26-38
12/9	Wed	OLP	9am		Isaiah 40:25-31	103	Matt11:28-30
12/10	Thurs	OLP	9 am	Theresa Krueger	Isaiah 41:13-20	145	Matt11:11-15
12/11	Fri	LMH	930am		Isaiah48:17-19	1	Matt11:16-19
12/12	Sat	OLP	5:00 p		Zech2:14-17	13	Luke1:39-47
12/13	Sun	StAg	11		Zeph3:14-18	4	Luke3:10-18
		OLP	830		Isaiah 12:2-7		

OLP Stewardship Nov. 29 th 2015	
Adult Env.	1423.00
Child Env.	11.00
Plate	124.00
Turkey Bingo	200.00
Building Fund	75.00
Votive	9.00
Total	\$1842.00
Total Monthly Expenses to date: \$7.982.06	

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, December 5 th 5 pm	Sunday, December 6 th 11am	Saturday, December 5 th 5 pm	Sunday, December 6 th 830am
Sacristan	Marge	Peg	Teresa	Peg
Lector	J Capouch	M Reiter	D Cannon	S Hanson
Euch. Minister	M Baker G Wolden	M Littlefield J Agnes	L Scallon D VonRuden	M Littlefield R Durkin
Servers		O Gapp Z Agnes	Palmer Family	V Belgarde G Koshney
Cross-bearer		D Agnes	Palmer Family	V Belgarde
Ushers	B Angen T Capouch	R Durkin H Delong	Enger Family	D Carpenter B Angen
Gift Bearers	Engler Family	Reynolds Family	D&C Mager	B&C Connick
			L Burke R Kerlin	M Angen J Lorenz
Music	Dee	Karen & Teresa		

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“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”
(Philippians 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Envelopes for poinsettia donations are in the information center. Just drop them in the collection plate. Thanks!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

The liturgical schedules are printed and ready for you to pick one up!

PENANCE SERVICES

Next Sunday December 13 we will have Penance Services at each parish. St. Agnes will be after the 11 AM Mass. Fr. Haman is scheduled to assist with confessions. We usually have a potluck after the service.

Our Lady of Peace Penance Service will be at 7:00 PM that Sunday. Fathers Haman and Christiansen and Msgr. Vetter are scheduled to assist with Confessions.

25th & 50th Wedding Anniversaries!

The parish council has decided to recognize those couples celebrating these special events. Anyone celebrating in the coming year, please let Monsignor Pilon or the church office know so we can make plans!

The parish of Our Lady of Peace would like to offer condolences and sympathy to the family of Howard Groven. Especially the family members that belong to the parish, wife, Rosemary, and son, David. You are in our prayers.

December 12th Cookie Walk
December 13th Christmas Program & Potluck
December 13th Communal Penance Service
December 22nd OLP Blood Drive

Church Activities

Upcoming Community Events

Festival of Songs!

Come start the Holiday Season with a Festival of Songs! Sunday, December 6th beginning at 6:30 pm. Area churches that are featured include Mayville, Portland, and Reynolds. Fellowship and Goodies following! Located at Riverside Evangelical Free Church, HWY 200, Mayville ND. A great fun activity for families!

Christmas Program & Potluck!!

The Pre-K - 3rd graders will be performing a Christmas Program following mass on Sunday, December 13th. The adult choir and youth choirs will also be performing.

Following the program will be a Parish Potluck. Please join us and bring a dish (or two) to share!

The church will provide hotdogs as usual!

If you have a child in Sunday School please bring the following:

Pre-K & K - Main Dish

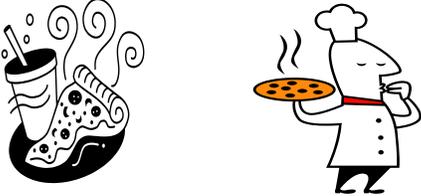
1st, 2nd & 3rd - Salad or Desert



Our Lady of Peace Annual Cookie Walk

The annual cookie walk will be held on December 12th from noon to 2 pm.

Ladies of the parish are asked to bring a double batch (6 dozen) of their favorite Christmas cookies and bars. This has always been an excellent fundraiser and is especially enjoyed by senior citizens.

	<p align="center">Pizza Shop Mayville 786-3273</p> 	<p align="center">SANCTUARY CANDLE <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">Miller's Fresh FOODS</p> <p>Mayville 701-786-2341 Hatton 701- 543-3663 Cooperstown 701-797-2161 New Rockford 701-947-5612 <i>Jeffrey J. Miller, owner</i></p>	<p align="center">Portland 788-3791 Mayville 788-9030 www.ffbnk.com</p> <p>Securian Financial Advisor of ND, Inc. 124 Center Ave SO (located in First & Farmers Bank, Mayville, ND) 701-788-6100</p>

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Parish Council
DRE: Jessica Schultz, Michelle Thompson
Lay Directors: ~~Conray~~ Goldsbach, Connie ~~Lerew~~
Council Members: Kristin ~~Olstad~~, Bryon ~~Mittel~~
Christian Women: Sheila ~~Sherritt~~
Liturg Committee: Jill Moore

Schedule:

Mass: 8:30 am 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays;
 11:00 am 2nd, 4th Sundays
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 8:10-8:25 am
 1st Sunday
 Adoration: 9-10 am every Saturday

Stewardship	11-29
Adult	\$585.00
Children	
Plate	50.00
Total	\$635.00

Liturgy Schedule

	12-6: 2 nd Sunday of Advent	12-13: 3 rd Sunday of Advent	12-20: 4 th Sunday of Advent
Lector	Jill	Children's Mass	Sharon
Communion Ministers	Roger/Sheila	<u>Conray/Charlet</u>	Gerry/Jill
Servers	Brandon/Kelsey	Cierra/Jack	Emma/Eve
Cross Bearer	Olivia	Harley	Jonah
Greeters/Offering	John/Margaret	<u>KariJo/Todd</u>	Kristen/Matt
Breakfast	John/Margaret, Matt/Kristen, Bryon	Potluck after Reconciliation	CCD program followed by CCD serving brunch
Driver(s)	OLP	Bryon	OLP
CCD	class	Class	Christmas program
Advent Wreath Lighter(s)	Dan <u>Iwen</u>	Kristen and boys	John/Marilyn

There will be a reconciliation service after mass next Sunday, December 13th. We will have a parish potluck dinner following, coffee and dessert

-There will be a council meeting at 7 pm on December 9th.
 -Keep in mind that we will be having our winter carnival fund raiser on Saturday, January 16th. Be on the lookout for things that can be used in one of the multiple fund raisers – raffle, silent auction, cake walk, bingo, etc. Thanks! The new furnace looks closer and closer – or is it warmer and warmer.
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Tis' the giving season
Amanda's Hope Chest drops include Dakota Heritage Bank, Mary's Market, Nepstad's Stop and Shop (Grandin), Northern Cass School. This year the special need is sweats in all sizes. The **Mitten Tree** (hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, etc.) is set up at First State Bank, Arthur. **Casselton Food Bank** basket in the back of the church.
 Free Waffle Supper, Arthur Methodist Church, Sunday, December 6, 5-6:30
 – **Women's Advent Concert:** Arthur Methodist Church, Wednesday, December 9, 7 pm, free admission; music by SueAnn Berntson; dessert will be served
 - Community **tree lighting** in Hunter, December 14.
 - Craft/bake sale at Good Samaritan Center, Friday, December 11, 2:30-5:00