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As a faith community, Notre Dame includes a wide range of parishioners residing throughout the region; families with children enrolled in our school; young adults, retirees and seasonal visitors. Embracing this diversity we will focus on bringing Christ and His teachings – the Good News – alive in the way we live and in how we interact with our parish, our school, and the extended community. We seek to welcome all to the Eucharist, to create better fellowship, to enrich and deepen our spiritual lives, and to fully embrace discipleship and stewardship.

COME * GROW * GIVE

WEEKEND EUCHARIST:

- * Saturday 4:00 p.m. – Sunday 9:30 a.m.
- * From Memorial Day through Labor Day:
Saturday 4:00 p.m. – Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:

- * Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 8:00 a.m.
- * 8:00 a.m. on First Saturday of month.
- * Wednesday and Thursday, a school Mass is held at 8:30 a.m.
- * In summer, daily Mass is at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

- * offered every Saturday, 2:45 – 3:45, or by appointment.

Please contact the parish office for assistance with the following:

- * Sacrament of Baptism
- * Adult Formation
- * Sacrament of Marriage
- * Sacrament of the Sick
- * Holy Communion for homebound

This Advent, Enter Into God's Time **By Bishop Robert Reed, *Catholic*** ***Digest, 12/4/18***

Very often, the first Sunday of Advent comes so soon after Thanksgiving that we hear ourselves saying, "Is it Advent already? Where does the time go?" We have been so immersed in the spirit of autumn – from back-to-school routines to Halloween to the changing colors of the leaves – that Advent, with its hints of the wintry festival of Yule – rather abruptly takes us into another season.

Indeed, time does fly...whether you are having fun or not!

It was different for those who experienced the first Advent – our Jewish brothers and sisters of old who had no such timetable and waited centuries for the coming of the promised Messiah. We, who live in a time when the Gospel has been proclaimed, have an opportunity once a year to put ourselves in the shoes of those who could only hope for his coming. We, who in faith see and hear the Christ, anticipate the birth of Jesus as if it has not yet happened in time. This is not merely a childlike exercise of pretend, as if we were trying to recover the excitement of believing in Santa Claus. Rather, it is the living out of our faith through the commemorations of the liturgical year.

Sometimes I wonder if we lose sight of the longing for a Messiah that God's people once had. We have the benefit of hindsight – of being able to look back and acknowledge that this is how it happened. But do we take it all for granted? We treasure this time of year, and that's wonderful". It's certainly a time when we can have a heightened sense of family, of closeness to one another and to God, of the warmth of our homes, of special celebrations and traditions (remembering, of course, those who are without many of those things). Often, there is a letdown when the season is over and we return to the ordinariness of daily life.

This Advent, could we not make an extra effort to meditate more deeply on how key this season really is – and the reason for it? At least once a week – on Sundays- draw back from the

hustle and bustle of the "holiday season" and enter into God's time. Try this experiment during your prayer time: Imagine yourself to be living in ancient Israel. You know the scriptures and how they speak of the promised Messiah. "When will he come?" You keep asking. As we watch the Advent candle being lit before Mass (and maybe in our homes as well), we might remind ourselves that we live both in time (symbolized by the progressive burning of candles) and in eternity (denoted by the wreath in which the candle are set – in the form of a ring that has no beginning and no end).

The world after the fall of Adam was destined to be an eternity in darkness, but God Our Father would not let this happen. Every time he extended his hand to us, every prophet he sent, it was as if he were giving us a candle to illumine that darkness and give man a change to find his way home. And every candle we light on the Sundays of Advent is one more step we take toward Christ, the Light of the World.

As we get caught up in the hustle and bustle, these four weeks will fly by. Christmas will come and go, and our minds will be directed to the next "big holiday" according to the world's timetable. Don't miss the opportunity to receive a great gift from God, one you can hold onto throughout the new year. Allow yourself to prayerfully go into the "timeless" realm of prayer where you can meditate on that time "Before Christ." What a dark, sad world we would be living in if a young Jewish maiden had not said yes to God. We too have the chance to allow Christ to be born in us – and receive from God the Light that alone guides us toward eternity.

Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018

God comes. What shall we do? God, indeed, is coming. Near at hand. At the door. Be busy! Be lovingly-kind, like God. Do mercy work. Being merciful does not require extraordinary behavior. It simply means, be human. That is, be holy. Prove that God is here by wrestling with conversion to Christ in ongoing ways – be genuine, be just, be fair. The gospel offers some suggestions: clean out the closet, share from the pantry, do not take what others need. Do mercy. Be mercy.

- ◆ Read Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* of 2018 on the call to holiness in today's world. Here is a link:
http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html
- ◆ How will I be holy, be the "saint next door"?
- ◆ What mercy work will I do to share with those in need?



Please join your fellow parishioners this Sunday, December 16 after the 9:30 Family Mass to decorate the church for Christmas. This is a huge task and we need many volunteers. This is a great opportunity for service hours for school parents, 8th graders and Marquette High School students.

For the month of December, 2018 we will be collecting cream soups : mushroom, chicken, celery etc for the Michigan City Soup Kitchens

Friday, January 25, 2019 Notre Dame Readers (f/k/a Rosarian Readers): Luncheon and Book Discussion. Call Diane DeKuyper for details @ 219-879-7128.

Please visit www.notredameparish.net and click on "church" to view this month's bulletin and Fr. Keith's homilies on line. If you would like to receive ND News, a newsletter produced by ND school, please email JWilliams@notredameparish.net with your email address.

With Christmas approaching, it's time to schedule Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers for our December Holy Days and Holidays. Here is the scheduled spots for December and January 1 Masses at Notre Dame. Please advise if you or your family member is available to serve:
Dec. 24- 10:00 p.m. "Midnight Mass" – need Lector
Dec. 25 – 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass – need Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers
Jan. 1 – 9:30 a.m. New Year's Day/ The Solemnity of Mary Mass- Need Lectors, and Altar Servers

Coming to ND soon:

Dec. 15- Cookie Walk in vestibule
Dec. 16 – Family Mass (possible Cookie Walk if not sold out on Saturday)
Dec. 18 – ND School Christmas Program
Dec. 19 – ND Advent Confessions
Dec. 21 – Last day of School for Christmas Break – 8th grade delivers Advent Angel Tree presents to families.



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Bus Times:

Leave 12:30 PM, Return approximately 5:30 PM CT

Registration and Information:

<http://bit.ly/2019-NWI-MFLC>

Clark Gloyeske, 219-680-0901, ycdi_now@hotmail.com

Brian Huber, 219-406-6850, brihub1@hotmail.com

NWI Pro-Life Coalition Sponsoring Organizations:

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Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

4:00+Walter Quinlan by Sis Murphy

9:30+ Ray Schulte by Betty Schulte

Mon. Dec. 17, 2018*Late Advent Weekday

8:00+Michelle Fuller Bullock by Poulin Family

Tues. Dec. 18, 2018*Late Advent Weekday

8:00+Patricia Shinn by The Leary Family

Weds. Dec. 19, 2018* Late Advent Weekday

8:30+Steve Millick by Family

Thurs. Dec. 20, 2018* Late Advent Weekday

8:30 +Maureen McDonald by Connor Lombard

Fri. Dec. 21, 2018 *Late Advent Weekday

8:00+Sinead Werner by Family

Sat. Dec. 22, 2018*Late Advent Weekday

4:00+Georgiana Hood by Family

Sunday Dec. 23, 2018* 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30+Reda Venckus by Family

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Sunday Collection

Amount need to meet expenses \$ 7,200.00

Collection Dec. 9 7,477.48

EFT December 2018 1,967.40

\$ 9,444.88

Immaculate Conception 1,126.00

Christmas Flowers 1,067.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 9:30 Mass:

12/23: M.K. Bobillo

RITTENHOUSE: December: D. Noveroske

FLOWERS: D. Vilser

COUNTERS : Dec. 17: P Latchford & S

Ankony

Dec 27: TBA

Ministries

Eucharistic Ministers Dec 22, 23, 2018

4:00 T & J McDonald, D Albers, R Binder, M Donegan

9:30 C Fitzgerald, S Ankony, M Bobillo
R & S Faloon

Lectors Dec. Dec. 22 & 23, 2018

4:00 Tom McDonald

9:30 D Balling

Greeters Dec 22 & 23, , 2018

4:00 B Walsh

9:30 D Millick

Altar Servers Dec. 22 & 23, 2018

4:00 S Guenin, M Olesker, C Kerwin

9:30 L, O & E Balling

Eucharistic Ministers Dec. 24 & 25 2018

4:00 B Lee, D. Albers, J,C & K Cate, N Magnuson, K Brown,

10:00 E. Rudzevicius, G Evans

9:30 E Rudevicius, B Kennedy

Lectors Dec. 24 & 25, 2018

4:00 ND Students

10:00 A Rudzvicus

9:30 B. Kennedy

Greeters Dec. 24 & 25, 2018

4:00 ND Students

10:00 L & G Evans

9:30 Need Volunteers

Altar Servers Dec. 24 & 25 2018

4:00C&M Meyer, B Lee

10:00 E&A Rudzevicius

9:30 E&A Rudzevicius

Eucharistic Ministers Dec. 29 & 30, 2018

4:00 B Kennedy, D Albers R Binder J&T McDonald

9:30 R&S Faloon, B Macudzinski, K&C Cate

Lectors Dec. 29 & 30 2018

4:00 B Kennedy

9:30 C. Cate

Greeters Dec. 29 & 30, 2018

4:00 B Dahlberg

9:30 K&C Cate

Altar Servers Dec. 29 & 30, 2018

4:00 C Gately, B Schau, M Pitchford

9:30 S&J Egan, E. Rudzevicius

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