

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*First Sunday of Advent*

*November 28, 2021*



***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: First Sunday of Advent

Marking the beginning of the Church's liturgical year, the four weeks of Advent lead us to the celebration of Christmas. Advent's familiar sights and sounds stir in us a readiness to receive our savior, while sharpening our sense of the world's need for redemption and of the great mystery of God's becoming human for us. Advent is a season of wonder. And nothing surprises us more than God's extravagant giving of gifts. Without even asking, God has given us the gift of life, bestowed on us our unique bodies and minds, our families and situations in which we slowly but surely make our way back to God from whom we have come. But perhaps the biggest surprise of all is the gift God has given us in Jesus, who is God become human. This most surprising gift is the one we concentrate on during our Advent preparation for Christmas.

Advent is a Latin word meaning *the coming* or *arrival*. The season of Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate the three arrivals of Christ: His lowly birth in the past, his mysterious coming to the Christian community in the present, and his promised return as our judge at the end of time. Advent was originally celebrated as a kind of "Lent" during the forty days before the feast of Christmas. Gradually, Advent developed its own distinctive character, retaining a slight penitential dimension but emphasizing our joy-filled hope in the coming of the Lord. Today, these two aspects continue side by side. During the first part of Advent, the prophecies of Isaiah and John the Baptist remind us that we are waiting for God's coming and need to prepare. During the latter part of the season the focus shifts more directly on the events leading up to Jesus' birth. These twin perspectives give richness to our observance of Advent, leading us to introspection and renewal, and to the exuberant joy and celebration of Christmas. I wish you all a blessed and a graceful Advent season.

Readings for next Sunday,  
December 5, 2021

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Luke 3:1-6



### Saint of the Week ... St. Francis Xavier

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. In 1534, Francis joined Ignatius' little community, the infant Society of Jesus.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor.

Xavier then traveled to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach, instruct, baptize, and establish missions. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and St. Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

St. Francis Xavier was canonized in 1622 at the same ceremony as Ignatius of Loyola. He is the patron saint of Catholic missions, sailors, Japan and jewelers.



Feast Day: December 3

# GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 30, 2021

*Together we can serve  
as a light for all to see!*

This Tuesday, November 30, our parish will join in the celebration of Giving Tuesday, a global day of kindness and generosity. You can join the celebration in a variety of ways – by signing up for a new ministry, by volunteering, by praying, or by donating funds.

Please consider supporting our parish by making a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal on Giving Tuesday. Because we are already over 50% of our CSA goal, your full donation will come back to our parish to help fund new roofs for the rectory and garage and other necessary projects. As of today, we are just **\$1,500 short of our goal!**

To donate online, visit [csa.dwcministries.org/donate](http://csa.dwcministries.org/donate) or aim your phone's camera here:

To donate by check, make it payable to "Catholic Sharing Appeal" and drop it in the offertory basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Be sure to mark "Assumption Parish" in the memo line.

Thank you for all the ways you support our parish!



## Assumption Parish



You can help us reach our goal!



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, November 27	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family .....	The Harber Family
		Soul of Ron Chiccehitto .....	Mitch & Carol Durst
Sunday, November 28	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Daskal Family .....	Jim Daskal
		Intentions of Janet VanPelt.....	Wanda Kinnie
Monday, November 29	No Mass		
Tuesday, November 30	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 1	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Elizabeth & Triston Marshall .....	Kathleen Gibson
Thursday, December 2	12 noon	Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi .....	Mary Shannon
		Intentions of Marion Dorsey .....	The Harber Family
Friday, December 3	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased DeMasi Family.....	Dena Turner
Saturday, December 4	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Herman Wise .....	Jean Harber
		Living & Deceased Durst Family.....	Mitch & Carol Durst
Sunday, December 5	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Betty Harbaugh .....	Michelle Brill
		The Barrick & Travis Families .....	Howard & Karen Barrick

 *Show us, Lord, your love, and grant us your salvation.* PSALM 85

# Thank You!



Thanks to all of our parishioners and CCD classes who contributed to the success of the annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox program. A total of 50 shoeboxes are being donated from our parish for children in need all over the world. On behalf of Knights of Columbus Council 10545, thank you for your continued support! Special thanks to Knight Michael Stanislawczyk for coordinating this program each year. Shown above with the boxes are Knights Mike Landis, John Bogdan, Bob Konka, Marion Dorsey, Kenny Brant and Michael Stanislawczyk.

The Knights will continue to collect new and unused winter clothing items for children ages newborn to 18 through early December to benefit the local Warm the Children campaign. These donations can also be dropped off at the Church or at the Parish Office.

## Collections & Attendance

November 20-21, 2021

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,071
Loose Donations .....	\$781
Votive Candles .....	\$20
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,872</b>

### Diocesan Collection

Catholic Campaign for Human Development.....	\$355
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### Attendance

Saturday 11/20 .....	67
Sunday 11/21 .....	82
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>149</b>

## You're Invited!

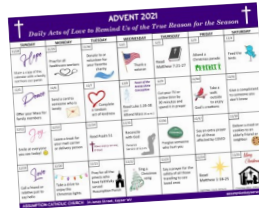
### Assumption Parish Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 13, 2021  
5:00 social hour ★ 6:00 dinner  
Flying W Farms Restaurant, Burlington

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased by contacting the Parish Office no later than December 8.

*Dinner includes roast beef entrée and two sides, salad, rolls, dessert, iced tea, lemonade and coffee. Social hour is BYOB.*

## Advent Calendar



Included in today's bulletin is our parish Advent calendar full of simple ways to help us remember the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Please use it and share it! The calendar is also available for download and print from our website.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, December 4

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan  
EM: Mike Landis  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

### Sunday, December 5

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Pam Williams  
Cantor: Nancy Starcher  
Greeters: Jeff & Kelley Kuhn

### Saturday, December 11

Lector: Kerri Wittman  
Servers: Sue Harber, Tucker Newlin, Jude Barrick  
EM: Sue Harber  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

### Sunday, December 12

Lector: Derek Stephen  
Servers: Mike Landis, Tina & Derek Stephen  
EM: Nancy Starcher  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel