

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## ***Masses for the Week***

### **Sunday, November 28**

7:30 A.M. Fred and Mary Lou Gruettert

10:00 A.M. Phyllis Doyle

### **Monday, November 29**

8:00 A.M. Debbie Perry

### **Tuesday, November 30**

**NO MASS**

### **Wednesday, December 1**

6:00 P.M. Bill Browne

### **Thursday, December 2**

8:00 A.M. Gus and Roxann Trahin

### **Friday, December 3**

8:00 A.M. Clifford Trahin

### **Saturday, December 4**

5:00 P.M. Dave and Joan Wilhelm

### **Sunday, December 5**

7:30 A.M. Richard and Sharon Fenker

10:00 A.M. First Sunday Mass Association

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES** *December 4 & 5*

#### **LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Mackenzie Ritchie

7:30 a.m. Nick Schortgen

10:00 a.m. Doug Ford

**NOON NO MASS**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00 p.m. Lynn Doak

7:30 a.m. Zach Schortgen

10:00 a.m. Tom Frazier

**NOON NO MASS**

#### **GIFTS**

5:00 p.m. Volunteers

7:30 a.m. Tom Landrigan family

10:00 a.m. Tim Wilhelm family

**NOON NO MASS**

#### **USHERS**

5:00 p.m. volunteers

7:30 a.m. volunteers

10:00 a.m. volunteers

**NOON NO MASS**

#### **SERVERS**

5:00 p.m. to be scheduled

7:30 a.m. Lincon Schortgen, Peter Schortgen

10:00 a.m. to be scheduled

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

December 4 Susie Fawbush, Coleen Loeffler

## **WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE**

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

*-Psalm 25*

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

***First Sunday of Advent***  
***HOPE!***



November 28, 2021

## **First Saturday Devotion**

### **December 4**

7:15 am – Confessions

7:30 am – Meditation

7:45 am – Rosary

8:00 am – Holy Mass First Saturday

**REMINDER:** Anyone (whether vaccinated or not) with a cough or fever, or who may otherwise be feeling sick, should **NOT** come to church for Mass.

**Confessions** will be on Saturday afternoons from **4:00-4:45pm**.

**Holy Hour** will be on Thursday mornings after **7:30 am Mass**.

**Pro-life:** “A truly welcoming society must be a culture of Life...We must appreciate the dignity of Life in all its seasons...and look toward the day when every child, born and unborn, is welcome in Life and protected in law.” – *George W. Bush*

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Weekday morning masses will be at **8:00 am** and Wednesday evening masses at **6:00 pm** until March 2022.

**An Evening of Heavenly Lights** to celebrate the lives of our departed loved ones during the Advent season and prepare our hearts for Jesus’ coming as the Light of the World. The event will be held on the first Sunday of Advent, **November 28 from 6:30-7:00 pm** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Plaza. For a donation of \$10, individuals can dedicate a luminaria at [www.diocesefwsb.org/HeavenlyLights](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/HeavenlyLights) in memory of their departed loved one.

**Christmas Party!** Join us at our December St. Pat’s Pro-Life meeting on **Monday, December 13 at 7pm** in the parish hall. Bring a dish to share as we celebrate the reason for the season.

**2022 Diocesan March for Life Pilgrimage** is scheduled for **January 19 – 22 for students 9-12**. Learn more and “Save a Seat” at [diocesefwsb.org/march-for-life](http://diocesefwsb.org/march-for-life). Cost is \$180 with scholarships available.

**Family Bus Trip to the National March for Life on January 20-23.** You can go as a family to Washington DC March for Life. Go to [www.ichooselife.org](http://www.ichooselife.org) for more information.

**Donation Drive for Afghan Refugees** on the weekends of **December 5 and 12**. You can help to shelter the homeless! Catholic Charities is resettling 50-75 Afghan refugees in our area this winter. These families and individuals are in our country legally and badly need our help. St. Pat’s will be hosting a drive to gather items needed to set up their households. We will be collecting cleaning supplies, kitchen items, toiletries, linens, and furniture (see 11/28 bulletin insert for more details). Drop off items in the conference room before or after masses; for larger items contact Anne Fernandes at 260-271-9118 to arrange delivery. If you’d like to contribute financially, visit [www.ccfwsb.org/donate](http://www.ccfwsb.org/donate) or visit [www.cc.fwsb.org](http://www.cc.fwsb.org) to find other ways to get involved. Thank you for your generosity!

**Christmas at the Diocesan Museum:** *Photo Exhibit of over 30 diocesan parish altars decorated beautifully for Christmas! December-January on Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. (1103 S. Calhoun St) Free parking in any Cathedral lot. (Google Diocesan Museum – St. Pat’s Christmas altar picture is shown to advertise the museum exhibit on the website – Check it out!)*

**Historical Christmas Walk & Dinner** at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and surrounding campus in Avilla on **Saturday, December 4 and Saturday, December 11 from 6-8 pm**. Christmas Dinner at St. Mary’s School. Tickets \$12 (children 6 & under free) Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner roll, dessert & drink.

**St. Nicholas Sale!** Good Shepherd Books & Gifts on **Monday, December 6 – Saturday, December 11**. 20% off your entire purchase! Free Cookies! Free small gift for kids! Free parking in attached garage. M-F 10am – 6pm, Saturday 10am-4pm.

**Have a heart for seeing an end to abortion? Become a Sidewalk Advocate for Life!** Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will train you to have compassionate, helpful, winsome interactions with people going into Planned Parenthood. Sidewalk Advocacy is not a protest. Contact [allison@ichooselife.org](mailto:allison@ichooselife.org) or call 260-471-1849 to schedule training for yourself or group.

**COAT DRIVE!** We will be collecting used men, women and children’s coats for the Rescue Mission and Charis House during the month of November. Tables in the parish hall for drop off.