### **Gospel Meditation**

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

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Each week during Advent, the Advent candles will be brought up in the opening procession. If you would like to help bring up a candle on one of the Sundays, please let Elizabeth know.

The adult faith Advent program begins December 5 at 11 am. All are invited to attend. We will meet in Galvin Hall for an hour.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance. This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

Father John Muir

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## **Contribution Envelopes**

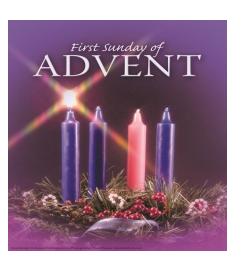
If you haven't already, please pick up your 2026 annual envelopes in the back of church today.



Maddie Wrin	11/30
Charleigh Stranahan	12/04
Caitlin Wyrick	12/04
Archer Sereno	12/05
Patricia Kane	12/06

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The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.





Date	November 30	December 7
Lector	Easton Robertson	Carol Cummins
Server	Owen Ramsey	Vivian Sereno
Ushers	Wayton Robertson Steve Norris	Nick Savant Scott Thralls
EMs	Carol Cummins Lana Thralls	Pam Norris Lana Thralls
Counters	Sarah Hartzler Tom McKinney	Terry & Kay Jatczak
Cleaners	Karen Harris Grace Vest	

#### **Christmas Wrapping**

Don't have time to wrap all of your gifts? We can help!! Robin and her girls will be in Galvin Hall on December 12 from 7—9 ready to wrap your gifts. Monetary donations will be given to Providence Food Pantry. Wrapping paper will be provided but if you have your own special paper you want to use, please bring it!

#### **Christmas Cards**

At Coffee and Donuts on December 7 there will be craft supplies on the tables for you to make Christmas Cards for those in the nursing home and the shut-ins of our parish. Come and help share some holiday cheer and enjoy some goodies while doing it.

Last Sunday we welcomed and prayed for these four people who will be entering the Catholic church on Easter. Please keep them in your prayers as the continue on their journey:

Cheri Cox, Bailey Fidler, Tia Irish, Kaya Masri



#### **Mass Intentions**

11/30 In Loving Memory of John Sullivan

12/7 In Loving Memory of
Bertha Marcella Schnyder Newport

## **Holy Day of Obligation**

Our Immaculate Conception Mass will be held on Monday, December 8 at 6 pm.



Be sure to put your shoes out the evening of December 5!

## **Finance Report**

Description	November 23	Budgeted
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,387	\$ 2,308
Galvin	\$0	\$ 115
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50	
Military	\$ 23	

# Pray For Our Loved Ones

David Auterson Rosie Meehan
Flo Callahan Doreen Rudé
Ray Edwards Dick Stultz
Jane Frazier Jeanette Stultz
Dan Kane Dave Sullivan



When: December 7 Where: Galvin Hall

**During Coffee and Donuts** 

Desc: Proceeds benefit the Providence Pantry. If you have an item that you would like to donate for the auction, please contact Robin or Elizabeth.

Thank you!

