

# First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30,  
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 November

**Lonely people.** That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

**Mentors of seminarians and religious.** That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

## Our Lady of Peace Stewardship November 23, 2014

Adult Env.	1673.00
Children's Env.	27.00
Plate	89.00
Votive	9.75
Debt Reduction-Heat/AC	50.00
Word Among Us	15.00
Bingo	955.00
Rolls/Breakfast	32.00
Use of Church	25.00
GST Dinner	168.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,043.77</b>

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## MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

### ADVENT

As I was thinking about the Message for this week, I thought it would be good to recognize that we are entering into the Liturgical Season of Advent. Being relatively short of time between medical appointments and Thanksgiving, I thought I would incorporate thoughts from last year.

Today we begin the season of Advent. The word Advent refers to the anticipated coming of an important event. Our first thought is of the coming of the Son of God in the form of Jesus at Christmas. This is often referred to as the first coming of Christ, the anointed chosen one of God. We remember the Incarnation, God becoming flesh in Jesus, as the central event in our salvation. As we get closer to Christmas the scriptures will focus more and more closely on the promise and the birth of Jesus. Christmas itself will use images such as God marrying or becoming one with His creation in Jesus.

In the First Sunday of Advent readings the focus instead is on the Second Coming of Christ, the end of the world, the final judgment. The images are simultaneously frightening and hopeful. They are hopeful when we can identify ourselves with those in need of salvation and redemption. When the people of Israel are in slavery and exile in Babylon, the coming of God will be a wonderful surprise. But they are frightening in giving us a sense of a deadline that we are not sure about. If we have not made a decision to truly let go of the attractions of this world, Jesus says the Son of Man will come as a thief in the night. There will be a moment when we will face Jesus and decide if we really want to surrender ourselves to Him in repentance and sorrow for our sins.

The liturgical color for Advent is violet. Some liturgical books suggest bluer hues of violet are appropriate for Advent while purple hues of violet. Both seasons have penitential aspects to them. Advent is focused on preparation for the coming of Jesus. The mood of this season is one of anticipation and preparation in contrast to the emphasis of repentance associated with Lent. *(continued on last page)*

## WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

			Mass	Intention	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
12/1	Mon				Isaiah 2:1-5	122:1-9		Matthew 8:5-11
12/2	Tue	OLP	9 am		Isaiah 11:1-10	72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17		Luke 10:21-24
12/3	Wed	OLP	9 am		Isaiah 25:6-10a	23:1-6		Matthew 15:29-37
12/4	Thurs				Isaiah 26:1-6	118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27		Matthew 7:21, 24-27
12/5	Fri				Isaiah 29:17-24	27:1, 4, 13-14		Matthew 9:27-31
12/6	Sat	OLP	5:00pm		Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26	147:1-6		Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8
12/7	Sun	St. Ag	8:30am	People of the Parish	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	85:9-14	2 Peter 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
		OLP	11:00am	+Della Rask				

	Sat. 5:00 PM December 6	Sun. 11:00 AM December 7
<b>Sacristan</b>	Pam	Sam
<b>Lector</b>	J Capouch	M Reiter
<b>Euch. Minister</b>	D VonRuden L Scallon	J Agnes S Reynolds
<b>Servers</b>		G Koshney J Grad
<b>Cross-bearer</b>	R Werran	E Grad
<b>Ushers</b>	D Cannon C Engler	M & J Reynolds
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	M Baker K Gummer	M & P Littlefield
<b>Music</b>	Karen Lori	Mary Teresa

### Turkey Bingo

Thanks to all members of the parish who donated items and money towards Turkey Bingo and a big thank you to all who worked at the event. It was a fun night that was well-attended by church and community members. From the St. Esther PEACE Group.

### Cookie Walk

Mark your calendars! The cookie walk will be on Saturday, December 13 from noon-2 pm.



### NEXT FEW WEEKS

On Wednesday, December 3 Deacon David Haney will be picking me up for my trip to Rochester Mayo Clinic for an MRI by the Neurosurgery Department on Friday. We will stay for the weekend in Minneapolis.

December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Father Cote will be covering the Sunday evening Mass at St. Agnes at 5:00 PM and the Monday morning Mass at Our Lady of Peace at 9:00 AM. I will be back for the Monday evening Mass

at 7:00 PM at the Lucasin Room at Mayville State.

December 14 will be our Communal Penance Services. St. Agnes will have theirs at 12 noon after the 11:00 AM Mass. Our Lady of Peace will be at 7:00 PM Sunday evening. There will be several priests to assist at that one. We usually provide a meal for the priests who come out for confessions. I would appreciate a volunteer to provide a meal for between 4 - 6 priests. The Christmas schedule will be as usual since I have heard no objections: 5:00 PM December 24 @ Our Lady of Peace, 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.

### Update on Heating/AC Contribution

This is an update on the progress for contributions towards the compressor for the Heating/AC. To date we have received \$6,769.00. The PEACE group donated \$989.00 from the proceeds of serving the Farm Bureau Dinner. \$5,780.00 has been donated by individual parishioners. We thank those who have donated for the cause.

### Let's Decorate!

The Priscilla group will be hosting a soup and bread night at the church on Wednesday night, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. We would like in return your help in getting our church ready for the Advent/Christmas season. Have a light supper with us and enjoy fellowship and fun putting up Christmas trees, lights, garland, wreaths and our beautiful nativity sets. Let's go back to sharing the joy of decorating our worship space together!



### 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.



### Christmas Bulbs

The Priscilla group is going to have a basket with Christmas Bulbs this weekend (Nov. 29/30). Everyone should grab one and the name on the bulb will be your prayer family throughout the holidays.

### 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.

Adoration is being honored 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Saturday	<b>St. Agnes Parish</b> PO Box 32, Hunter, ND 58048	<b>St Agnes Stewardship</b> November 23, 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>	356.00
		<b>Children's Env.</b>	8.00
		<b>Plate</b>	18.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$382.00</b>

### ST. AGNES LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 30		Sunday, December 7	
<b>Lector</b>	Sharon	<b>Lector</b>	Lesly
<b>Communion</b>	Jill/Gerry	<b>Communion</b>	Margaret/Jill
<b>Servers</b>	Jack/Kelsey	<b>Servers</b>	Brandon/Kelsey
<b>Cross Bearer</b>	Hunter	<b>Cross Bearer</b>	Eve
<b>Greeters/Offering</b>	Harold/Justin	<b>Greeters/Offering</b>	Scott/Katie
<b>Breakfast</b>	Lesly, Matt/Kristin, John/Marilyn,	<b>Breakfast</b>	Steve/Connie, Mark/Jessica, Suzie

### Elementary School Principal – Trinity Elementary

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools Network is seeking a dynamic educational leader to serve as Principal at our new Trinity Elementary School opening Fall 2015 in West Fargo with the position to start July 1<sup>st</sup>. The school will serve children age 3 “Little Deacons” through grade 5. The Principal is the administrative and instructional leader of the total school program who supervises, observes and evaluates staff and the instructional program, establishes a positive school climate, promotes positive communications between the school and

community, and manages school resources and budget. Responsibilities will include other duties as assigned. Successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic with knowledge of the Catholic teachings. Candidates also must hold and be able to obtain current ND Teaching Certificate and ND Principal’s Credential. Deadline: January 5, 2015. Submit Cover letter, Resume, Administrator Application, Licensures, Transcripts and three letters of recommendation to: Human Resources, JPII Catholic Schools, 5600 25<sup>th</sup> Street South, Fargo, ND 58104 or [Human.Resources@jp2schools.org](mailto:Human.Resources@jp2schools.org).

### 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.”

### Upcoming Community Events

-The 17th Annual Christmas Cookie Sampler will be held Thursday, December 11, from 2-3:00 pm at Luther Memorial Home’s Dining Room

-Hatton-Eielson Museum is having their annual Christmas open house and tour of homes on Sunday, December 7, from 1-5 pm.

\*Be sure to check out all of the posters on the doors for more details and any upcoming community events.

## MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR (continued)

The truth for most of us is that we are trying to ride the fence. We would like to surrender ourselves to Jesus but the attractions of this world are very strong. It is difficult to always put God first in our life. Ultimately life is a long Advent. We are being given the opportunity to prepare for that coming of God into our life as the judge who will invite us to choose. We will choose whether accept the gift of love and forgiveness of God or to remain enslaved by the mundane realities of this world. This final choice will be easier if we have developed a habit of choosing God over the world.

This leads to what many spiritual writers refer to as the third coming of Jesus. In the scriptures Jesus often describes Himself as knocking on our door waiting for us to open and let Him in. Prayer, the sacraments, sharing with the poor and doing good works as an act of love for God are ways we open that door for Jesus to enter our lives. Jesus will not force Himself under our roof, He waits for us to open the door and let Him in. This season is an opportunity for us to practice letting Him into our lives so that we can be ready for Him at the final judgment.



**Luther Memorial Home Auxiliary**

**TREE OF LIGHTS & DEDICATION**

Dedication ornaments may be purchased for the tree in memory of, in honor of, or as greeting to a special friend or relative!

Tree will be dedicated  
December 7th 2014

Proceeds from the  
Tree of Dedication  
will go toward  
LMH Auxiliary  
Project Fund



Ornaments:

Blue	- \$	5.00
Red	- \$	10.00
Green	- \$	20.00
Silver	- \$	50.00
Gold	- \$	100.00

**TREE OF LIGHTS & DEDICATION ORDER FORM**

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

As Greeting to: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Stewardship Moment**

November 30, 2014 - First Sunday of Advent

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” – Mark 13:33

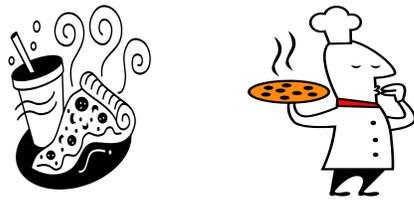
We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, everyday, and listen to what God is saying to you.





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