

ST. COLUMBANUS - BP

St. Columbanus FF Program December Schedule

Wed., Dec. 10 - Class (BP grade 8)

Wed., Dec. 11 - (BP grade 6 & 7)

Sun. Dec. 14 - Students Christmas & Advent programs

Wed., Dec. 17 Class (BP grade 5)

NO CLASSES - Dec. 24th and Dec. 31

Merry Christmas!!



***ATTENTION: The Advent Book Study - (No Homework)**

Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy

Will meet next **Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 7:15 PM** *(only this one time) instead of the 6:30PM time originally scheduled on this evening.

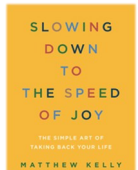
The following book study dates are: **Dec. 15th and 22nd**, we will meet at the usual **6:30 - 7:30** at the Church gathering hall.

Any questions can be addressed to Becky Jensen.

SACRED HEART- HAYFIELD

BOOK STUDY during the 4 weeks of Advent

Sacred Heart in Hayfield will offer another opportunity for this Advent Book Study of *Slowing Down to The Speed of Joy*. We will meet **Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:15 pm in the Church Hall starting December 3rd**. Books will also be provided. Contact Linda Hahn at 507-279-2321 with further questions.



Sacred Heart is celebrating 90 years in conjointly with their Children's Christmas Program and Dinner

A church celebration will be held Saturday, **December 13th** with the Children's Christmas program, Bishop Barron, and a ham and roast beef meal to follow. We will need a head count to plan for the meal, so please sign up at either entrance by the bulletins or call

Barb at 507-438-9982

and she will add your family to the list. We need your family name and number that plan to attend. Thank you!

Christmas Dinner



LOOK INTO THE PAST #6

Several clean-up and general improvement jobs were accomplished in 1971 for Sacred Heart. The rectory got new drapes that "looked like they were out of the *Harper's Bazaar* magazine." The church sanctuary was renovated by moving the east wall back and the granite communion rail was removed. An adoration station was placed in front of the tabernacle. The red carpet from the altar area got moved to the sacristy and a new gold carpet was installed in the sanctuary. The choir room was eliminated, and the organ was placed in the front of the sanctuary. Banners were designed for various church seasons to hang on to the back wall. Kathleen Stanton, Mary Helberg, Mary Hutchinson, Genelle Bergerson, Marie Severson, Virgie Aarhus, and Betty Graves were responsible for these new banners.



HOLY TRINITY- LITOMYSL

Christmas Boxes

Council of Catholic Women Litomysl will be packing and delivering Christmas Boxes on **December 19th at 10:30**. If you are able to help and have time to deliver it would be greatly appreciated. We will be packing in the church hall.



Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass

St. Columbanus - Blooming Prairie

Monday, December 8 - 5:30 PM

Lector: Mary Kittelson

Euch Min.: Pete V., Rodney K., John B.

Servers: ?

Ushers: Jared B., Clete G., Jim O., Mike J.

Gifts: Sam Wencil Family

Counters: Team 4 (gather)

Rosary: 5:00PM



ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

**Sunday, December 14th to the
St. Columbanus CCW,**

**Faith Formation Advent Kickoff
in the church gathering hall.**

Children's Christmas Program (after Mass in church)

**Come and enjoy a Breakfast bar: breakfast
pizza, yogurt, fruit, cinnamon rolls,
beverages, Bake sale, Quilt raffles, and
Raffle Baskets!**

Advent Activities for the Kids!!!

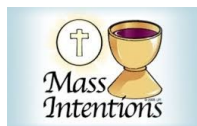


**We hope that you all can join us as we celebrate this
wonderful season and prepare for the arrival of Jesus!**

We are now accepting **Mass Intentions** for the new year 2026.

We have just a few openings in

January left. The months ahead currently have dates open, but can fill up fast. If you want a certain date please call the office or stop in with your intentions. The Mass intentions are \$10 a piece per individual and as well for one couple.



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 6 & 7

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



St. Columbanus Prayer Team:

Please contact **Kay Zellmer at 507-438-0554** for any private or public requests. Private means that only the team will be praying and public means that the person prayed for will be named in the bulletin for congregational and team prayers.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Kerry & Peg Stensvold, Morgen Snider, Wally & Jean Wilke, Judy Remker, Diane & Frank Volicek, Jackie Olson, Tom Walters, Garrett Weckworth, Krew Haase

Sacred Heart Prayer Team:

Prayer: Public (bulletin) – Barb Aarhus, 507- 477-2458

Prayer Chain: (private) – Barb Schimek, 507– 696-6775

Please include the following in your prayers:

**Chris Hahn, Michele Klennert, Pat Towey Sr.,
Dennis Tempel, Jerry Amundson,
Kathy Blanchard, Dawn Hugeback**

***All Military members and their families as well.**

Please keep all our parishioners that are away at college or studying online in your prayers as they work towards their career choice.

SACRED HEART– HAYFIELD

Sacred Heart Faith Formation Schedule

(All classes are held on Wednesday beginning at 6:15 - 7:15pm)

Dec. 3 - Class

Dec. 10 - Students Christmas Party



What is Advent?

Sunday, November 30, 2025 - Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of [Christmas](#).

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar (linked below) can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

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