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BLUFFTON, INDIANA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 10 AM (*ad orientem*)

Daily Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8 AM

Wednesday: 7 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM (*ad orientem*)

Confessions:

Tuesday: 8:30-9 AM

Wednesday: 6-6:45 PM

Saturday: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

Adoration:

Tuesday: 7-8 AM

Wednesday: 6-7 PM

First Friday: 9 AM-4 PM

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. David Violi

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ADVENT PARISH MISSION & 40 HOURS

PARISH MISSION SPEAKER
FR. BEN CAMERON, CPM
TALKS: DEC. 6TH – 9TH AT 7 PM

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION
FROM DEC. 7TH AT 7 PM TO DEC. 9TH AT 7 PM

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Saturday, November 28

8:00 a.m. *Special Intention*

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the Larry & JoAnn Dustman Family

Sunday, November 29

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Raymond "Bud" Helm +

Monday, November 30

No Public Mass

Tuesday, December 1

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Robert Scheidler +

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, December 2

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Marj Sanders +

Thursday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Mabel O'Keefe +

Friday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Ron Smith Family

Saturday, December 5

8:00 a.m. *Special Intention*

5:00 p.m. Bob & Barbara Whitacre

Sunday, December 6

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Nancy & Steve Wagner Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18 / Ps 19:8-11 / Mt 4:18-22

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
Advent Weekday [1]
Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday [1]
Is 25:6-10a / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 26:1-6 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a / Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday [1]; St. John Damascene, Priest
Is 29:17-24 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
Advent Weekday [1]
Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps 147:1-6 / Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps 85:9-14 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 29, 2026

This weekend (November 28th/29th), the Church enters into a new year of God's grace and celebrates the **First Sunday of Advent**. Though we begin a new liturgical year, the theme of our readings seems familiar. Last week, we looked toward Christ's coming at the end of time. Today, **Advent** keeps that expectation before us while also preparing us to celebrate His first coming into the world.

This season is often referred to as "*little **Lent***," taking its familiar four-week structure in the 9th Century. Overall, this preparatory and penitential season opens our hearts to the Lord who has come into the world. Or, in the words of the 4th Century Bishop of Hippo, St. Augustine: *To love His first coming so that we may be ready to rejoice at His second coming*.

"*The Lord, whom we await in glory at the end of time, comes every day to knock at our door.*" These words from Pope Leo for the **First Sunday of Advent** remind us of a simple Advent truth: Christ comes to meet us each day, inviting us to recognize His presence and welcome Him. Advent invites us to notice the subtle changes that interrupt our routines and awaken us to the Lord's coming.

Liturgically, we encounter these subtle changes in both sight and sound. During **Advent**, the *Gloria* is not prayed (*save for solemnities*). This hymn of praise will not spring forth from our lips again until we join with that angelic choir that first broke the quiet of that silent night as they proclaimed "*Glory to God in the Higest*" to the shepherds in the field.

Our liturgical accouterments also face a subtle change. Our gilded candlesticks and altar crucifix are switched with nearly identical wooden replacements. The wood lacks that luster of the more precious metals. Similarly, the bleached candles are replaced with unbleached beeswax. These elements provide a visual "silence," muted in color, humble in appearance, and showing the simplicity of Bethlehem.

ANNUAL ADVENT BABY SHOWER

In preparation for the coming of the Christ-child, we will once again have the opportunity to help families in need. Please see the display in the narthex this weekend for details on our annual **Advent Baby Shower**, supporting **The Closet** this year. **The Closet** provides free clothing, diapers, and necessities for Wells County families in need. Thank you for supporting this good cause.

PARISH RENOVATIONS - WHERE WE ARE AT

As you can see, half of our stencil work along the back of the sanctuary is now complete. Rick Fischer of *Deco Illusions* will continue working on the back wall at the start of the New Year to avoid conflicting with our Advent or Christmas planning. Likewise, repair work on our woodworking with *Shawnee Construction* will also not begin until the New Year so as to work best with our parish schedule. We will be meeting with *Shawnee* in December to discuss the order of work.

ECCE – ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

We will welcome ***Ecce***, the Fort Wayne Young Adult Choir, on **Saturday, December 12th, at 2:30 PM for a special Advent Lessons and Carols Program.** This liturgical service incorporates Scripture readings, sacred music, hymns, and silence as a beautiful way for our parish community to enter more deeply into the spiritual meaning of **Advent**.

Through the shared experience of sacred Word and music, the service traces the biblical story of God's promise of Salvation, from humanity's longing for redemption to the prophetic expectation of the Messiah by the Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the hope fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ. All are welcome to join us in this beautiful and prayerful service.

The liturgy's central themes include: Hope, Waiting, Light in Darkness, Repentance and Preparation, and the Incarnation. ~In Christ, Fr. David

Our Love & Prayers Go Out to...

Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Mike Holland, Matt Norris and Michael Abercrombie.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 5th 5:00 p.m. Mass
Lector- Dan Geimer
Cantor- Nichole Decker
EMHC- Laurisa Roper
Servers- Zoe Soto, Danny Decker, Volunteer

December 6th 7:30 a.m. Mass
Lector- Carol Butler
Cantor- Mike Morrissey
EMHC- Jill Morrissey
Servers- Angela/James Mayer, Liam Harris

December 6th 10:00 a.m. Mass
Lector- Monica Harris
Cantor- Adult Choir
EMHC- Tammi Helm, Kendra Davis, Kevin Seago
Servers- Charlie/Louis Andrews, Andrew Smith

Annual Advent Baby Shower
November 29 – December 20

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child this Advent season, we invite you to share His love with local mothers and babies in need. Our parish is hosting our *Annual Advent Baby Shower* from Sunday, November 29 through Sunday, December 20. All donated items will support *The Closet*.

Most-Needed Items:

Diapers (especially sizes 2, 3, 4, and 6), diaper wipes, diaper cream

New winter clothing sizes 3T & 4T, especially Boys, socks sizes infant - shoe size 6 youth.

Please place your donations in the playpen located in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Nov. 28 -** *Confession* 4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 29** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 29** - Religious Education Class 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 29** - No Religious Education Class - Thanksgiving Break
- **Sun., Nov. 29** - Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30 & 10:00 Masses hosted by GIRL's Night Out
- **Mon., Nov. 30 -** *No Public Mass*
- **Mon., Nov. 30** - *Children's Choir Practice* - 5:30 p.m.
- **Tues., Dec. 1** - *Adoration* 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / *Confession* 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Dec. 1** - *Knights of Columbus* - Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. Church / meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Wed., Dec. 2** - *Adoration* 6:00-7:00 p.m. / *Confession* 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 3** - *Discover Catholicism* - 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Dec. 3** - *Adult Choir Practice* - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., Dec. 4** - Mass 8:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., Dec. 5** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 6** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 6** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of Nov. 21st & 22nd
Adult Envelopes - $2,841.00
Loose - $174.00
Repair / Rainy Day - $70.00
Religious Ed. Fund- $150.00
Various Donations- $10.00
Votive Candles- $5.00
GIRL's Night Out book donation- $20.00

Weekend Total - $3,270.00

Our weekly budget is $5,101.40

We ended **$2,571.00 behind** our budget for the week.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - $15.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are appreciated!

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Advent Parish Mission & Forty Hours Devotion

40 HOURS

DECEMBER 6–9, 2026

Fr. Ben Cameron • Fathers of Mercy

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Fr. Cameron preaches at all weekend Masses.

FOUR MISSION TALKS

Sunday, Dec. 6 - 7 PM - Opening Mission Talk
Monday, Dec. 7 - 7 PM - Vigil Mass & Second Talk
Tuesday, Dec. 8 - 7 PM - Holy Day Mass & Third Talk
Wednesday, Dec. 9 - 7 PM - Mass & Fourth Talk

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass • Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 PM
Holy Day Masses • Tuesday, Dec. 8
7 AM, Noon & 7 PM

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION
Adoration begins after Monday's Vigil Mass and continues through the close of Wednesday's mission, pausing during Mass.



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- St. Augustine

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