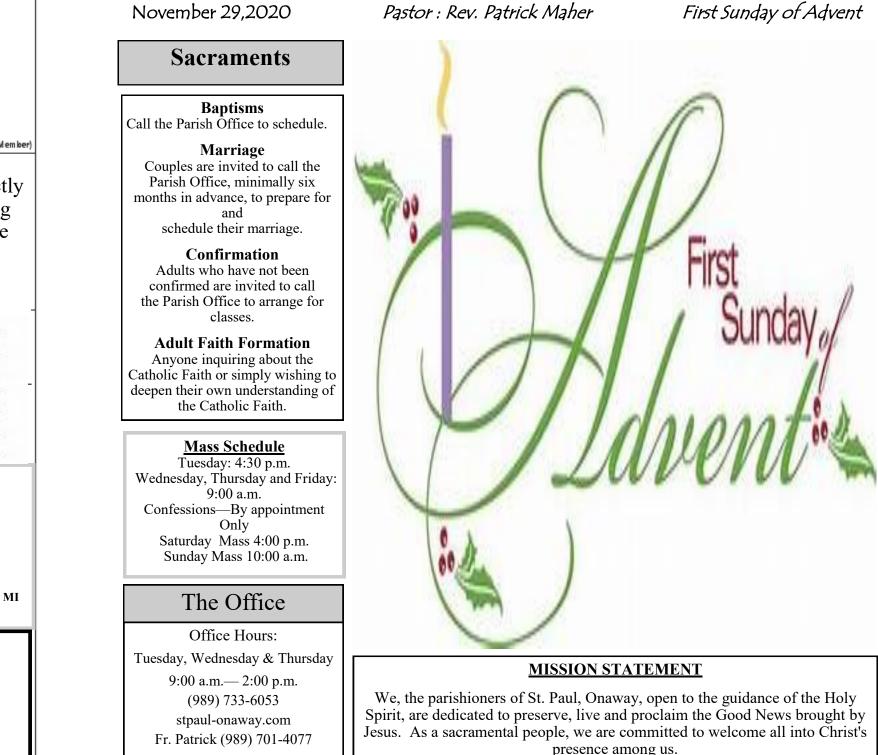


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First Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

"In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin advenio, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term the coming includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast; Then We Feast

Advent has been called a "little Lent," because it traditionally has included a period of increased prayer, fasting, and good works. Although the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas. Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Unfortunately, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by the time Christmas Day comes, many people no longer enjoy the feast or even specially mark the next 12 days of the Christmas season, which lasts until Epiphany (or, technically, the Sunday after Epiphany, being that the next season, called ordinary time, starts on the following Monday). The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over."

By Scott P. Richert 2019 www.learnreligions.com/season-of-advent-catholic-church-542458 And remember,

You are loved Father Patrick

Giving Tuesday: December 1, 2020

As you may be aware, the national day of giving — Giving Tuesday — is on December 1, 2020. Giving Tuesday was launched in 2012, and over the past eight years, has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to celebrate generosity and give to causes they care about. This national day is a great reminder to reflect on our gratitude and consider making a gift of time, talent, or treasure to further our mission as the Body of Christ.

How to Give:

Please consider a special gift to our parish this Giving Tuesday, to support the ministry work of our parish community. You can also give electronically directly to our parish, our Catholic schools, or the diocese through the diocesan webpage www.dioceseofgaylord.org/make-a-gift-41/

Thank you for all you do for our parish and those in need. May God bless you!



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 1st@ 4:30 p.m. + Mary Pasella **Reg. Sally Schaar**

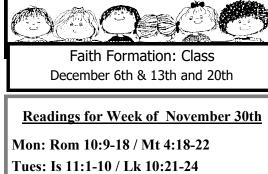
Wednesday, December 2nd @ 9:00 a.m. + Rosa Gerl & Theresa Roach **Req. Shirley Cancade**

Thursday, December 3rd @ 9:00 a.m. + Lyle Diller Reg. Phyllis Braidwood

Friday, December 4th @9:00 a.m. + Richard Dowker & Adam Cripps **Reg. Herb & Kay Dowker**

Saturday, December 5th @ 4:00 p.m. + Sue Tesmer **Req. Greg & Mary Diller**

Sunday, December 6th @ 10:00 a.m. All Parishioners of St Paul and St Monica



Wed: Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37 Thurs: Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27 Fri: Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31 Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8 Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13 -14 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

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Carrie Badgero	Robert Carter Jr	Vicki Goscinski
Ann Bandish	Louise Dorton	Don Horrocks
Debbie Bandish	Elvin Eagleson	Shirley Horrocks
Dorothy Brama	Ted Elick	Jim Hayes
Jeannie Brewbaker	William Ellenberger	Donna Harrison
Mike Butler	Brianne Giddis	Jan & Ross Nave
Sandra Bunk	Donna Giessinger	Jim Thimmes
Evelyn Canales	Vicki Giessinger	Starr Ittu

Tuesday, December 1st AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1) Friday, December 4th AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1) Friday, December 4th 8:00 a.m. Adoration Saturday, December 5th 3:00 p.m. Adoration Sunday, December 6th 9:00 a.m. Adoration

Confessions will be heard only by appointment. To schedule an appointment please call the Office 989-733-6053 or Father Patrick 989-701-4077.

Memorial Christmas Poinsettias

Envelopes can be found in the vestibule. Poinsettias will again be \$10.00.You can drop your envelope in the collection basket or stop by the office.



Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal. St Paul is \$17,375.00 / 97% towards our goal of \$17,866.00 and St Monica is \$600.00 / 28% toward the goal of \$2,070.00 If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, it's not too late to help us meet and even exceed our target. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

No confession before Mass



Deadline December 17, 2019

Catholic Service Appeal

need of our prayers...

Sharyl Leonard Butch Leonard Don Libby **Glenn Lunceford** Dick Manners Brittany Maynard Kathy McConnell Dennis McGuire

Carolyn Mousseau Patrick Mousseau Ann Osantowski Bev Rathbun Greg Renard **Bill Shin**

Brenda Turner **Bob Turney** Richard Witulski **Dorothy Ziots**

St. Paul: 11/22/2020 **Reg. \$1,250.00 + Loose \$97.00 + Restoration \$207.25** = \$1,554.25 St. Monica 11/22/2020 **Regular \$93.00 + Loose \$0.00**

= \$93.00

Financial Position			
(as of 10 /31/20)			
St. Paul YTD	10/ 31/2020	YTD 10/31/2019	
Income	42,163.07	54,951.58	
Expenses	46,928.24	<u>52,815.33</u>	
Net Income	-4,765.17	2,136.25	
St. Monica	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	
Income	1,676.57	4,466.52	
Expenses	<u>917.83</u>	5,024.23	
Net Income	758.74	-557.71	

Help our Elders

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications nursing care, and other necessities.

Please be generous. Special Collection will be held The weekend of December 13,2020

Breaking Bread 2021

This year's Breaking Bread Hymnal is available for sale for anyone wishing to have one. Cost \$6.00. Also anyone purchasing a hymnal must remember to take it home after each Mass.

<u>Bless you for your Stewardship</u>