

Assumption Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



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.
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Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: First Sunday of Advent

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000-year-old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture reading for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

In this double focus on past and future, Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. So, as the Church celebrates God's inbreaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption," it also confesses its own responsibility as a people commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself." While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season. I wish you all a blessed and a graceful Advent season.

Readings for Next Sunday,

December 4, 2022

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

Saint of the Week

St. Andrew the Apostle

Andrew was Saint Peter's older brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Andrew is mentioned only a few other times in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.

Saint Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen, Greece, Russia and Scotland.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: November 30



Patricia Ansel, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Judy Davis*, Max Ellifritz, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Joetta Gould, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 29, 2022

This Tuesday, November 29, 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 air conditioning in St. Mary's Hall and resealing of our parking lots. As of today, we are \$3,900 short of our goal.

To donate online, visit csa.dwcministries.org/ donate. 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.

Thank you for all the ways you support our parish!

Assumption Parish CSA Status



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

Advent Prayer Exchange

Everyone who completed an Advent Prayer card at Mass last weekend will receive a card with someone else's name on it today. Throughout Advent, pray for the special intentions of the person or family whose card you receive and just before Christmas, send them a card to let them know who their "secret prayer warrior" has been!

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! It is also available for download and print from our website (assumptionkeyserwv.org).



You're Invited
to our
Parish Christmas Party!

Monday, December 12, 2022
5:00 social hour 6:00 dinner
Flying W Farms Restaurant, Burlington
\$20 adults, \$12.50 children 12 and under

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office through December 7.

Dinner includes roast beef, two sides, salad, rolls, dessert and drink. Social hour is BYOB.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, November 26	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Joan Roach.....	Linda Marsh
		Intentions of Dean & Kathy Alt.....	Anonymous
Sunday, November 27	8:30 a.m.	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner	Assumption Parish
Monday, November 28	No Mass		
Tuesday, November 29	No Mass		
Wednesday, November 30	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Mildred E. Willis.....	Mary Alexander
		Soul of Sandra McBride	Angela & David Bowers
Thursday, December 1	12 noon	Soul of Meghan Shears.....	Wanda Kinnie
		Intentions of Jean Harber	Sue Harber
		<i>Sunday Scripture Study follows Mass on Thursdays!</i>	
Friday, December 2	9:00 a.m.	Soul of W. H. Fredlock.....	Angela & David Bowers
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean Alt
Saturday, December 3	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Scott Kinnie & Paul Miller	Wanda Kinnie
		Members of the Harber family.....	Sue Harber
Sunday, December 4	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Tom Harbaugh.....	Michelle Brill

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 29

- **Giving Tuesday.** Help us meet our Catholic Sharing Appeal goal!

Friday, December 2

- **Decorating of the church for Christmas** following the 9 a.m. Mass. All parishioners are invited to help!

Sunday, December 4

- **Youth Group** meets at 4 p.m. at the food pantry to deliver food drive donations, then on to St. Mary's Hall for a Christmas party.

Thursday, December 8

- **Mass for the Immaculate Conception** at 6:30 p.m. (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Sunday, December 11

- **Youth Mass**, led by our high school class
- **CCD Christmas program** at 6:00 pm

Monday, December 12

- **Parish Christmas Party** at Flying W Farms. Purchase your tickets by December 7.

Wednesday, December 14

- **Advent Penance Service** at 6 p.m., led by Fr. Giles and Fr. Dan.

Collections & Attendance
November 19-20, 2022

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,808
Loose Donations.....	\$1,042
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$30
Holiday Flowers.....	\$20
Total.....	\$3,900

Attendance

Saturday, 11/19.....	76
Sunday, 11/20.....	93
Total.....	169

Thank You

Youth Group Food Drive

The food drive sponsored by our Youth Group continues until next Sunday, December 4. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off in the vestibule or at the Parish Office that will be delivered to the Faith in Action Food Pantry. Thank you!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 3 (Knight's Mass)

- Lector: Doug Minnich
- Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
- EM: Alan Taylor
- Cantor: Linda Marsh
- Greeters: Bill Lupis & Dave Dunn

Sunday, December 4

- Lector: Geoff Newlin
- Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
- EM: Rosie Landis
- Cantor: Julie Alt
- Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, December 10

- Lector: to be named
- Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
- EM: Janet Corley
- Cantor: Anita Tetreault
- Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, December 11 (Youth Mass)

- Lectors: Kerri Wittman & Jack Stanislawczyk
- Servers: Celia Cole and CJ Fraley
- EM: Kelley Kuhn
- Cantor: Nancy Starcher
- Greeters: Amaya Bartlett & Abby Del Signore



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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
 Rear of the church by the Holy Water and at the Sacristy door on the left

AED UNIT
 Wall outside the restroom

FIRST AID KIT
 Wall outside the restroom

