



Be watchful! Be alert!
 You do not know when the time will
 come.
 —Mark 13:33

Collections

November 26, 2017

Adults	572.00
Plate	90.00
Children	6.00
Diocese Appeal	3.00
Human Development	15.00
	686.00

GIVING TREE



There are still a couple stars on
 the Giving Tree. Items need to
 be returned by December 10th.

St. Patrick's

Catholic Church

Fr. Bryan Ernest

St. Luke's Catholic Church

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Facebook: St. Patrick's Catholic Church Faith Formation

MAGNIFICAT BRUNCH—Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. MST.
 Quality Inn Hotel, 201 Chuckwagon Road, Ogallala. You're invited for a morning
 of sustaining faith to hear Sr. Mary Brigid's faith journey as Sister, mother
 & Grandmother. Ogallala reservations available at: Sketch & Stitch (was Ben
 Franklin). Or send check for \$15 to Julie Sestak, Box 142, Madrid, NE 69150.
 Deadline for reservations: December 4th.



ADVENT COMMUNAL Penance SERVICES

December 6—St. Patrick's—6:00 p.m. MT

December 13—St. Luke's 6:00 p.m. MT

Sacred Heart—7:00 p.m. CT

December 17—Holy Spirit—3:30 p.m. CT

FAIR TRADE—there are catalogs available to order from the Fair Trade program
 sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. This is a great opportunity to get
 Christmas presents and help the poor in the world and at home. Orders must be
 in by **December 8th**. If you have any questions please call Janice Spurgin, 308-
 289-3282.

Immaculate
 Conception



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, December 7

St. Patrick's (PX)—5:00 p.m.

St. Luke's—7:00 p.m. MT

Friday, December 8

St. Luke's—8:00 a.m. MT

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, December 3

Rosary: Barb Gartrell

Lector: Ralph Holzfaster

EM: Kim & Betsy Elder, Pattie Perlinger

Greeters: Mark & Shelly Lammers

Gifts: Jim & Deb Holz

Servers: Tanner Baltzell, Mason Schimowitz

Thursday, December 7

Lector: Terri Hoover

EM: Bill & Lori Holmstedt, Janice Spurgin

Greeters: Mary M & Veronica Loop

Gifts: Tim & Deb Holzfaster

Servers: Dalton Gartrell, Aidon Perlinger

Sunday, December 10

Rosary: Bill Holmstedt

Lector: Alf Perlinger

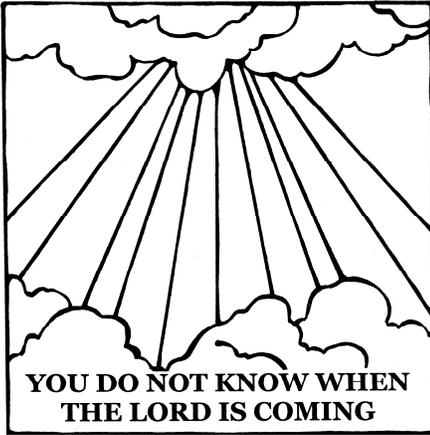
EM: Cal & Terri Hoover, Jeremy Spurgin

Greeters: Jim & Joani Martinosky

Gifts: Ralph, Beverly, Jon Holzfaster

Servers: Ainsley McConnell, Jacelyn Jorgensen

Please find a substitute if you are not able to keep your assignment.



GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

THANK YOU for supporting the Herberger book sale. We purchased a Thanksgiving meal for a local family (\$40). We contributed \$81 to the Good Samaritan Fund.

2018 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—Next years envelope's will be coming out soon. Please call or email the church office if your address has changed. Or if you don't currently have a box and would like to receive one.

FAITH FORMATION—Classes have started. Elementary will be 4:00-5:00 p.m. The 6-12th grade will have a meal at 6:30 and class from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (Rathaus) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

--St. Nicholas

FIRST SUNDAY
OF *Advent*
DECEMBER 3, 2017

Watch therefore: you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockerow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have items for the Bulletin in by Thursday morning at the church office 386-4300. Email: sacredheart@gpcom.net.

PRAYER CHAIN—Please call Ardis Engler 239-4334 or Marge Perlinger 239-4425 to get it started.