

# December 7, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**SA Cemetery:** Alfred VanGennip 450-6600

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

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Please register. Forms in office.

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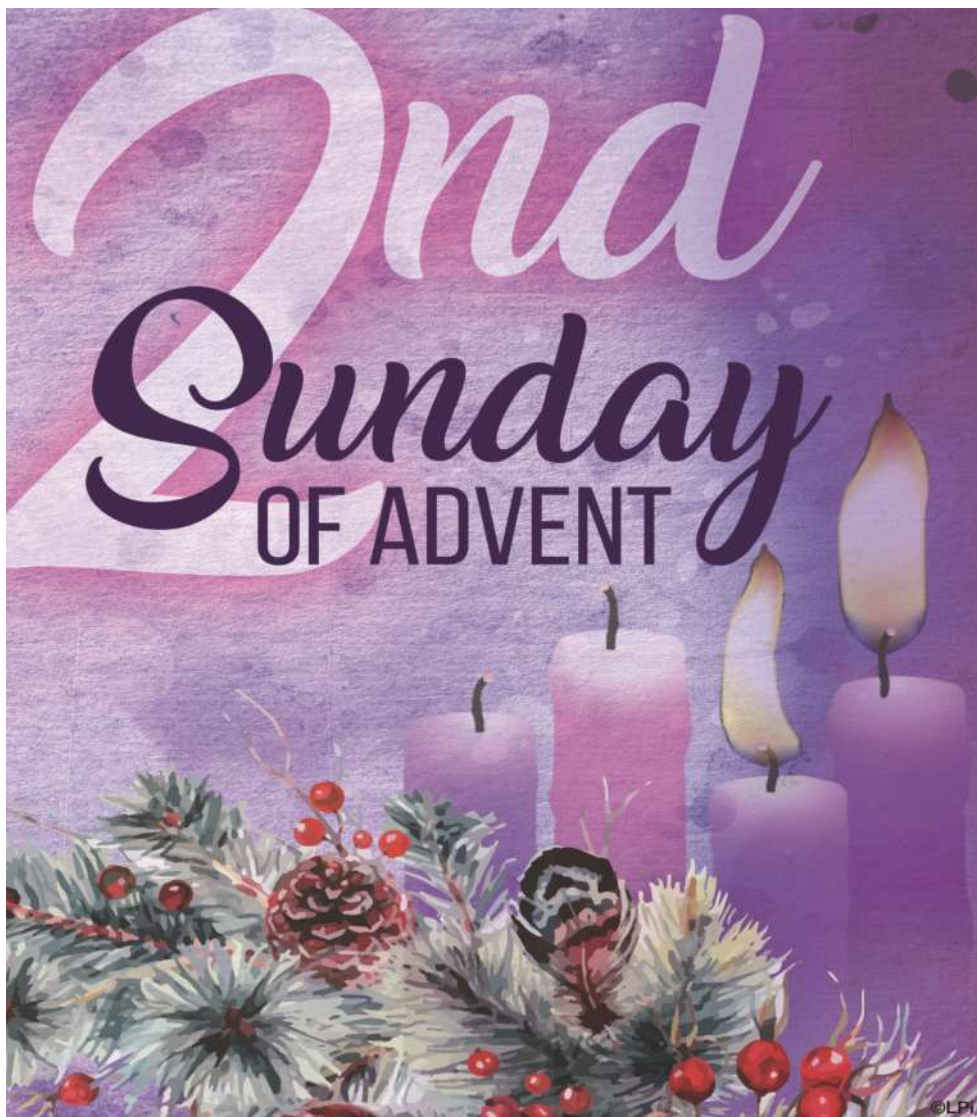
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	11/23/25	11/30/25
Adults	\$398.00	\$420.00
Loose	\$203.00	\$222.00
Catholic Charities	\$482.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00	
Maintenance	\$100.00	

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	11/23/25	11/30/25
Adult	\$2940.00	\$2966.00
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For ALL sacramental related inquiries, please contact Fr. Vincent directly at 573-238-2450. You do not have to go through the parish office since Father keeps his own calendar and makes his own appointments.

### ST. JOHN FINANCE MEMBERS

Rene Landewee Dennis James  
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Bob Clubb Roger Bucher  
Amanda McDonough

### ST. ANTHONY FINANCE MEMBERS

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Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, registration forms in the vestibule of either parish or on the parish website. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

# Liturgical Roles

## December 8, 2025 Feast of Immaculate Conception Holy Day

### Monday, December 8, 7:15 AM (SJ)

Servers: Peyton Van de Ven, Zach Schreiner  
Lector: Gina Jansen  
Extraordinary Min.: \*Dennis James  
Ushers: Gary Vandeven, Roger Vandeven  
Offertory: *none*  
Sacristan: Gina Jansen  
Rosary: weekday volunteer

### Monday, December 8, 6 PM (SA)

Servers: Caroline Horrell  
Lector: Ernestine Bueter  
Extraordinary Min.: \*Gina Bueter  
Ushers: Alfred & Larry VanGennip  
Offertory: *none*  
Sacristan: volunteer  
Rosary: volunteer

## December 13-14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

### Saturday, December 13, 5 PM (SA)

*Praise and Worship Mass*  
(contact Kyla Langston or Pam Horrell if you would like to participate)  
Extraordinary Min.: \*Caydence Jansen  
Sacristan: Pam Horrell  
Rosary: Pam Horrell

### Sunday, December 14, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Jack & Cooper Halter  
Lector: Annette Wiseman  
Extraordinary Min.: \*Dennis James, Karen James, Chelsey Van de Ven  
Choir Min.: Cindy (Andrew) Jansen  
Ushers: Butch Bueter, Joe Bohnsack  
Offertory: Family of Deborah Bueter  
Sacristan: Patty Bohnsack  
Rosary: Anthony Jansen

### Sunday, December 14, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Valerie Michaeltree, Pearl Smith, Sophia Mason  
Lector: Lauryn Shrum  
Extraordinary Min.: \*Michael Smith, Tannie Smith, Dustin Hoesli  
Choir Min.: Chuck Forrester  
Ushers: Paul & Donnie Landewee  
Offertory: Family of Henry & Lorraine Holzum  
Sacristan: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen  
Rosary: Lori Graham

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**Extraordinary Minister for**  
**December 14:** Pam Wesbecher

# Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

## Monday, December 8: FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY

6:55-7:10AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**7:15 AM MASS** - L/D Members St. John PCCW (SJ)  
8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)  
**6:00 PM MASS** - L/D Members Rob & Martha Horrell Family (SA)

## Tuesday, December 9

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**8:30 AM MASS** - Joan McWilliams † (SJ)  
1:00 PM - Prayer Shawl (St. Anne's Room)

## Wednesday, December 10, church office closed

9:00 AM - "Waiting Well" with Fr. Mike (church office)  
3:15 PM - Rosary Club (school cafeteria)  
5:30 - 5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)  
**6:00 PM MASS** - Nettie Surface † (SA)  
6:00 PM - Midnight Mass Choir Practice (SJ)

## Thursday, December 11

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**8:30 AM MASS** - Betty Little † (SJ)

## Friday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**7:20 AM MASS** - Kenny Stause † (SJ)

## Saturday, December 13

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)  
8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (St. Anne's)  
4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)  
**5:00 PM MASS** - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

## Sunday, December 14

7:20-7:50 AM -and- 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**8:00 AM MASS** - Deborah Bueter † (SJ)  
**10:00 AM MASS** - Henry & Lorraine Holzum † (SJ)  
1:00 - 4:00 PM - PCCW Christmas Home Tour  
5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

**Come to an Open House for Father Vincent's 40th Anniversary of Ordination at the Glennon Hall. December 27 after 5:00 Mass.**  
Asking from A-M to bring a dessert and N-Z to bring finger foods.  
Come show your appreciation for his service to God and our parishes.

## **DECEMBER EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:**

*Due to the publishing company closing for Christmas and New Years they are requiring the following early bulletin deadlines:*

**Sunday, December 14 Bulletin Items** are due Sunday, Dec. 7 at noon

**Sunday, December 21 Bulletin Items** are due Thursday, Dec. 11 at noon

**Sunday, December 28 Bulletin Items** are due Sunday, Dec. 21 at noon

**Sunday, January 4 Bulletin Items** are due Tuesday, Dec. 23 at noon

## Notes from Fr. Vincent:

### *Second Sunday of Advent*

***“The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works.” (St. Augustine)***

The Romans sometimes tied a captive face-to-face with a dead body and kept him in a dungeon until the horrible secretions of the dead one's putrefying body destroyed the life of the living victim. Virgil describes this cruel punishment: “The living prisoners and the dead were coupled and tied together, face to face, body to body, until the wretched prisoners pined away and died.” Without the pardon and forgiveness of sins by Christ, our bodies, too, are shackled to a soul dead by mortal sins.

In today's gospel, John the Baptist urges us to repent. The call to repentance is a call to conversion, to have a new heart, to discover our authentic selves. We cannot do this unless we are willing to change when we find things we set hearts on and the persons we associate with are unhelpful for our true growth. And when we realize that our past actions and attitudes were wrong, that they have caused pain and suffering to others our tears become spontaneous and eloquent. In such situation real conversion germinates within us and a new heart begins to bloom.

Advent invites us to clear the paths cluttered by sin, bitterness, or fear, so Christ can enter more deeply into our lives. As we wait for His coming, let us commit to conversion, to kindness, and to hope, becoming signs of God's peace in our world.

This Monday, we celebrate Mary, conceived without sin, prepared by God from the very beginning to be the pure dwelling place for His Son. Her Immaculate Conception reminds us that God's grace always goes before us, shaping our lives in ways we may not yet see. Mary's 'yes' shows what grace can do in a willing heart. As we honor her, let us ask for the courage to say our own 'yes' to God each day, so Christ may be born anew in our lives and in our world.

**Prayer: Lord, in Your mercy, soften my heart and lead me to true repentance, that I may turn from sin and walk faithfully in Your grace. Amen.**

**St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.**

*Fr. Vincent Joseph VC*

## Adult Education Notes

First off, the Parish Council would like the parishioners to offer prayers of Thanksgiving in a Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Vincent Joseph's 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood. There are forms and a pink basket to put them in in the back of Church (somewhere-it's pretty full back there). Please complete by December 21st.

We are already in the second week of Advent. How's your “waiting and anticipating” going? Sometimes we get so focused on Christmas we forget the rich and numerous blessings that comes our way through spiritual preparation and prayer. That is why we NEED Advent. “If there is no Advent, then Christmas is not adequately experienced. If you do not experience the message of Advent and therefore do not LOOK for Jesus to come. then do not be surprised that Christmas seems to slip by without leaving a mark on your soul”.

There are several devotions in Church and you can use podcasts, websites, and just reading the first Chapter of Luke in the Bible to put your mind in the right spirit of Jesus's coming. Do something!

Take a way: Maybe God is tapping at your conscience this year to do more than last year? What do you long for to change this Christmas and into the New Year? What needs to change? If God sent Gabriel to you, would you say “yes” to what He asks of you without hesitation?

Is God asking something of you right now in your ordinary life? Is there something you need to relinquish control of and let God be in control? Or is God trying to do something extraordinary in your life and you are holding back, not trusting? Does He just need you to cooperate? Does He just need you to listen and say yes?

Most of us are not ready to step out and do something better for God, but hold back thinking I'm not adequate, not courageous enough, not worthy enough. You are better than you give yourself credit for. Like Mother Theresa said, “God doesn't ask us to be successful. He just wants us to be faithful.”

Giving is an essential part of wholeness. It is not in the giving that we are blessed but in the gift that is received from you that they are. The littlest thing can become the biggest joy. All talent, time, love is gift from God and when we share what we have Jesus is in the midst of it. Give one thing from the heart this Advent to prepare for the greatest gift of Love which is Jesus. You can do it. Simply give.

Share who Jesus is to you. What He has done for you. What He is doing in you and through you. A personal testimony brings more people to God than any other way. People want sincere truth about faith. Your words about Jesus and your life may be just what they need to hear. Share! “People must know.”

## Ministry Notes & Updates

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Welcome to new members of the Council - Gavin, Gunner and Hunter Lesch.

Next Sunday, December 14, the annual Christmas Breakfast featuring Santa and the Grinch will take place at the hall. Bring out all the kids! Breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 with the special guests from 9:30 to 10:30.

Sausage sales again this year. Call Steve Seiler to order - \$4 per pound - bulk or link. Sausage should be ready by December 12..

### VOCATION MINISTRY:

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - December 8, 2025 "The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2)*

John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for December:**

**Charles & Eva Dunn** *For families, that they foster homes rooted in faith, helping children recognize God's invitation, let us pray to the Lord.*

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

**Christmas Novena & Scavenger Hunt:**

Friday, December 19, 6-9 PM at St. Mary School Gym, Cape. Open to grades 6-12. Contact Kyla to sign up to attend. Drivers also needed!

**ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CLASSROOMS:** Numerous activities, Advent calendars, Bible reading plans, saint of the week, etc., can be found at the following Catholic publishing companies online: Loyola Press; St. Mary's Press; Our Sunday Visitor

**PROLIFE ST. JOHN CONTEST WINNERS:**

**Kindergarten:** 1st-Alayna Wiseman, 2nd-Birdie Vandeven, 3rd-Oliver Meador

**1st-2nd Grades:** 1st-Amelia Gregg, 2nd-Lena Harris, 3rd-Nora Nussbaum

**3rd-4th Grades:** 1st-Autumn Landewee, 2nd-Jacob Nenninger, 3rd-Quinton Hoelsli

**T-Shirt Contest:** 1st-Nellie Langston  
*1st place winners will go on to enter Diocese contest. Good luck!*

## Ministry Notes & Updates

### ST. JOHN PCCW:

Thank 3 gallons of food items were delivered to the Amen Center. Thanks to all who contributed.

Country Christmas Home Tour: Next Sunday the homes of Elaine Dix, Ethan and Morgan Broshuis, TJ and Cassie Smreker, Cody and Chelsey Van de ven and Jason and Stacey Van de ven will be open to tour from 1-4 PM with the purchase of a \$20 ticket, after touring stop in at the church 3-4 to enjoy some Christmas organ music and then come to cafeteria for soup and cookies. Much, much work goes into planning this event (that started in 2016) and the profits are shared with the youth group (who will be greeting you and serving soup). Not too late to purchase your tickets in advance. Any questions, contact Geri at 573-208-6445.

Thanks to all who took a tag to gift a resident at StoneBridge as everyone deserves a present at Christmas.

Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday, January 7 12:30-5:30 at KC Hall sponsored by the PCCW. Call Red Cross to schedule an appointment as the need is great this time of the year.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

The giving trees are up at both churches. Please take a tag and return gifts by December 17. Contact Amanda McDonough at 573-238-5199 if you have any questions. Thank you!

## Diocese & Area Events

**Drawing Close to Our Mother: A presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Friday, December 12, 6:30 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Cape. Presented in Spanish and English. Come as families or individuals and learn of our Mother's love. Contact Lili (573-450-1652) or Judy (314-596-1443) for more information.

### St. Joseph Apple Creek Breakfast & Bake

**Sale:** December 14, 2025. 7:30 - 11:30 AM. 138 St. Joseph Lane, Apple Creek, MO  
*Join us for Mass at 7:30 AM. Adults \$12, Kids \$5, Under 5 are free.*



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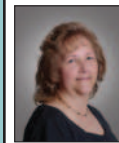
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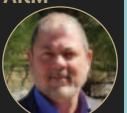
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