



# First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

## LIFE AT ST. MARY'S:

**Breakfast** will be served by the KC's on December 4 from 8:30—12; and our parish breakfast will be served after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 11.

**Baptism class** will be held this Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 7 pm in the parish hall.

**Lectors:** If you have not picked up your workbook, please stop in the parish office; just five are left.

**Mark your calendars.** The ladies of St. Mary's will be holding their annual Holiday Cookie Sale on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 8-10 am in the parish hall. When baking your Christmas goodies please bake a little extra for the cookie sale. If you would be willing to help with the sale on Saturday morning please call Marie Schumacher 226-1308 or Linda DeWalt 225-2095.

**Roncalli Nearly New** We have some nice Christmas decorations ready for sale. We are open on Tue., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. from 12-4 pm. We appreciate your donations & your business.

**December Blood Drive** St. Mary's December 4th Blood Drive has been canceled due to a shortage of staff at this time, **but blood is still so desperately needed!** Please make arrangements to give sometime in December at the Blood Center or at the Eagles on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> during the Battle of the Badges.

**We invite you** to participate in the 24th Annual Advent Baby Shower, beginning Nov. 27th through Christmas. Please bring **NEW** gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them in the designated area. These gifts will fill the needs of people in our parish, Catholic Family Services, foster homes, hospitals, Birthright, and domestic shelters.

**St. Anthony of Padua Church, Hoven,** presents its 'Christmas on the Prairie' concert on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, at 3 pm with the concert theme of 'The Time of Rejoicing'. Premium Pew: \$1,650; Sponsored Pew: \$1,100; Half Pew: \$600; Patron: \$125; General Admission: \$35. Featured Soloist: Scott Piper; Guest Soloist: Sarah Tanner; Narrator: Tom Roberts; South Dakota Symphony Orchestra; NSU Chamber Singers; All-Faiths Chorus. Call the Hoven rectory at 948-2451 for more info or tickets.

*THANKSGIVING is not just a day...but a life! Every night before bed, call to mind the gifts you have received through the day. It makes a difference.*

**Congratulations:** Our parish rejoices in the baptism of Oliver Daniel McComsey, son of Bill and Vicki.

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration** is available 24/7 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital. Open hours are: Sun. 2 am, 3 am & 11 am, Tue., 10 am, and Fri., 5 pm. Call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK Nov. 28 - Dec. 4

Mon. 7:55 am	Fr. Darrell Lamberty + (anniv)
Tue. 7:55 am	Viola Bahl +
Wed. 7:55 am	Dominico Hoang +
Thurs. 7:55 am	Marvelyn Kessler +
12:10 pm	Edna Kuckelburg +
Fri. 7:55 am	Joshua Vetter +
Sat. 5:00 pm	Leo & Mae Kallas +
7:00 pm	All members of the parish
Sun. 8:30 am	Jane Hammer +
10:30 am	Alma Nold +



### Lectors

Sat. 5:00 pm	Mark Stone
7:00 pm	Kaitlin Awe
Sun. 8:30 am	Steve Kohles
10:30 am	Michele Titus

### December 3 - 4

### Mass Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Jared Loecker, Isaac VanOrman
7:00 pm	Ken Awe
Sun. 8:30 am	Reede Family
10:30 am	Elissa & Josh Hammrich, Ramsey Johnsen

### December 3 - 4

### Music Ministry

Sat. 5:00 pm	
7:00 pm	
Sun. 8:30 am	JoEllen Friedrichsen
10:30 am	St. Mary's Choir: Sydney Raap

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### Extraordinary Ministers

<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sun. 8:30 am</b>
Linda DeWalt	Steve Kohles
Michael Duch	Linda Lipp
Rosemary Duch	Marlene Loeb
Lance Kallas	Mary Schwab
Donna Mehlhaff	Pam Smid
Marilyn Stone	Dan Vetter
Russ Stone	Vivian Vetter

### December

<b>Sun. 10:30 am</b>
Paddy Mehlhaff
Dana Randall
Rebecca Randall
Kelsie Sather
Isabel Litzen
Colton Cox

### Sat. 7:00 pm

Jeff Hanson  
Sue Hanson  
Jonathan Hanson

### Ushers for Dec. 3/4:

5:00 pm - Kraft/Meyers  
7:00 pm - Hanson/Cleland  
8:30 am - Kuck/Loeb  
10:30 am - Clay/Nietert

*News from your  
Aberdeen Catholic  
School System*



Instilling  
Catholic values  
and promoting  
academic  
excellence by  
nurturing  
mind, body  
and soul

- Mon., Nov. 28 -
- Tues., Nov. 29 - JH Girls Basketball vs. Ipswich 4 pm RES
- Wed., Nov. 30 - RHS Mass - 9:24 am  
- RES Mass - 12:10 pm - Sacred Heart
- Thurs., Dec. 1 - RPS Mass - 12:10 pm - St. Mary's  
- STREAM Night at RHS - 5:30 pm  
- Gymnastics vs. Jamestown - 5 pm
- Fri., Dec. 2 - North Area Honor Band  
- JH Girls Basketball at Redfield - 4 pm
- Sat., Dec. 3 - North Area Honor Band  
- Wrestling - 10 am at Watertown

**The Aberdeen Catholic School System** is now enrolling Pre-school and Kindergarten students for the 2017-2018 School Year! Please fill out a registration form (located under "I want to . . . Find School Admission Forms" at [aberdeenroncalli.org](http://aberdeenroncalli.org)) and return it to the Primary School with your \$20 admission fee. Space is limited and on a first come, first serve basis, so please register early! If you have any questions contact Admissions organizer Michala Heller at 226-2100.

**S.T.R.E.A.M.** (Science. Technology. Religion. Arts. Engineering. Mathematics)

STREAM Night 2 - Deck the Halls on Dec. 1, 5:30-8 pm at Roncalli High School.

Help our students discover more about STEM through fun, interactive Christmas activities. Roncalli is on a path to be the first fully certified PreK-12th STEM school in South Dakota. Each and every teacher will be fully equipped to infuse the principles of STEM into their daily lessons. To stay true to our core beliefs, we are adding an 'R' for Religion and 'A' for Fine Arts. Over 400 students and adults took part in Roncalli's first STREAM Night held in September.

**Family Rosary** will be at St. Mary's, Nov. 29 at 7 pm.

*Throughout the day, keep the prayer "Maranatha" in your heart and mind; it means, "Come. Lord Jesus!"*

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Wednesday, Nov. 30** - Confirmation Class 7 pm

**Sunday, Dec. 4** - 9:30 am Family Ed

**Monday, Dec. 5** - The youth group will be attending the Reason Christmas Concert at the Civic Arena. Contact Sarah for tickets at 229-4422. Cost \$12.

**Notice:** Youth group t-shirts available if you are new to our group or didn't purchase one last year. Orders due Dec. 1. Contact Sarah to order.

**Fr. Michael's Musings**



I am away this weekend to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony with some friends in St. Paul. As I am there, I am also here, with all of you at the Altar of God.

We received word from Fr. Mark Lichter that his surgery was successful and he is recovering nicely. He is touched by the outpouring of love and prayers he has received...and that I know will continue.

A special thank you to the students and families of the Roncalli Primary School for so abundantly filling our food pantry last week. What a gift to those in need, who are Jesus in our midst.

Often, during the Advent Season, I think of the words of Thomas Paine, "These are the times that try men's souls."

He was speaking of something different, of course, but these can be trying days indeed. Many things will be conspiring to crush your heart and spirit, so many demands and expectations; people will be on TV and Facebook telling you that you need to be upset about Christmas... slights real and imagined.

Remember, the Advent Season is about peace and renewed hope; the gentle coming of God that renews our souls and lives. These gifts are given, but must be received to be transformative. Give yourself the Advent gift, seek the peace, find the gentleness. Seek...you will find!

Early Christmas shoppers...



*Just a Thought...*

One small candle in a dark world

**Church Support: November 19-20, 2016**

- Envelopes: \$ 10,664.50
- Loose: \$ 877.50
- Children's: \$ 166.00

- CFSA**
- Pledged: \$ 107,881.00
- Paid: \$ 104,863.50

