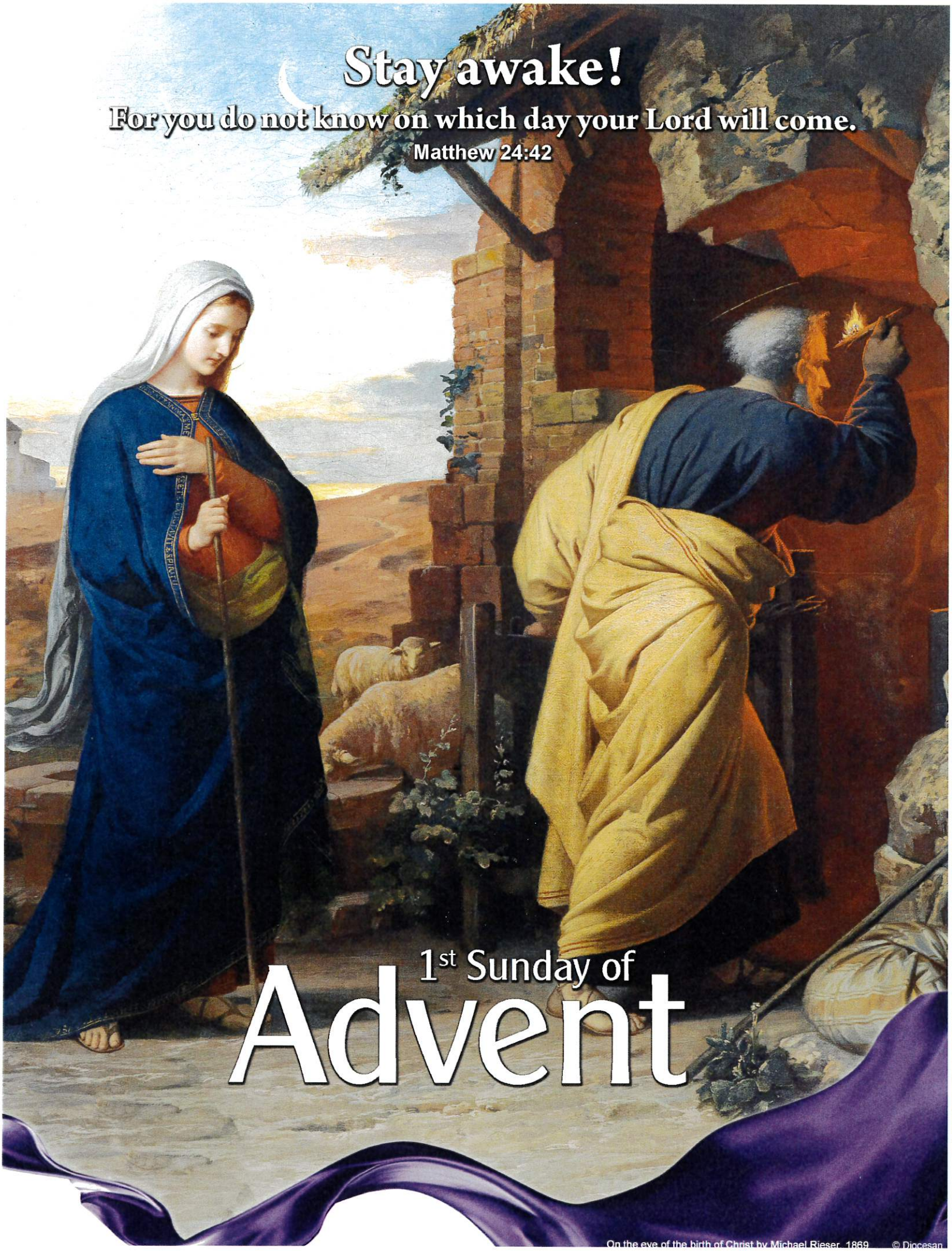

Stay awake!
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.
Matthew 24:42
1st Sunday of
Advent
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 29 ***First Sunday of Advent***
7:30am +Annette Lamle
10:00am St. Patrick Parishioners

Monday, November 30
NO MASS

Tuesday, December 1
5:00-6:00pm Adoration and Confessions
6:00pm +Bob Trahin
Wednesday, December 2
8:00am Special intention: Chris & Gene Faith
8:30-9:30am Adoration Holy Hour
Thursday, December 3
8:00am +Dave and Joan Wilhelm
8:30-9:30am Adoration and Confessions
Friday, December 4 ***First Friday***
8:00am +Richard and Sharon Fenker
8:30-9:30am Adoration and Confessions
Saturday, December 5 ***First Saturday***
7:15am St. Patrick families
8:00-9:00am/3:30-4:30pm Adoration and Confessions
5:00pm +Antonio Arciga
Sunday, December 6 ***Second Sunday of Advent***
7:30am Parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:00am +Gerald and Mary Agnes Johnson

Liturgical Ministries

December 5 & 6

Lectors
5:00pm Jim Bottone
7:30am Roberta Davis
10:00am Therese Joy Burkett

Eucharistic Ministries
5:00pm P. Bottone, N. Schortgen, S. Fawbush, R. Rospond
7:30am M. Butts, K. Lipke, A. Lushis, B. Tippmann
10:00am A. Deckena, W. Mathenge, N. Duffy, S. Harber

Gifts
5:00pm Dave Burelison family
7:30am Paul Nicholson family
10:00am Tim Wilhelm family

Ushers
5:00pm J. Fawbush, J. Burelison, J. Gordon, Volunteer
7:30am H. Strack, M. Magers, D. Davis, J. Butts
10:00am J. Deckena, C. Deckena, D. Frazier, H. Frazier

Servers
5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Sean D, Tyler N, Matthew N, Xavier R
10:00am Micah H, John D, Chuck D, Paul D

Church Cleaning
December 5 Amy Deckena, Laura Bringman

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Fr. Bobby's Column

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! Every Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year as we reenter the time of waiting for the promised Messiah. It also marks the beginning of a new cycle of readings for Sundays (now in year B) and weekdays (now in cycle 1), so that over the course of three years, we cover a great deal of what's contained in Sacred Scripture.

We use the color purple during the season of Advent. When you see purple in the church, think preparation and penance. During Lent, we are preparing to celebrate the central saving mysteries of our faith in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. During Advent, we are preparing for the time of great celebration at Christmas when the Eternal Word of God made His dwelling among us, entering into His creation as one of us in all things but sin.

We easily think of Lent as a time of penance and preparation, but we should think this way about Advent as well, though not to the same degree. This is challenging during Advent because we are getting excited about the holidays. But it's important to remember that Christmas doesn't actually start until December 25. It could be helpful to come up with a plan for some sort of penance for Advent centered around the three we hear about during Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. That way, Christmas Day will find us truly ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior rather than already being burnt out on all things Christmas.

I am planning on doing something special for our first Saturday Mass in December called a Rorate Caeli Mass. It is a Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother that takes place during Advent. It starts in a dark church, lit only with candles, and it ends as the sun is rising, so that natural light fills the church. I've done it in the past at St. Charles, and it was really beautiful, so hopefully we can do something similar here. Saturday morning Mass on December 5 will start at 7:15am. This will be followed by the normal holy hour and confessions, which will go 8:00-9:00am.

November 29, 2026



First Sunday of Advent a time to remember the future with Hope. This candle has traditionally been referred to as 'Prophet's Candle' reminding us that Jesus is coming!

Formed: Preparing Our Hearts for Christ **– *"A four-week Advent Journey through the Infancy Narratives"* every Wednesday evening during Advent from 6:30-7:45 pm in the parish hall beginning December 2: The Promise of a Savior.** Questions, please contact Keith Lipke at keithlipke47@gmail.com or 260.224.5259.

Young Adult Bible Study (18–35-year-olds) will meet **on Monday, November 30 from 6-8 pm** in the conference room.

Life Teen – Leading Teens Closer to Christ (6-12th grades) on **Saturday, December 5 from 3-5 pm** in the old school hall.

Parish Food Drive - We will be collecting non-perishable food and gift cards to help those in need in our communities during the month of November. Containers are located at the church entrances.

Lector Workbooks for the new liturgical year beginning on the **First Sunday of Advent November 29** for each lector is located on the table in the back of church for you to pick up.

Lector Training for all **NEW** and **CURRENT** Lectors. All should attend on **Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm in the church if you did not attend the first training session.** This training will cover the diocesan norms as well as specific changes from Father Bobby. Questions should be directed to Raylene Rospond at rmrospond@gmail.com.

Cathedral Advent Sunday Vespers Advent pilgrimage for choral Vespers at the Cathedral each **Sunday of Advent at 4pm** through December 20. Leading the celebration of the Church's Evening Prayer in this season of hope and expection will be Fr. Daniel Scheidt on **November 29**. After Vespers, **Mass will be celebrated at 5pm.**

Christmas Memorial Flowers Envelopes are located at the church entrances for donations to help decorate the church for Christmas.

St. Paula's Ladies Widow Group will meet on **Tuesday, December 1 at 10 am** in the conference room.



First Friday Mass and Devotions **on December 4 at 8:00 am** followed by adoration, devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and confessions.

First Saturday Mass and Devotions **on December 5 at 7:15am Mass** followed by adoration, devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and confessions from 8-9am.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training for **NEW** and **CURRENT** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be on 2 dates. Everyone should attend one of the 2 sessions. We will be covering diocesan norms and specific changes from Father Bobby. These changes will be implemented once the trainings are completed. **Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm or Saturday, December 12 at 11:00 am in the church.** Please extend a personal invitation to a friend who you believe would be a great EMHC. Questions should be directed to Raylene Rospond at rmrospond@gmail.com.

St. Joseph Roanoke Ultimate Holiday Cookie Walk **on Saturday, December 5 from 10am-2pm** at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 641 N Main St, Roanoke (entrance on 6th Street) Grab a container, stroll the tables, and fill a box with delicious homemade Christmas cookies, which are weighed by the pound. (sold until they run out) Then, stroll downtown Roanoke and enjoy Christmas in the Village all day, shopping the local stores. All proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be donated to charity.

Santa in the Park **on Saturday, December 5th from 5:30-7:00pm at Branning Park in Arcola** (by the Arcola Elementary School west of the ball diamonds) Come enjoy festive fun as Santa will be in town and we will have our Christmas tree lighting along with other fun activities! Sponsored by the Arcola Community Association.

Advent Mini Camp "La Posada: The Road to Bethlehem" on **Saturday, December 12 from 2-4pm,** ages 4 years – grade 5. Come to learn about remembering Mary and Joseph's journey for shelter in Bethlehem. Registration forms at church entrances.

GIVING TREE – The Giving Tree will be in the church's sanctuary with a list of items decorated on the tree that are needed for the Women's Care Center for needy families. Please place your unwrapped gift under the Giving Tree. Thank you!

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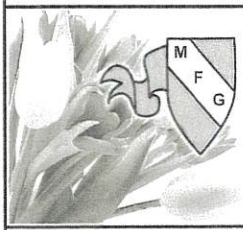
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