



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 4 - 10

Mon.	7:55 am	Alma Nold +
Tue.	7:55 am	Delmar & Evelyn Morrow +
	2:15 pm	Dominico Maria Nguyen + (Heath/Rehab)
Wed.	7:55 am	Bernard & Regina Weber
Thurs.	7:55 am	Nguyen Family
Fri.	7:00 am	National Catholic Society of Foresters
	12:10 pm	George & Alice Braun +
	5:30 pm	Leo & Cecelia Nikolas +
Sat.	5:00 pm	George Heilman +
	7:00 pm	All members of the parish
Sun.	8:30 am	Karon Thomas +
	10:30 am	Joe & Lorraine Meier +



Lectors

Sat.	5:00 pm	Jennifer Starks
	7:00 pm	Jeff Hanson
Sun.	8:30 am	Char Suel
	10:30 am	Mike Russell

December 9 - 10

Mass Servers

Sat.	5:00 pm	V. & Z. Eschenbaum, E. Kokales
	7:00 pm	Matthew Sperry
Sun.	8:30 am	Katelin & Dillon Stoebner, Spencer Titus
	10:30 am	Carson & Jenna Helms, Alex Muller

December 9 - 10

Music Ministry

Sat.	5:00 pm	RPS Choir: Abigayle & Beth Coats
	7:00 pm	Jonathan Hanson
Sun.	8:30 am	Michele Titus
	10:30 am	Latin Choir

December 9 - 10

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 8:30 am
Linda DeWalt	Brad Andera
Michael Duch	Sandy Andera
Rosemary Duch	Craig Hartman
Bernie Moran	Marlene Loebbs
Ed Korbel	Keith Schumacher
Mark Stone	Marie Schumacher
Sophia Schriver	Collin Stoebner

December

Sun. 10:30 am
Dana Randall
Rebecca Randall
Brenda Williams
Randy Williams
Andrew Buechler
Grace Imbery

Sat. 7:00 pm

Jeff Hanson
Sue Hanson
Terry Kline



FROM THE WORKBENCH

Last week I got my first deer. After hours of patient waiting I was in the right place, and the deer was in the right place and I finally got my buck. Now after going through the whole process of getting the deer from the field to the freezer; I am hooked.

The whole process was good but the best part was the wait. Sitting silently with my back to the setting sun, mesmerized by the sounds of geese honking overhead and pheasants cackling in the grass I thought I could sit there every day. Part of it was the beauty of the day and part was the eager expectation of what was to come.

Advent begins this week, after all those weeks of ordinary time we begin this official period of waiting. Aside from being a little shorter, the days this week aren't going to be significantly different that they were last week. We will be different.

We are transitioning this week from existing to waiting. Ordinary time is over, and it is time to begin again. This year advent will be over before we know it, we only have three full weeks of this season to look forward to so we need to make the most of it.

Advent is to be a period of preparation. As we find ourselves mesmerized by the lights and the sounds of the season we need to remember what they are all for. We need to allow this time not to be just a time to prepare for parties, but of interior preparation to receive the infant Jesus into our homes and into our hearts as we anxiously await his coming at Christmas.

Fr. Lacey



"Yes, Mabel, it is very festive... But Advent wreaths are only supposed to have four candles!"

Just a Thought:

Don't dawdle, it's a short one this year.

CHURCH SUPPORT: November 25-26, 2017

Envelopes: \$ 9,935.25
Loose: \$ 884.50
Children's: \$ 101.50



REMEMBER:
We REALLY need \$18,000 a week.

LIFE AT ST. MARY'S:

Lectors: New lector workbooks are on the table in the gathering area. Please remember to pick one up.

St Marcella's Circle will be having their annual Christmas dinner hosted by the Country gals on Dec. 6th in the parish hall at 6 pm. There will be a white elephant gift exchange.

The post Bazaar meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation will be Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 am, 12:10 pm and 5:30 pm.

Remember the annual Holiday Cookie Sale Saturday Dec. 9, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Bring your cookies to the parish hall on Friday, Dec. 8. We look forward to seeing you at the sale on Saturday. Please stop by and do a little shopping and enjoy a cup of coffee and roll with friends. We need your help for continued success.

Pre-marriage class will be next Sun., Dec. 10 in the parish hall.

Sacred Heart Holiday Luncheon will be Sat., Dec. 9 at noon in their parish hall. Price is \$12.00. Door Prizes! Candy & bars for sale! Come for lunch & stay to play cards, board games or just visit. Reservations required by calling Helen at 225-7088.

Christmas at the Cathedral in Sioux Falls will be Dec. 14-17. General Admission is \$37. Get your tickets early on-line at www.ccfesd.org or call 605-988-3765. Proceeds will benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House & the Cathedral of St. Joseph ongoing care and maintenance endowments.

The Abbey of the Hills will be offering a Day of Recollection on Tuesday, Dec. 12th. Join Fr. Jeff Norfolk as he presents on Our Lady of Guadalupe. The day will begin at 10:00 am and conclude at 3:00 pm. Lunch is included. Cost is a free will offering. Registration is required for meal planning purposes. Please register at www.abbeyofthehills.com

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sun., Dec. 3 - 9:30 am Family Ed Class - Advent begins.

Wed., Dec. 13 - 6:30 pm Confirmation Family Potluck

St. Mary's Youth Group is selling homemade soap now thru Christmas! Cost is \$7/ bar

There are 15 scents to choose from:

Oatmeal, Almond, & Vanilla	Sandalwood
Orange & Vanilla	Plain
Lavender & Rosemary	Spellbound Woods
Nitty Gritty	Sedona
Rustic Woods & Rum	Smoldering Embers
Jasmine	Driving Blood
Spiced Mahogany & Pine	Pine Tar
Spiced Mahogany	

Please contact Sarah at 229-4422 to purchase or stop into the church office to smell them!



YOUR ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

- Mon., Dec. 4 - 7th/8th Girls BB at Warner - 4 pm
- Tues., Dec. 5 - JV Gymnastics at Brookings - 6:30 pm
- Wed., Dec. 6 - **School Dismissed at 2 pm - Teacher Collaboration**
- Roncalli Primary Christmas Blessing Store
- Thurs., Dec. 7 - **K-6 Christmas Concert - 7 pm at RHS**
- Wrestling Sturgis Triangular - 5 pm
- Roncalli Primary Christmas Blessing Store
- Fri., Dec. 8 - **RHS Mass - attending RES Mass at Sacred Heart - 12:10 pm**
- **RES Mass at 12:10 pm at Sacred Heart**
- **RPS Mass at 12:10 pm at St. Mary's**
- Girls BB at Northwestern: 7th/8th - 4:15 pm
C - 5:15, JV - 6:30, Varsity - 8 pm
- Wrestling at Rapid City
- Sat., Dec. 9 - Wrestling at Rapid City
- JH Wrestling at Pierre
- Gymnastics Hub City Invite
- RHS Semi-Formal - 8 pm

Do your Christmas shopping early and support Roncalli! We are ready for all of your holiday shopping needs! We have smaller denomination cards available (\$5 Starbucks, \$10 Amazon, Target & Walmart) as well as NEW Visa cards that work anywhere. Gift cards are available after every weekend Mass and at Roncalli High School. Mail, drop off, or call with your order and we can have your special order cards available for pickup at RHS or delivered back to either of the churches.

Roncalli Nearly New Thrift Store We are offering our Pink Tag clothing at 1/2 price; children's, youth's, men and women's clothing, we have a lot of great items to chose from. We are open on Tue., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. from 12-4 pm. We appreciate your donations & your business.

The 25th Annual Advent Baby Shower will start now and continue through Christmas. Please bring **NEW** gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months and place them in the crib in the gathering area.



Sympathy: We pray for the repose of the souls of James Schwan and Denise Jung buried in Christ. May those who mourn them be filled with comfort and peace.



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 the decorating for Christmas. Please enclose the following with your gift & return to the parish.

Name of deceased:

Name of donor:
