

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

Penitential Service at St Maria Goretti - Thursday December 4 @6.30 pm

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

Weekend Mass

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday: 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment.

ST MARIA GORETTI PARISH

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 11:30 am

Weekday Masses

Wed. & Fri. Rosary: 8:40 am

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

Adoration: Friday 9:30 to 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday half an hour before Mass
or any day by appointment.

ST MARGARET MARY PARISH

Weekend Mass

Rosary at 9:45 am

Sunday Mass: 10:15 am

Weekday Mass

Tuesday: 10:30 am

Adoration: 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment.

Cemetery Contacts:

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby: Mark Bendoritis - 780.985.3779

St Francis: Ed Naprawa - 780.789.2195 and/or George Cygan 780 918 3412

St Charles: Clem Coffey - 780.696.2221 and/or Barry Gidosh 780 910 1003

Holy Trinity - Nisku: Gerry Chamulka 780.955.8048

St. Margaret Mary - Calmar: Barb Abel 780-985-3655 and/or Cheryl Hancar 780-980-3046

MISSION STATEMENT

Radiating Christ's message of love and hope in the daily celebration of the Eucharist and incorporating it in our family life.

PPC Chair: Travis Schoenfelder 780-566-7417

Finance Chair: Matthew Yarmuch 780-987-5470

Liturgy: Connie Schumacher 780-458-6487

St. Maria Goretti - Devon - Friday December 5, 2025

ADORATION after Mass until 12:00 Noon

MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
29	Sat	Thanks to Divine Mercy
		Ana Gregoria Guerrero - Personal Intentions
30	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Christine Hachey
1	Mon	Thanksgiving St. Antonio de Padua and St. Judas Tadeo
2	Tue	Margaret Harmer - for peace in facing amputation both feet
3	Wed	Greg Forchuk and his Surgery Team
		Repose of the Soul of Cathy Shappka R.I.P.
4	Thu	Repose of the Soul of Bill Bates R.I.P.
5	Fri	Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions
		In honour of the Holy Spirit
6	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family members, Living & Deceased
		Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Deleani Forchuk and Ronin Rhodes
7	Sun	Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions

Thank you!



.... to everyone for your generous participation in this year's *Operation Christmas Child*. Your gifts will bring smiles and much needed ordinary items to less fortunate children in far-away places. 50 bulging boxes were loaded up this week for delivery to Central America in time for Christmas.

... May you be richly blessed for your part in making a positive difference in the lives of others who are less fortunate.

PPC Chair: Ernest Jablonski 780-789-2363 Finance Chair: Mary Jablonski 780-789-2363

Our Lady of Victory - Pot Luck Supper - Thursday, December 4, 2025

Our Lady of Victory is having a Pot Luck Supper on
Thursday, December 4, 2025 beginning at 5:00 pm at the church hall.
There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church.

TRI-PARISH NEWS

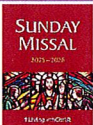
PENITENTIAL SERVICE - Thursday December 4 at 6:30 pm in Devon

St. Maria Goretti 20th Annual Bedroll Project



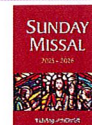
Many thanks to all who helped out with the St. Maria Goretti 20th Annual Bedroll Project Sewing Bee. The bedrolls will be displayed this weekend. Thanks to all the workers and to all who supported our efforts with gifts of their time and food for the luncheons. Our parishioners worked alongside other community members and members of our local faith communities.

Many thanks to all who donated for the purchase of socks and other items that the shelters have indicated they need. Your generosity is appreciated.



2026 Missals are now available

\$7 each - located at the Foyer of the Church



1st Sunday of Advent – November 30th, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 2, 1-5

2nd Reading: Romans 13, 11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24, 37-44

Being Prepared

How does one “stay awake” as our Lord commands us? We receive this holy exhortation as we enter into a new liturgical year. In Advent, we begin at the beginning. We ponder the Incarnate Son of God dwelling as a human Child in the precious womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We anticipate the celebration of His birth into the world at Christmas. As the liturgical year progresses, we will prayerfully walk through each moment of His life, from the events of His childhood, to His public ministry, and ultimately His death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven.

Our Lord’s exhortation to stay awake invites us to be attentive to the ways that the Son of God’s human life speaks to us, calling us to become fully united to Him so as to share in the glorious gifts of holiness in this life and eternal salvation in the next. After exhorting us to stay awake, the Son of God said, “For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Of course, we know He came into this world over 2,000 years ago in physical form. This exhortation is not only a call to ponder that event long ago; it’s also an invitation and exhortation to become continuously more attentive to the effect that His historical coming has upon us today. Advent is a season that invites us to reflect on Christ’s first coming in Bethlehem, His daily coming to us in grace, and His final coming at the end of time. These moments are intimately connected, as each prepares us more fully for the next.

From Heaven, the Son of God continues to descend to us, inviting each of us to conceive Him in our souls by grace, to be attentive to His divine presence within us, and to nurture His divine presence so that He will grow and live within us, making us true members of His Body, the Church. Staying awake means being aware of Christ’s presence in every moment and cultivating a personal relationship with Him that is alive and growing. This Advent, ask yourself: How am I nurturing my relationship with Jesus so that I am ready to meet Him whenever He comes?

Jesus calls us to be prepared at every moment of every day, “for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” Though this is a promise that He will return one day to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, it is also a promise that He relentlessly pursues us here and now, communicating to us by grace and inviting us to be transformed more fully, so as to love Him and manifest His love to the world around us. As we mature in our faith, God often speaks in subtler ways, inviting us to listen with the ears of our hearts. These gentle whispers of grace require us to be even more attuned to His presence, ready to respond to His call in the quiet moments of our day. (mycatholiclife.com)

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Finance Chair: Bonnie Thomas 780-910-6312

Carmelite Nuns - Christmas Hamper - December 15 Delivery

Donations of Non-perishable items are appreciated

Tuesday November 25 - No morning Mass

Mass - 6:30 pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 pm