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Sunday of Advent

They shall beat their swords
into plowshares and their
spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise
the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4



December 1, 2019

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Those who use social media or read news reports online are familiar with ICYMI, which is shorthand for “in case you missed it.” We might think of today’s readings as an “in case you missed it” announcement for these early days of Advent. We often think of Advent as the season that precedes Christmas, all about waiting and longing for the coming of the Christ child, which it is. Yet in the early weeks of Advent, we focus on the return of Christ at the end of time, and how we are called to be prepared for it.

Most of us do not spend much time thinking about the end of time or the prospect of Christ’s return in glory. We may not want to admit to ourselves that our actions or attitudes are far from the ways in which we know we should conduct ourselves as Christian people. Or maybe we are uncomfortable with the whole idea of final judgment. It makes us squirm, so we adopt an attitude of “out of sight, out of mind,” and go about our daily lives without much thought or reflection on who we are called to be as disciples of our Lord.

HIT THE RESET BUTTON

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and can be a time for us to embrace the light of God’s love more deeply. If we realize that we are failing to live as we know we ought, let this season be a time to reset our commitment to living and growing as people of faith. While much of these next few weeks will be consumed by our preparations for Christmas, it is good for us to also take some time to take stock and commend our hearts and lives to Christ. Let us “stay awake” to Christ’s higher purposes, not out of a sense of dread or fear of judgment, but rather in anticipation of the advent, or coming, of our Lord.

Today’s Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

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NOV. 30 SATURDAY
 4:00 P.M. **Frank Halley†**
(Mary Ann Henderson)

DEC. 1 SUNDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Georgetta Ledbetter†**
(Kitty Pazyk)
 10:00 A.M. **Albert & Margaret Albertini†**
(Alma & Larry Cunningham)

DEC. 2 MONDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Ruth Ann Harrigan†**
(Joyce Fromhart)

DEC. 3 TUESDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Alison Bertozzi†**
(Rick Bertozzi)

DEC. 4 WEDNESDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Martha Hitt†**
(Mark Hitt)

DEC. 5 THURSDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Frank & Jenny Novel†**
(Robert & Theresa (Novel) Baker)

DEC. 6 FRIDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Chuck & Mary Taskalines**
(Libby Magnone)

DEC. 7 SATURDAY
 4:00 P.M. **Leroy Hitt†**
(Mark Hitt)

DEC. 8 SUNDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Prado & Skvarka Families†**
(Phil Skvarka, Jr.)
 10:00 A.M. **Joe & Ellen Curia†**
(Curia Family)

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

12/7 4:00 p.m. Alice Wise./Libby Magnone
 12/8 8:00 a.m. L. Whitelatch/C. Frame
 12/8 10:00 a.m. L. Niemiec/L. Yoho

Altar Servers:

12/7 4:00 p.m. Frizzell
 12/8 8:00 a.m. Laberde
 12/ 8 10:00 a.m. Whitelatch

Gift Bearers:

12/7 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick
 12/8 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan
 12/8 10:00 a.m. Georgia Petit

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of December 2, 2019

Suzanne Artimez & Ellen McCormick

Greeters:

12/7 4:00 p.m. Dave & Celeste Evans
 12/8 8:00 a.m. Roger Frame
 12/8 10:00 a.m. Sally Vargo & Cindy Ingram

Bingo: December 6, 2019

Raffle: Mark Hitt

Kitchen: Jenny Ingram

COLLECTION: November 17, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 2980.00
Loose Offering	\$ 587.00
Building Repairs	\$ 140.00
Military Chaplains	\$ 55.00
Human Development	\$ 20.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 550.00
Pennies for God	\$ 24.00

Attendance - 292

Altmeyer and Grisell Funeral Homes donated the beautiful calendars in the Church vestibule. Be sure to stop and take one or two home with you.

Second Collection next weekend (Dec. 7 & 8) is for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**. For Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious—service is a way of life. Most ministered in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and social service agencies, usually for little or no pay. Today, hundreds of religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Please be generous.

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

Church Office Phone: 304-845-1593

Church Hall Phone: 304-845-9238

Xavier Hall Phone: 304-845-7080

Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

Parish Office Email:

sfxmoundville@comcast.net

Website: sfxmoundville.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Diane Young, Joanne Potts, Mike Davis, Tex Reynolds, Norma Holmes, Marjolea DeBolt, Linda Anderson, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Dave Williams, Bobby Kleinedler, Barbara Harris, Joe Church.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.



**Mass and Holiday Carols
Moundview Nursing Home**

On Tuesday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m. Father That Son will celebrate

Mass with the Catholic residents at Moundview Nursing Home. Come join him at Mass and help get into the holiday spirit by singing carols with the residents.



Join the Christmas Choir!
Practice every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
in the choir loft.

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week
for:

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At the start of Advent, why not consider the role of Joseph in the Christmas story by watching a movie on Formed.com

Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man—to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. He would be the man closest to Christ.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec. 5 - 11 am Mass at Cameron Nursing Home

Dec. 13 - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Dec. 15 - 11am Decorate the Church

Dec. 15 - 4 pm Communal Penance Service

Dec. 17 - 11am Mass at Moundview

Dec. 21 - 9 am Deliver flowers to shut-ins

Flowers For Shut-ins

We will deliver Christmas flowers to the shut-ins on Saturday, December 21st, at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to help deliver flowers, contact Mary Taskalines (304-845-7326) or contact the church office.

Our CSA Progress:



\$10,151 of
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Gifts:51

All contributions received from now to the end of the year come directly to our parish.

Join us on Sunday, December 15 after 10am mass to decorate the church for Christmas. We are especially in need of able bodied men.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Friday, December 13 Xavier Hall
11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Pierogi, Macaroni & Cheese, Cabbage and Noodles, Drinks, and Homemade Desserts.

For deliveries call 304-845-7080.

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Contact Greg Green 304-238-3621

The Ohio Valley Interfaith Consortium will hold its 2nd meeting December 3 at 9:30 am at the Nazarene Church on Rt. 7 in Powhattan Point. This is a group of faith communities from both sides of the river (Catholic & Protestant) seeking to influence decisions being made about the proposed cracker plant so that it will become a potential blessing to our area, aligned with the gospel. All are welcome to attend. For additional information, you may contact Rev. William Meyer: 330-858-3406

Office of Safe Environment

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