

# Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent



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We Are A MISSION PARISH With A Mission

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COME SERVE WITH US & COME PRAY WITH US

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Holy Name of Jesus Parish, StLouis. Mo.

## CELEBRATING MASS & SACRAMENTS

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

(Weekend & Weekday Masses)

Saturday 4:00 pm (CST) / 5:00 pm (DST)

Sunday 9:30 am

Monday – Thursday 8:00am 1st Friday of the month  
8:00am

**Holy Days of Obligation** 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

**Civil Holidays** See Bulletin Mass Intentions for Time

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

3:30-4:30 pm (Daylight Savings Time)

Day & Evening Times during Advent & Lent Weekdays

Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Samuel at Home / Church

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Samuel in Church

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 9:00 am – 10:00pm

### Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 am—After Tuesday Morning Weekday Mass

### Parish Rosary

8:30 am—After Weekday Mass

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THE ONGOING PRIORITIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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MEMBERSHIP \* PARTNERSHIP \* STEWARDSHIP

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EVANGELIZATION \* SOCIAL CONCERN

## To Wait on others is to Await the Return

Dear brothers and sisters, Laudetur Jesus Christus! Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent! Today, we will explore some powerful readings that reflect on the challenges we face and our relationship with God. Let's dive in and discover the messages they hold for us. In Isaiah (63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8), we are confronted with a poignant reflection on the challenges faced during a period of reconstruction, where the prophet fearlessly acknowledges the disconnect between life and our relationship with God. In the second reading I Corinthians 1:3-9, We witness Paul's intricate bond with the Corinthians, as he expresses gratitude for their unique gifts and offers a prayer for their unwavering faith, mirroring God's own faithfulness. Lastly, the Gospel of Mark 13:33-37 presents us with an Advent wake-up call, urging us to remain vigilant amidst the chaos and distractions of our busy lives. Are you ready to delve into these transformative readings?

As we enter the season of Advent, let us reflect on the valuable lessons we can learn from **unexpected visitors**, or "**pop-ins**," and how they teach us to be prepared and open to God's presence in our lives. In the past, people were always ready to receive guests, and perhaps we can learn from their readiness. Of course, avoiding all this anxiety is quite simple. **The key is to always be prepared - whether it's by keeping our home tidy, having ample supplies, dressing presentably, or anything else.** The challenge arises from the rarity of unexpected visits, causing us to lose the expectation of surprise knocks on our door. **Consequently, we may become lax, caring less about the state of our home, and staying organized.**

During Advent, Mark teaches us that vigilance before the Parousia involves, being in charge, having authority, which means serving others rather than seeking to be served. Our waiting and preparedness serve a threefold purpose. **We look back and remember when God broke into the world through Jesus, who changed everything. We look forward with hope, anticipating Jesus' return and the fulfillment of God's plan. But we must also be watchful for God's presence in the present moment, "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming..." as He desires to be reborn in our hearts this Christmas and every day thereafter.**

Brothers and Sisters, Advent is a journey of faith, it is a continual process of re-examining our relationship with God. **While we may never fully reach our intended destination in this life, we walk the journey with trust, giving our best effort to follow where God leads. On this Journey, we will hear Jesus' continuous call to "Be watchful! Be alert!" from this first Sunday of the Church Year.**

Sometimes, we mistakenly believe that the goal of our spiritual life is to **tirelessly pursue God, meaning, or truth as if they are distant and elusive.** However, we must remember that **God always acts first, speaks first, and loves first. Stepping out in faith means allowing God to find us, come to us, and accompany us on the journey.**

The Eucharist serves as a reminder of Christ's self-giving nature and offers a model for our community. It encourages us to reflect this selflessness by meeting each other's needs and affirms that waiting on others is an integral part of anticipating the return of Jesus.

Let us be open to God's unexpected visits, allowing Him to "**pop-in**" to our lives. By prioritizing the common good and selflessly serving, we affirm that waiting on others is synonymous with awaiting the return of Jesus. Will we accept God on our terms, according to our plans and expectations? Or will we embrace the possibility of encountering Him in ways we never imagined? **Remember, God might have just pulled into your driveway. Have a blessed Advent Season!**

**Prayer:** Oh God, shake us from the drowsiness of our daily routines, opening our eyes to behold your divine presence in each moment, and to recognize your reflection in the souls of every person we encounter, both today and for the rest of our lives. Amen!

In Christ, through Mary,

Fr. Samuel Inameti

Assoc. Pastor

HNJ & Sts. Norbert's - Angela Parish

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*Welcome!*

*Thanks for joining the Village!*

*Greeter Ministry*

*What you see here!*

*Hope to see you again!*

### New Greeters' Schedule

Coming Out in January.

### Volunteers Needed

You might have seen our greeters when you come to church each week now, but we are in need of a few more people to cover all of our church doors especially on Saturday night. If you can help at either Mass, or want more information, please call Sister Mary at (314) 606-4107 and she will add you to our schedule. If leaving a message, tell her your name, phone number and the Mass time you desire. Thank you in advance for your help.

Eight hundred years ago in Greccio, Italy, St. Francis of Assisi wanted "to do something that will recall the memory of that Child who was born in Bethlehem". St Francis wanted the people of Greccio to see (with their own eyes) the inconvenience and discomfort of His birth. In December of 1223, with the help of his friends, John and Alticama Valita, Francis created a living Nativity scene inside a cave. Included was a manger that served as Jesus' crib, a live ox and donkey standing beside the Child.

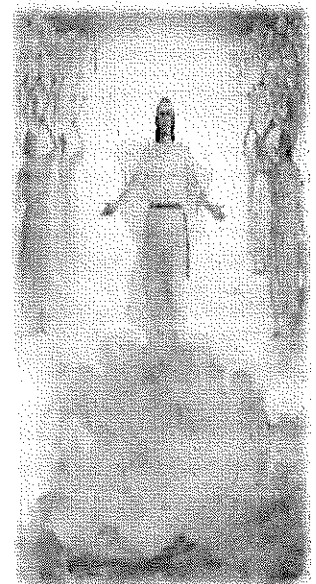
Through these visual aids, Francis wanted everyone to understand how Christ came into the world in such poverty and simplicity. This 800-year-old gift to us was a typical perspective of St. Francis' unique attribute of simple poverty-centered spirituality.

### Understanding the Meaning of Advent: The Three Comings of Christ and Their Significance

Dear brothers and sisters, Praise be Jesus Christ!

This weekend we begin our Advent journey in preparation to welcome our dearest Lord into our hearts. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival". It refers to the first coming of Jesus on Christmas day, as well as his spiritual coming into the lives of believers and his final coming at the end of the world. St. Bernard of Clairvaux explains that the middle coming is like a road that connects the first and last comings, where Christ is our rest and consolation. This middle coming is a spiritual one, where Christ comes to dwell within our souls, often through the sacraments. During Advent, we prepare for all three comings of Christ. May our dearest Lord grant us the graces we need to continually open the door of our hearts for him. Have a blessed and refreshing Advent Season!

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## Advent Guided Adoration:

Join us at Holy Name of Jesus for a time of Guided Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament - Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Through music, scripture and guided reflection, we will be led to a time of private prayer as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.



### Preparing Our Hearts for Christ's Birth A Parish Activity

An Advent tradition from the French culture is the custom of preparing the manger for Christmas. This is the tradition of making the manger a soft bed for the Baby Jesus. Instead of straw we will use pieces of paper on which you are invited to write your efforts to prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas. Think of ways you can prepare for Jesus by: spending extra time in prayer, thinking of others, doing works of mercy, or however you choose. Be creative. The manger is a symbol of our hearts. Advent is a time to prepare one's heart for Christ's coming at Christmas. Thus, we create an ample supply of bedding to keep Jesus warm and to soften the hardness of the manger boards by the preparations we make during the next four weeks.

The greeters, this weekend will be handing out several slips of paper for you to record what preparations you are making for Christ's coming. There will be extra slips of paper at the church doors each week if you would like to add more. We ask you to return them to the crib, in church, throughout the weeks of advent.

### PRAYER CHAIN

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call Betty Kondracki @ 868-0176

## Thank you from your St. Vincent de Paul Society

On behalf of the neighbors in need that we serve, thank you to everyone who brought donations of food and money to the Thanksgiving Day Mass. As always, we are extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity to the families we are privileged to serve on your behalf.

Also, as you do your holiday shopping for family and friends on your list who already seem to have everything they need, may we suggest a donation to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference in their honor? A card will be sent to your Honoree notifying them of your kindness. There are donation cards available at all the church entrances that you can drop in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. You can specify on that card if you want their notification sent to them on a certain date or just to arrive before Christmas. Or it can be mailed to you if you'd like to give it to them yourself. Just indicate your preference on your donation card. It's a beautiful way to remember someone who means a lot to you and help someone in need as well!

May God bless you all throughout this Advent season!



**YOUNG AT HEART**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The party will start at 11:30am. Lunch will be served at noon. If interested, call Marcella at 314-869-0150. The cost is \$10 for chicken tenders 2 sides and a biscuit. We will furnish dessert!! Please bring a dollar gift to play a Christmas game! Hope you will join us for some fun! **PLEASE RSVP** by December 11th.

**Everyone is welcome !**





**PLEASE PRAY *for*:**

Bob Seidel Jr, Bernette Goymerac, Mary Masterson, Maureen Williams, Mary Williams, Mary Lou Sammelman, George Lawler, Phyllis Lawler, Marjorie Dubray, Akakpo-Lado, Donna Cahr, Rhonda Finney, Michael Mulvihill, Sr., Michael Swoboda, Marty Bligh, Sharon Klein, Sr. Mary, Shirley Swoboda, Jacklean Thomas Dudley, Megan Peters, Alana Murillo Ken & Dorothy Anderson, Katy Moran

### MASS INTENTION

<b>Monday</b> <b>8:00am</b>	<b>December 4</b> Ethel Meyer
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>8:00am</b>	<b>December 5</b> Roberta Cassmeyer
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8:00am</b>	<b>December 6</b> Donald & Mary Simpson
<b>Thursday</b> <b>8:00am</b>	<b>December 7</b> Joseph & Clara Schuermann
<b>Friday</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>December 8</b> Doris Drury Homer Zigler
<b>Saturday</b> <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>December 9</b> Marguerite Colombo
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:30am</b>	<b>December 10</b> People of the Parish



### Eucharistic Ministers

<b>December 8</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Karen Kulla</b>
<b>December 9</b> <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Mary Krsul</b>
<b>December 10</b> <b>9:30am</b>	<b>Judy Krenn</b>



*Stewardship of Treasure*

**Your Gifts of Support for  
Our Parish Mission**

<b>November 26, 2023</b>	<b>\$5,713.06</b>
Online Giving (included above)	\$1,020.00
<b>Budgeted weekly offertory</b>	<b>\$8,028.00</b>
This week's <loss>	\$2,314.94
<b>Budgeted weekly expenses</b>	<b>\$12,843.00</b>
<b>This Weeks &lt;loss&gt;</b>	<b>\$7,129.94</b>
<b>Thanksgiving STVDP</b>	<b>\$740.00</b>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Is 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 26:6-10a?Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6?Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday:	Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6,11-12?Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21,23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a,6 -8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5,9-11/2Pt 3:8-14/Mt 1:1-8

### Lectors

<b>December 8</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Pat Behle</b>
<b>December 9</b> <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Donna Forrest</b>
<b>December 10</b> <b>9:30am</b>	<b>Bill Krenn</b>

## Room at the Inn Wish List

Bath Tissue and/or Paper Towels  
Paper Plates and/or Plastic Cutlery  
Paper Cups

Foil and/or Plastic Wrap  
Storage Bags (quart & gallon size)  
Food storage containers  
Trash Bags (13 & 44 gallon or larger)

Laundry Detergent and/or Fabric Softener  
Liquid Dish Soap  
Bar Soap  
Hand and Body Lotion  
Shampoo and Conditioner

Bath Towels (new) and/or Wash Cloths (new)  
Socks, all sizes and Genders  
Mesh Laundry Bags

Women's sweat pants, pajama bottoms and colored T-shirts  
(Med, Lg, XL, XXL, XXXL)  
Men's sweat pants, pajama bottoms and white colored T-shirts  
(Med, Lg, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Gift cards for grocery stores, Walmart, Target, gas stations  
Bus Passes

Please leave your donations in the box marked "Room at the Inn" located in the back vestibule of the church. If you prefer to make a monetary gift or a gift card donation, please place it in an envelope marked "Room at the Inn" and put it in the collection basket in church or drop it off at the Parish office.

Collecting donations through December 17

Thank you for your generous support.

You're invited to our

# SENIOR CHRISTMAS *Luncheon*

**Thursday  
December 21st, 2023**

**Tickets are \$15**

Doors open at 11:00am  
Lunch is served at 12:00pm

**Bellefontaine Recreation Center**

9669 Bellefontaine Rd

Purchase tickets at the front desk.  
Limited to the first 30 guests.  
(314) 867-0700

Lunch is being provided by The Honey  
Baked Ham Co.

