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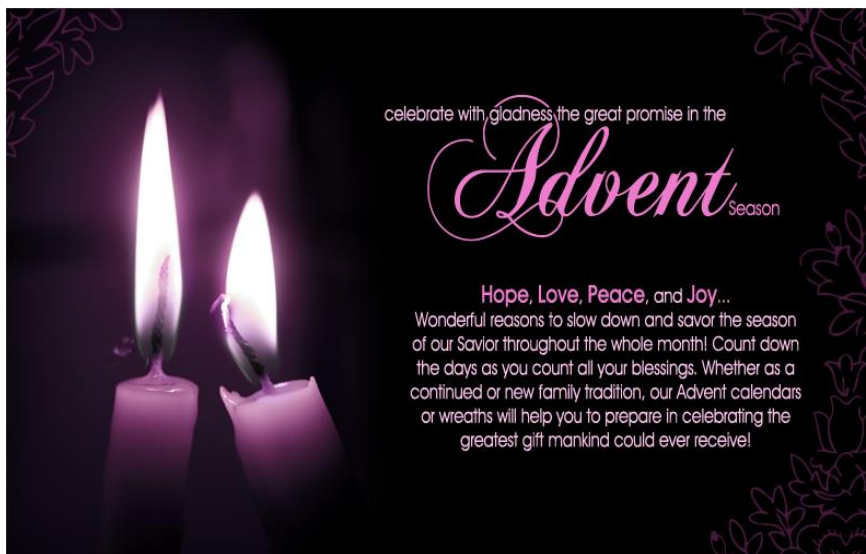
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Second Sunday in Advent



Mass Schedule & Intentions for Dec 12th - Dec 17th

Tue, Dec 12 5:00 pm Mass at St. Martin: †Monica Walker by

Jonah and Allison Peterson

Wed, Dec 137:30 am Mass at St. Joseph:

.....9:00 am Mass at KRCC: †Theresa Renner by Jim Renner

Thurs, Dec 14....12 Noon Mass at St. Martin: †Kay Schettler by Gordon and Mary Robson

Fri, Dec 15.....8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph: †Evelyn Wilson by Ray and Shirley Hipfner

Sat, Dec 16.....5:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph: Elaine Zachmann by Zachmann Family

Sun, Dec 178:00 am Mass at St. Joseph: Carl and Loretta Fischer by

Javier and Kim Montoya

.....10:00 am Mass at St. Martin: Parishioners

St. Joseph parish information continued.

Join us for a Ladies Christmas gathering Monday, December 18th at 5:30 pm social with 6:00 pm meal in St. Joseph’s Fellowship Hall for all women of St. Martin and St. Joseph parishes. Please bring an appetizer or any light fare dish to share. Join us for food, games and fellowship! There will be no gift exchange this year. There are sign-up sheets located at the main entrance of both parishes.

Accepting Donations for Christmas Poinsettias: All donations (any amount) can be made by utilizing one of the flower envelopes with your quarterly envelopes or a plain white envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers". Donations can be placed in the weekly offertory or dropped off at the parish office by December 20th. Please write on the envelope to who the flowers are in memory or honor of. Please make sure your name is on the envelope, this information is needed for the Christmas list. If you have already turned in money, please contact the office to update the poinsettia list for Christmas. Thank you!

Volunteers needed: The poinsettias will be available for pick up at Plant perfect in Bismarck the week of December 18th. We are looking for volunteers to help get them to the parish before December 23rd. If you are interested in helping get them to the parish, please contact the office.

Volunteers needed: We will begin decorating for Christmas after the 8:00 am Mass on December 17th. Please stay to help if you can.



Retirement Fund for Religious: Across the United States, hundreds of religious community’s lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer elder religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Please prayerfully consider donating to the collection that will be held this weekend. Your donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope, in the memo line please write Retirement Collection.

Advent is a Time of Hope. It isn’t Christmas and it isn’t ‘the holiday season’. It is its own special time of preparation. As we begin to prepare our homes for the birth of Jesus, we are given a special opportunity to prepare our hearts by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation.

Father Phillips will be assisted by a priest from the Abbey to hear confessions on **Wednesday, December 13th at St. Joseph and Wednesday, December 20th at St. Martin.** Reconciliation times are **4:00 to 5:30 pm** and **6:30 to 8:00 pm** at each parish. Father Phillips also hears confessions prior to daily and weekend Masses or by appointment.



- Sat, Dec 23: 5:00 pm at St. Martin (4th Sunday of Advent)**
NO 8:00 am Mass
- Sun, Dec 24: 10:00 am at St. Joseph (4th Sunday of Advent)**
- Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm at St. Joseph (Christmas Mass)**
- Christmas Day: 9:00 am at St. Martin**



- Sat, Dec 30: 5:00 pm at St. Joseph (Feast of the Holy Family,**
- December 31: 8:00 am at St. Joseph (Feast of the Holy Family)**
- 10:00 am at St. Martin (Feast of the Holy Family)**

Mon, Jan 1: 8:30 am at St. Joseph (Mary, Mother of God)

Because New Year’s Day falls on Monday, is it a Holy Day but not of Obligation. Therefore, there will be one Mass offered at 8:30am.