

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

I hope you all are recovering from eating too much. The turkey wasn't the only one who got stuffed at Thanksgiving. Although I am writing this before the actual Thanksgiving celebration with my family, I know I will be overeating. I keep it on the edge of gluttony so I don't have to go to Confession, but other parts of the family gathering may be cause of a need for absolution.

This past week, I gathered with friends whom I have known for the past 45 years. We came together for hours, which seemed like we were never apart. It has been a tough year for a number of my friends and a break of visiting and cards were just what the doctor ordered. Our time together was a time to rekindle old stories and a belief that a tough year will not be what defines us. We enjoyed being together and pledged that we would gather again. After being with old friends, I am sure that I will be going to Confession for past stories that I may have forgotten to confess. We had a great time.

Advent is a lot like the gathering with my friends. Advent is a time to gather as a whole Church around the world to say that the harshness of the past or even the present will not define us. Stories are told of old "advent"ures and old promises from the prophets that should define us, but somehow got pushed into the background of our lives over this past year. It is time to renew our "advent"ures and know the promises of God so that we can live more fully. For some, we need reconciliation after a year of living outside the promises of God. And just like when all my friends gathered this past week and pledged to gather again, we, during Advent, pledge to want to live with the joy of being with God's promised one. At the end of Advent, we always say that wouldn't it be great if we could have Christmas every day.

This Sunday starts Advent. In our parishes, we start with an empty stable. As the stable comes out into our sanctuaries, we realize that there may be dirt and cobwebs to be removed so that the Savior can be born there. Reconciliation services happen around our county to help remove the dirt and cobwebs from our lives so that the Savior can be born in us. During Advent, there will be other references to the "stable" to help us with getting ready for Christmas (see to the right).

Have a great week, everyone. *Fr. Mark*

The Next Eucharistic Adoration...

will be Monday, December 6, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Attention Parents of Second Graders

Parents and their child in second grade are asked to attend a mandatory Sacramental Retreat on Sunday, January 30, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This retreat is for both parents and their child. This retreat will last 3 hours and include a light lunch. More information will be mailed the first week of December.

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 *St. Andrew, apostle*

8:00 AM Ron Verhoff

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 AM Richard Grote Family

9:30 AM **Fr. Elmer Wurth, Elwood & Rita Broecker**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30 PM John Kahle

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 *St. Francis Xavier*

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:30 PM NM Schmenk & Kortokrax

L/D Virgil & Clara Horstman Family

Alvin & Brandon Horstman, Jeff Vorst

Roger Buss, George, Nora & Dan Basinger

Alvin & Marcella Recker

L/D William Zeller Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Dorothy Miller

11:00 AM Bruce Honigfort, L/D Honigfort Family

Carolyn Unverferth, Bud Guisinger

Alvin Horstman, Arnold Siebeneck

Jeff Siebeneck, Alan Heuss

A Spiritual Christmas Crib - Our Advent Theme

This Advent, build a spiritual crib in your heart for Christ. Every day, starting with December 1, read (and do) the suggested spiritual practice. Say the simple prayer as often as you can remember. By Christmas, your heart will be a worthy crib for the Child Jesus.



December 1 - THE STABLE

Frequently during the day offer your heart to the little Infant Jesus. Ask Him to make it His home.

--*Sweet Jesus, take my heart and make it meek and pure.*

December 2 - THE ROOF

See that the roof of the stable is in good condition, so that the Infant Jesus is protected from rain and snow. This you will do by carefully avoiding every uncharitable remark.

--*Jesus, teach me to love my neighbor as myself.*

December 3 - CREVICICES

Carefully stop every crevice in the walls of the stable, so that the wind and cold may not enter there. Guard your senses against temptations. Guard especially your ears against sinful conversations.

--*Jesus, help me to keep temptations out of my heart.*

December 4 - COBWEBS

Clean the cobwebs from your spiritual crib. Diligently remove from your heart every inordinate desire of being praised. Renew this intention at least three times today.

--*My Jesus, I want to please You in all I do today.*

December 5 - FENCE

Build a fence about the crib of your heart by keeping a strict watch over your eyes, especially at prayer.

--*Sweet Jesus, I long to see You.*

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 11,845.00

Choir Assignments - December 4 & 5

4:30: Renee **8:00:** Carol/HN **11:00:** Laura

Holy Name Choir Practice This Monday

November 29, at 8:30 p.m. Please bring Christmas music.

Students at Mass This Week

On Wednesday, December 1, Mary Grote's 3A class will have Mass at 8:00 a.m. and Pat Broecker's 1B class will have Mass at 9:30 a.m. On Friday, December 3, Stephanie Price's 6A class will have Mass.

High School CCD - December 1

Everyone has class.

Sixth Grade Students at Sunday Mass

On Sunday, December 5, the Sixth Grade students will be doing the ministries at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

2022 Offertory Envelopes are in Church

If you can't find your box, please let us know.

The Next Men's Private Prayer Gathering...

Wednesday, December 1, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in church.

Thank You

The family of Bill Felkey would like to thank Father Mark, Deacon Bob, Steve Unverferth, the choir, Jake Schaufelberger, the Kalida Fire Dept., Ella and Maya Wehri, Helping Hands, Kalida K of C, Dick's Steakhouse, Chamberlain-Huckeriede Funeral Home, Love Funeral Home, all our family and friends and anyone we may have missed for making his celebration of life so beautiful. All your kinds words, food, drinks, hugs, prayers and support were greatly appreciated. It was wonderful to hear all the stories. He will be missed.

Sue, Jan, Steve, Chris, Denise, Eric and Families

Kalida 2022-23 Kindergarten Registration

Please use the following link to register online.

<https://forms.gle/oC3276TnLeeszTTKA>

A completed registration form, with a copy of a certified birth certificate, should be completed and returned before December 15. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2022, to register. For additional information, please contact the school office at 419-532-3845.

This Year's Giving Tree...

will benefit the Christian Corners Community Center, in Lima. There are tags on the tree for specific individual items. General items will also be shared with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We will also be collecting: **Canned Fruit, Tide Pods, New Sweatshirts (all sizes), New Hats, New Gloves, New Sweaters, Diapers (all sizes), Body Wash, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Band-Aids, Antibiotic Ointments, Boxes of Cereal, Toothbrushes, Dollar Tree Detergent, and any other items needed by families**

- If you took a tag off the tree, please attach the specific tag to the items you purchased for that individual.
- **All the items** can be placed under the Giving Tree.
- The deadline for the collected items is Monday, December 13.

Note: If there are several items on a tag, it is suggested that at least 2 of the items be purchased. Thank you!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church

HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

RCIA: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S PRIVATE PRAYER: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in church

YAH'S CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Recent Baptism

TUCKER RYAN UNVERFERTH

Son of Ryan & Jill (Rieman) Unverferth

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 11/30	8:00 AM	Jaxon Hoffman Nathan Kahle
Wed, 12/1	8:00 AM	Logan Kerner Griffin Klausung
Thurs, 12/2	7:30 PM	Grady Kuhlman Kara Lammers
Fri, 12/3	8:00 AM	Eli Patrick Grace Schroeder
Sat, 12/4	4:30 PM	Alexander Verhoff Noah Verhoff Ella Wehri
Sun, 12/5	8:00 AM	Grant Vorst Dyllan Bendele Katie Bendele
	11:00 AM	Brooke Vennekotter Victoria Bendele Dominic Bockrath

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—December 4 & 5

4:30: Wendy Schimmoeller, Karen Schroeder, Deb Schroeder, Lindsey Slusser

LECTOR: Wendy Schimmoeller

8:00: Rose Recker, Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Kay Unverferth

LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald

Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas

11:00: Mark Remlinger, Brandi Schroeder, Lisa Unverferth, Lisa Trentman

LECTOR: Grade 6

USHERS - December 4 & 5

4:30: Team 7 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 9



**Upcoming
Wedding**

**Olivia Schmenk
&
Devin Kortokrax**
will be married on
December 4, 2021.
Please include them
in your prayers.

