

**Holy Trinity Parish
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017**



MASS SCHEDULE:

SAT	Dec. 02	7:30 p.m.	Claudine Conard
SUN	Dec. 03	9:00 a.m.	Jeanette Vandervest
TUES	Dec. 05		Holy Hour from 1-2 PM
WED	Dec. 06	8:00 a.m.	Loyd Heraly
WED	Dec. 06	Religious Education	4:00-5:00 PM – Grades 1-6 at Holy Trinity 7:00-8:30 PM – Grades 7-9 at Holy Trinity 7:00-8:30 PM – Grades 10-12 at St. Mary
THURS	Dec. 07	7:30 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Bob Baudhuin Family
FRI	Dec. 08	10:00 a.m.	Eli & Doris Stoller
SAT	Dec. 09	7:30 p.m.	Jim & Mark Fameree, Ernest & Emma Fameree, and Elmer & Dora Zellner
SUN	Dec. 10	9:00 a.m.	Bernard Cravillion

SERVERS:

Bryce Heiman, Max Machut, Cole Anderson Ethan Lusk, Clara Lusk, Caleb Derenne
Grades 1-6: Meet in your classrooms. Grades 7-9 will meet back up on Jan. 3, 2018. Grades 10-12 will meet back up on Jan. 3, 2018.
Nathan Naze, Paul Wery, Matt Wery
Emma Schraufnagel, Riley Westlund, Danica Gagne
Jace Heiman, Bryce Heiman, Erin Heiman
Trey Alsteen, Tanner Alsteen, Ethan Waldow

LECTORS

**COMMUNION
MINISTERS**

USHERS

SAT	Dec. 02	7:30 p.m.	Wyatt Kruse	Steve Jerabek	Dave Nuthals & Ron McClure
SUN	Dec. 03	9:00 a.m.	Mary Voyles	Terry Vandermause	Chuck Heraly & Dan Fameree
THURS	Dec. 07	7:30 p.m.	Barry Pavlat	Deb Ries	Barry & Marge Pavlat
FRI	Dec. 08	10:00 a.m.	HTS Students	Mary Ann Fameree	Les Lauscher & Jerry Jacobs
SAT	Dec. 09	7:30 p.m.	Jackie Peot	Deacon Bob Miller	Chuck Heraly & Dan Fameree
SUN	Dec. 10	9:00 a.m.	Joe Holsbach	Cheryl Bellin	Bruce DePeau & Doug Detampel

From The Pastor

How should we be prepared for Christmas? That will vary greatly depending upon whether Christmas is about Jesus or about ourselves. If Christmas is about us, then shopping, credit cards, food and drink will have high priority. If we focus upon Jesus, then we love the decorations that remind us that the birth of Jesus is special even after 2017 years of history. The colored lights, the lawn decorations, the songs of Christmas bring delight to our minds and our homes. We gladly spend modest amounts of money to offer gifts to those whom we love. Many people delight in showing some token of gratitude to those who serve us all through the year.

Spiritually we should read those familiar stories from the gospel according to Matthew and Luke. We should write some meaningful notes and suitable cards to the people who are special in our lives. We need to prepare our souls by faithful Mass attendance during the Advent season to remember the period of longing before the birth of Jesus. Like the wise men we will come to see the new born king not with physical eyes but the eyes of faith. A sincere and heart-felt confession is good preparation for the holy days and their season. Some time of quiet and prayer will benefit everyone. God bless you on your journey.

Dec. 2-3 starts the season of Advent. This year we have a short season; use it well to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Weekend Mass Times at St. Mary: Weekend Mass times are as follows: Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM.

PARISH / SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: Normal office hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Please have all information for the bulletin in the office by 9 AM on Wednesdays.

HOLY HOUR: Tuesday, December 5th from 1-2 PM in the church. Pray for family, church and diocese.

Wednesday, December 6th is the Feast of Saint Nicholas. Try to attend Mass. Remember that he gives gifts to good children.

HOLY DAY - Friday, Dec. 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. Masses at Holy Trinity are Thurs. Dec. 7 at 7:30 PM and Fri. Dec. 8 at 10:00 AM and at St. Mary's on Thurs. Dec. 7 at 4:00 PM and Fri. Dec. 8 at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Religious Education News: Grades 1-6 will have class on Wed. Dec. 6th from 4-5PM.

Monday Prayer Group: Please note that starting Monday, Nov. 27th we will no longer be having Prayer Group on Monday afternoons. We are sorry that we are unable to continue this tradition but it has been decided to cancel this group indefinitely. Thank you to all who have participated with us throughout the years. God bless you!

SCRIP NEWS: Christmas is less than 1 month away! Monday, December 11th is the deadline for Christmas orders. Please have your order in to the school office by 8:00 AM. We will make one final order before Christmas on Monday, December 18th but could possibly have some backorders. (Take a look at the new lay-out of our order form; same format, different locations for some cards.) We are now able to get 'Billy's on Main' certificates in any amount with a 2% profit for our parish/school. **Effective Immediately: Red Lobster is now separate from Olive Garden – (please see order form).** Purchasing Scrip cards is an easy way to help our parish and school. We have many stores to choose from. Scrip is sold before and after the weekend Masses and in the school office during regular office hours. Call the school office at 837-7531 if you have any questions in regards to Scrip.

Christmas Flowers in Church: Anyone wanting to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one may do so. Any monetary donations are also appreciated. Please place donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place in the collection basket or mail to the school office. Any flowers being donated should be dropped off in the north entrance of church by Friday, December 22nd. Thank you!

Thank You: HTS thanks the Catholic Foundation 'Lumen Christi Fund' for the recent check in the amount of \$480.00.

Diocesan Anniversary Books: Please check out the beautiful books for the Green Bay Diocese 150th Anniversary before or after Mass by the Scrip table. **Hardcover books cost \$30.00 each and the Comic Book is \$15.00 each.** Books can be purchased after Mass or in the school/parish office during regular office hours.

School News: Advent is the season of prayer and anticipation. Throughout all the holiday bustle, let us remember to continue to count all our blessings and open our hearts to the glory of Jesus' birth. The Christmas tree for the Tree of Lights is now up. We are still accepting donations toward the Tree of Lights for anyone interested. Forms are located in the church entrances. **Thank you to all who sold and/or purchased pizzas & cookie dough.** Total profit for the pizzas was \$680.75 and the cookie dough was \$1,369.50 for a total combined profit of \$2,050.25. Catholic Financial Life will be giving our school a \$1,000.00 matching funds check for these two fundraisers. **Cookbooks** can be ordered and picked up anytime in the school and AVON is ongoing throughout the school year through Debbie Haumschild.

Santa (Holiday) Breakfast: It's here!! This Sun., Dec. 3rd, is our Annual Holiday Porkie & Pancake Breakfast and Cookie & Candy Walk from 8-11AM with Santa in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 4-10, and children 3 and under are free. Everyone is welcome! **Much help is needed before, during, and after the breakfast.** Cookies, bars and/or candy are needed for the cookie & candy walk. Please bring a dozen of your favorite treats for this event.

MEETINGS

Home-School Assoc.: Mon. Dec. 4th at 6:30 PM.

Board of Education: Thurs., Dec. 14th at 6:30 PM.

Finance Council: Thurs. Dec. 14th at 7:00 PM.

Meetings held in the school cafeteria.

Senior Citizen Christmas Party: Wednesday, Dec. 20th at the LC High School Cafeteria starting at 8:30 AM with refreshments, snacks, socializing, and coat check. Bingo at 9:15 AM. Please park in the west parking lot after 8:00 AM. There will be 'Student Caroling' and Door Prizes from many local vendors. If inclement weather – make-up day will be Thurs. Dec. 21st.

Retirement Collection: Next weekend, Dec. 9-10 we will be having a second collection for the National Retired Religious which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. There is also an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of our senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups or just one. Please mark on the envelopes which are provided in the pews.

Holy Cross (Bay Settlement) Cookie Walk: Friday, Dec. 8th – Doors open at 12:45 PM in the school at Holy Cross. We will have a room full of 100 different kinds of cookies for you to choose for your family's holiday celebrating. After selecting the ones you want, your box is weighed and you pay by the pound.

Collections for Nov. 25 & 26:

Offertory:	\$	364.00
Parish Support:	\$	1,478.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	88.00

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things will be given you besides."

Matthew 6:33