



ARE YOU  
THE ONE  
WHO IS  
TO COME?

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

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### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** December 12 - 18

Mon.	7:55 am	Clara Meier +
Tue.	7:55 am	Mark Weigel +
	2:15 pm	Dominico Nguyen + (Manor Care)
Wed.	7:55 am	National Society of Foresters
Thurs.	7:55 am	Irvin Kuckelburg +
	12:10 pm	Joseph Nguyen +
Fri.	7:55 am	Bob Weber +
Sat.	5:00 pm	Martin Lacher +
	7:00 pm	Jeanne Heath +
Sun.	8:30 am	All members of the parish
	10:30 am	Katherine Malsom +



### **Lectors**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Russ Stone
	7:00 pm	Jeff Hanson
Sun.	8:30 am	Marie Schumacher
	10:30 am	Lee Zacher

### **December 17 - 18**

### **Mass Servers**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Austin & Emily Kokales
	7:00 pm	M. Sperry, A. Hoffman, C. Hellwig
Sun.	8:30 am	D.J. Arunasalam, Joshua & Noah Barnett
	10:30 am	Carson & Jenna Helms, Abbilyn Kaan

### **December 17 - 18**

### **Music Ministry**

Sat.	5:00 pm	RPS Choir
	7:00 pm	Abby Berry/Sierra Kokales
Sun.	8:30 am	Dave Nikolas
	10:30 am	St. Mary's Choir: Julia Friedrichsen

### **December 17 - 18**

### **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 Loebes
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



### LIFE AT ST. MARY'S:

**Our parish breakfast** will be served after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 11. Egg bake, caramel rolls, muffins & fruit will be served.

**Pre-marriage class** will be held this Sunday, Dec. 11 at 1:30 pm in the parish hall.

**Visit us at:** [stmarysabr.tumblr.com](http://stmarysabr.tumblr.com)

**Roncalli Nearly New** Christmas clothes, decorations, and trees are 50% off starting 12/13. We are open on Tue., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. from 12-4 pm. We appreciate your donations & your business.

**Please share hope** with others by participating in the 24th Annual Advent Baby Shower, which continues through Christmas. Please bring **NEW** gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them in the crib in the gathering area.

**Family Rosary** will be at St. Mary's, Dec. 13 at 7 pm.

**Scrip Gift Cards Top Off Your List** Thanks for ordering your gift cards in advance! Due to the holidays falling directly on weekends, volunteers will not be selling after Masses on Dec. 24, 25, 31, or Jan. 1. Call 226-2100 for further information during this season of comfort and joy.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas** All women are invited to attend our Christmas party on Thurs., Dec. 15 at 321 9th Ave. NE. We will begin with short meeting at 6:30 PM, followed by treats, games, holiday music and a Christmas basket auction. For info please call Nancy Vander Hoek at 377-3218.

**Individuals needed** for a beginners hand bells choir to begin in January. Some music reading ability desired. Contact Stephanie at [sraap@stmarysabr.com](mailto:sraap@stmarysabr.com)

### **Homemade Soap for Sale**

The St. Mary's youth group is selling homemade goat milk soap again this year. We have 9 different scents to choose from, please stop in the parish office and ask Sarah to check them out.

**Parish Retreat** - Friday, Dec. 16 from 7-9 pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.



**Congratulations:** Our parish rejoices in the baptism of *Theodore James Ashmore*, son of Chris Ashmore and Chelsea White

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration** is available 24/7 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital. Open hours are: Sun. 2 am, & 11 am, Tue. 4 pm, Thurs. 4 am and Fri., 5 pm. Call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001.

*News from your  
Aberdeen Catholic  
School System*



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

- Mon., Dec. 12 - SonShine Patch Preschool Concert -  
6:30 pm RPS Gym  
- Cheer Camp Grade K-6 6-8 pm at RHS
- Tues., Dec. 13 - Girls BB at Mobridge/Pollock  
7th/8th - 4 pm JV - 6:30 pm  
Varsity - 8 pm  
- Gymnastics at Jamestown Inv.
- Wed., Dec. 14 - RHS Mass - 9:24 am  
- RES Mass - 12:10 - Sacred Heart  
- ACSS School Bd. Mtg. - 3:30 pm
- Thurs., Dec. 15 - RPS Mass - 12:10 pm - St. Mary's  
- JH Girls Basketball vs. Milbank 4 pm @ RE  
- Boys Basketball at Milbank C-game 4:30  
JV - 6 pm Varsity - 7:30 pm  
- Wrestling - 7 pm
- Fri., Dec. 16 - JH Girls BB vs. Britton/Hecla 4 pm at RE  
- JV Girls BB vs. Milbank - 6 pm  
- Varsity Girls BB vs. Milbank - 7:30 pm  
- Gymnastics - 5:30 at Mitchell
- Sat., Dec. 17 - Girls BB at Sioux Falls Pentagon

**RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE** for Laurie Campbell: Tue.,  
Dec. 13 from 1-4 pm in the Central Office at Roncalli High  
School. Please stop in to wish Laurie well and fulfill her fondest  
dream, by purchasing a gift card from her on your visit.

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Wednesday, Dec. 14** - 6:00 pm Confirmation family potluck

**Sunday, Dec. 18** - 9:30 am Family Ed



**Advent Memorial Gifts** - We invite those who  
wish to make a donation in memory of loved ones  
during the Advent season to help defray the cost of  
decorating for Christmas. Please enclose the  
following with your gift & return to the parish.

Name of deceased:

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Name of donor:

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Fr. Michael's Musings



On this beautiful Advent week-  
end, Fr. Mark Axtmann is en-  
joying some vacation time and  
I am at Guard Drill, so we wel-  
come Fr. David Janes and re-  
joice in his ministry and prayer  
with us.

It certainly feels like winter is here, so I hope  
that I don't ruin anyone's day to mention that the  
Season of Winter doesn't begin for a week and a  
half. By then, we should be well practiced at it.

I want to thank in a special way the adults who  
showed up for Family Education last weekend.  
Such a nice crowd and it was an honor to be  
with you all. Please know, this time is open to  
anyone who wishes to come and learn.

We spoke about feeding the hungry, and how  
those hungers can be more than physical. There  
are many people whose hearts are heavy and  
burdened during these days, and a call, a letter, a  
card or just a few words can brighten a day and a  
heart. Please be aware of the "hungers" around  
you.

What a blessing to celebrate Advent with you  
all. It is such a unique and lovely season, I hope  
you are being open to the gifts of grace and love  
all around you.

Check out the numbers below!! Yeah and Thank  
You!!



"Triple-A batteries, double-A batteries,  
aardvarks, ants . . ."

*Just a  
Thought...*

The goose is  
getting fat

**Church Support:** December 3-4, 2016

- Envelopes: \$ 21,380.00
- Loose: \$ 1,176.00
- Children's: \$ 156.50

