



NOVEMBER 29, 2020

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES:
“BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
THE TIME WILL COME.
WHAT I SAY TO YOU,
I SAY TO ALL: ‘WATCH!’”
– Mk 13:33, 37

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Wed. 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

WEEKEND LITURGY:

Saturday 4:30 pm • Sunday 9 & 11 am

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Mon., Tues., & Wed. 9am

NO MASS ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-4pm

Infant Baptism: Contact Erin Wolfe.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact the office
at least nine months prior to wedding date.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling upon the prophets to encourage the Jewish people who are in exile. The prophet is to tell them that they will be returning home soon, and the road of the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the people to proclaim from a mountaintop the goodness of God.

2 Peter 3:8-14 The second letter of Peter was written nearly 200 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. At an earlier time, Christians had expected the Lord to return quickly. But by this time, they had lost confidence that the Lord would return in glory at all. The author doesn't want people to abandon this hope, and gives a positive interpretation to this delay.

Mark 1:1-8 Advent's second Sunday is always dedicated to John the Baptist and his work among God's people. The Gospel of Mark begins with an adult John the Baptist anticipating an adult Jesus coming to his people. Important in this Gospel are the repeated references to Baptism. There is an important link to be made between the anticipation of Christmas, the manifestation of Jesus in the flesh, and the anticipation of Baptism, where we find new members in the Church also in the flesh.

Reflect: In order to celebrate the spirit of Christmas, what area of your life do you need to make straight?

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30, Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

9:00 am +Robert F. Kennedy & John F. Kennedy

Tuesday, December 1

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

9:00 am +Robert F. Kennedy & John F. Kennedy

Wednesday, December 2

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

9:00 am +Gwen Maes

Thursday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

4:30 pm +Melissa Loniewski

9:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

11:00 am +Roger Allen

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jack Hardy and family in the death of his sister, Susan Douglas.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

Diane Agius, Richard Baibak, Pat Bartle, Cyndy Bisoski, Cara Chandler, John Couch, Keith Craffey, Terry & Diane Davidson, Derek & Mary Day, Caleb Decker, Forest Densmore, Karoline DeRosia, Dave Dueness, David Erdman, Garcia Family, Mary Lea Gehring, Norm Gregor, Bob Hemmi, Kathy Hershberger, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Jeff Holgate, Kathy Jagusch, Noah Jelso, Mary Keating, Jan Keogh, Herb & Mary Ellen Langer, Nolan Langer, Kristen Marsh, David Martin, Genny McSweeney, Adam Montgomery, Diane Morrison, Deana Murray, Jennifer Nason, Stella Paweski, Carolyn Phillips, Mike Polcyn, Kathy & Tony Riccardi, Richard Rumpz, Marino Sarti, Dave Scharf, Helen Selke, Marny Stuart, Cindy Sultana, Janina Szajnecki, Julie Taylor, Marylyn Trader, Michelle Turner, Dan Tuthill, Dan Van Tiem, Robert Warner, Tom Zremski, Artie, Jeanette.

May they be fully restored to good health and comforted at this time.

Important Note About our Prayer List

The names of the sick will run in this column for 6 weeks, at which time they will be removed. To add, re-list, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624.

Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates to be current. Thank You!

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

November 29 — December 5

Sunday	Jerry Dolkowski
Monday	Volunteer
Tuesday	Michele Sixbery
Wednesday	Gale and Pat Harris
Thursday	Matt Kroll
Friday	Lynn Pfaff
Saturday	Ted Eisenhut



The Knights of Columbus Family Rosary on Sunday, Nov. 29 **IS CANCELLED.**

LOWERY'S LINES

Advent

This weekend we bless our Advent wreath and light the first candle. Christmas is now 26 days away. 2020 has taught us a lot about waiting for so many different things. It has also given us the experience of longing: longing for normal, longing for physical contact and connections, even longing for a meal in a boisterous restaurant. Let us take all our longings – however great or small, deep or shallow - into each Advent Liturgy this season. The Lord has walked with us this far, and promises through the scriptures of this season never to let us fall into darkness or despair.

SIGN UP - Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation Opportunity: Dec. 14

Instead of having a formal Advent Penance service this year, I will be available to hear individual confessions throughout the day on Monday, Dec. 14. I will be in our main worship space and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout the time the Sacrament of Reconciliation is being celebrated. I am asking that you sign up during blocks of time in the morning, afternoon or evening. Sign-ups are now available both on the parish website, in the gathering space after weekend Liturgies, and by calling the parish office during the weekdays. If you cannot come on December 14, Reconciliation is also celebrated each Saturday from 3-4pm, and by appointment.

Looking Ahead to Christmas – SIGN UP

We will celebrate a Christmas experience Liturgy once each evening of the week leading up to Christmas beginning Monday, Dec. 21. Each Christmas experience Mass that will be celebrated will be the same. *You will need to sign up to come to one of the Liturgies and you can do that beginning TOMORROW, November 30 online or by calling the office.* If you come celebrate on Monday (Dec. 21) at 7pm, or if you come on Tuesday (Dec 22) at 7pm, or Wednesday (Dec 23) at 7pm, or Thursday (Christmas Eve) at 6pm or 10pm, or Friday (Christmas Day) at 10am, the experience of the Liturgy – music, decorations, homily – will be the same. This is so we can spread ourselves out to celebrate Christmas in smaller gatherings than we would normally have. This is our plan as things stand now.

God bless,
Fr. Shaun

**Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.
Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.**

WORSHIP

Opportunities for
Quiet Prayer during
this holy season:

**ADVENT
EVENING PRAYER**
Monday, Nov. 30 -7pm
Monday, Dec. 7 -7pm

TAIZE PRAYER
Friday, Dec. 11 -7pm



Dear Heavenly Father, Help me to hear your voice.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH



If you are coming to Mass on the weekend, and you would like to be a part of the lighting of the Advent Wreath at the beginning of the Liturgy, please sign up in the Gathering Area. You may do it as an individual, couple, or family.

REOPENING GUIDE

Our parish reopening guide is a map – not an exact science or a rigid plan – to lead us toward gradually reopening at a pace following our State’s Safe Start plan, and takes into account the mood of our community. The purpose of this guide is to help us decide how and when to move forward, or (if necessary) how to move backward. No dates are assigned to movement between the guide steps. Currently we are in step three. High-lights of our current reopening practices include:



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Reopening Guide

This is meant to be a conceptual guide. It is not an exact plan for our reopening. It is based on CDC/State Health Department recommendations.

We are in the current 3-week pause which began Wed., Nov. 18 and includes indoor Sunday and weekday Liturgies, Livestream Liturgy, the option to receive Communion outside of weekend Mass, and all meetings are currently on an online platform.

	Step One	Step Two	Step Three	Step Four
Social Distancing, General	Stay Home	Strict (6' / Inside Car)	6' indoor/outdoor	Healthy
Vulnerable Populations*	Stay Home	Stay Home	Stay Home / Strict ≥6'	Healthy
Indoor Sq. Ft./Person Goal	Stay Home	≥65.5 face coverings	≥43 wearing face coverings	13 wearing face coverings
Parish Office	Remote / Essential only	Remote / Essential only	Normal staff schedule / Office closed to walk-in guests	Open to public
Liturgical Life	Online Only	Sunday - Outdoor Weekday - Indoor / Minimal & wearing face coverings	Indoor – limited seating; face coverings worn; outdoor Communion options offered.	Indoor / Gradual restoration of full celebrations TBD
Community Life	Online Only	Online Only	Online Only	Small gatherings / Normal spaces - Larger Gatherings TBD
Meetings	Online Only	Online Only	Online Only	Small Gatherings / Normal Spaces
Preschool	Online Only	Online Only	Open	TBD
Youth (Formation/Ministry)	Online Only	Online Only	Online Only	TBD

**Vulnerable Populations: Any age with pre-existing health conditions, compromised immunity, and care-takers of previously mentioned populations. No dates are assigned to movement between steps. CDC/State Health Department guidelines will guide decisions. Steps can move backward if necessitated by future outbreaks. Preschool/Religious Formation/Youth related activities depend upon opening and practices of Brighton schools.*

- ◆ Indoor weekend Liturgy celebrated in the main worship space. Masks must be worn. No assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion.
- ◆ Indoor weekday Liturgy in the main worship space celebrated minimally (i.e., no singing, no assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion). Masks must be worn.
- ◆ Drive up reception of Holy Communion, at the main entrance under the portico, will be available Saturdays 5:45—6:15 pm and Sundays 12:15—12:45 pm.
- ◆ The parish staff has normal work schedules. The parish office remains closed to visitors.
- ◆ Gatherings and meetings are held online.
- ◆ Outdoor gatherings of 10 and no more than 50 people permitted with strict social distancing.

If you have any condition that will compromise your immune system (or if you care for someone with such a condition) PLEASE STAY HOME! There is no obligation to attend Mass and there is no obligation to receive Holy Communion through February 16, 2021.

FINANCE

WEEK OF 11/8/20

ENV/CASH	\$ 16,290
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 6,633
EFT/ONLINE	<u>\$ 23,518</u>
TOTAL	\$ 46,441

WEEK OF 11/15/20

ENV/CASH	\$ 9,986
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 280
EFT/ONLINE	<u>\$ 7,798</u>
TOTAL	\$ 18,064

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

MAGDALEN'S PRESCHOOL



WINTER FUNDRAISER

Support the Preschool with Thirty-One Gifts! 25% of each purchase goes towards Magdalen's Preschool!

Now through December 31, shop the link below for



- Utility totes
- Personalized gifts
- Home decor
- Thermals
- Other accessories and more!

<https://www.mythirtyone.com/1981651?pd=11878153>

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Religious Formation in the Time of the Covid-19 Pandemic

With the recent statewide reimplementation of stricter Covid-19 protocols, I would like to provide an update on what measures the religious formation department is taking on the programs affected.

9th grade Confirmation classes scheduled to begin in person on Sunday, December 6, have been postponed until Sunday, February 7.

First Reconciliation, scheduled for December 12, will continue as planned. We are taking every necessary precaution to provide a safe, grace-filled encounter with Christ's mercy for our young students.

The formation staff produced an Advent Calendar full of at-home activities. It can be downloaded from the parish website on the Youth Formation page. With many of our usual holiday traditions impacted by the pandemic, we encourage everyone to participate in this fun and faith-filled bit of holiday cheer!

Sunday, November 29, is the first Sunday of Advent. As we eagerly anticipate the end of the Coronavirus pandemic, let us remember the generations of holy men and women who spent their lives awaiting the coming of Jesus the messiah. Just as they looked to God and longed for an end to the reign of sin and death, we too look to God and long for the day when his plan of salvation is fully realized.

In the face of the challenges and fears our own times present, we as disciples echo that age old cry "Come o come Emmanuel!" We have our Christian hope that Jesus is truly Lord and has come to save us. In times of darkness, may the light of Christ shine all the brighter!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Wednesday, December 9, the high school Youth Group will meet to decorate the outdoor stable and pavilion for Christmas.** Decorating will begin at 4:30 PM. If anyone would like to donate Christmas lights, please contact Joshua Kenny.
- ◆ **Cancelled:** Saturday, December 12, Youth Group Christmas tree setup.
- ◆ **Monday Message:** 4:30-5:30 PM every Monday in December on Zoom. Contact Joshua Kenny for Zoom meeting invitation.
- ◆ **Wednesday December 16 Virtual Coffee Hour 6-7 PM.** Contact Joshua Kenny for Zoom meeting invitation.



Join the Youth Group today!

Joshua Kenny: youth@saintmarymagdalen.org

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

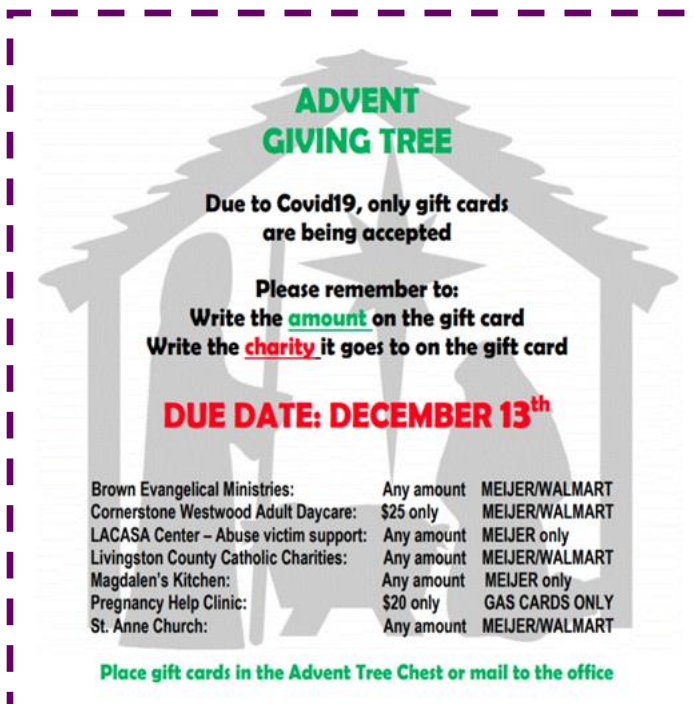
Even with all of the Covid uncertainty, we are still hoping to have some sort of Christmas Nativity for the 6:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. It will probably be taped ahead of time for broadcast during the Mass. There will only be two rehearsals, December 16 at 6:30pm and sometime in the afternoon on December 23. We will be asking the kids to stay socially distanced from each other, and masks will be required at all times. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

It is very important to sign up so that we have an idea of who is participating to make sure that we have enough children. Please contact Erin Wolfe with any questions at 810-923-8494 or email her at baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org.

CHARITY & JUSTICE

ADVENT GIVING TREE (Covid-style)

No matter what, **Christmas is still on!** And, yes, we will have the Advent Giving Tree, but it will be just a bit different. We used to see the Advent Tree with all those beautiful “ornaments” and looked with excitement as to what gift we could provide for another person in our community. We would take a tag and be on our way. But, this year, we won’t have individual tags. To help keep our social distancing and minimize exposure to others, there is one BIG tag for everyone listing all the charities. The charities you see on this “ornament” still represent real individuals in need, most likely even more so due to the pandemic. Although we are limited to providing only gift cards and even though our Advent Tree looks different, its meaning is still the same!



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Due to Covid19, only gift cards are being accepted

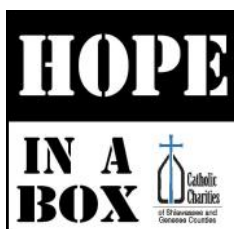
Please remember to:
Write the **amount** on the gift card
Write the **charity** it goes to on the gift card

DUE DATE: DECEMBER 13th

Brown Evangelical Ministries:	Any amount	MEIJER/WALMART
Cornerstone Westwood Adult Daycare:	\$25 only	MEIJER/WALMART
LACASA Center – Abuse victim support:	Any amount	MEIJER only
Livingston County Catholic Charities:	Any amount	MEIJER/WALMART
Magdalen’s Kitchen:	Any amount	MEIJER only
Pregnancy Help Clinic:	\$20 only	GAS CARDS ONLY
St. Anne Church:	Any amount	MEIJER/WALMART

Place gift cards in the Advent Tree Chest or mail to the office

HOPE IN A BOX DECEMBER NEEDS



Warm Gloves
Socks
Towels
Toiletries
Chapstick

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FEAST OF GUADALUPE SPANISH MASS

Please join us at St. Joseph in Howell, Saturday, December 12 at 7 pm for a special Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas.

The Mass in Spanish will feature a live Mariachi Band. This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation. The homily will be delivered in English, with a Spanish interpreter. Proper social distancing. All are welcome!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 30

- 4:30 pm Youth Group Monday Message
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout Only
- 6:30 pm Women's Faith Sharing-Zoom
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, December 1

- 7:00 pm Realigning Resources for Mission Parish Town Hall-ZOOM

Wednesday, December 2

Thursday, December 3

- 6:30 pm Men's Faith Formation-Zoom
- 7:00 pm Baptism Class-Zoom

Friday, December 4

Saturday, December 5

Sunday, December 6 **Destined Lesson 6 Release**

- 10:10 am New Parishioner Meeting-Zoom

ADVENT GIVING TREE COLLECTION