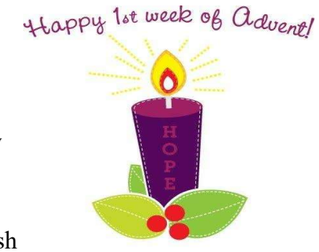
Sunday, November 29, 2026 – First Sunday of Advent
Are You Ready? Be Watchful! Be Alert! Mark 13:33

MONDAY	7:00 am	Jason Maraccini by Friends
TUESDAY	6:30 pm	Butch Pfeiffer by Bill & Sue Hasse
WEDNESDAY	7:00 am	Ann McMahon by Bob & Mary Tuomela
THURSDAY	7:00 am	Adam O'Day by Tammy & Cliff Lemanski
FRIDAY	8:00 am	Yvonne "Bonnie" Walstrom by Jim Walstrom & Family
SATURDAY	4:15 pm	Julie Plude by Tammy Hardwick
SUNDAY	8:00 am	Eugene Cudnohufsky by Family & Friends
SUNDAY	10:15 am	Living & Deceased Members of American Martyrs Parish



LITURGICAL ROLES DEC. 5 & 6, 2026

LECTORS

4:15 pm	Gary Benjamin
8:00 am	Brandon Maki
10:15 am	Julie Barthels

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:15 pm	Dee Benjamin, Pam Wendrick
8:00 am	Maria D'Amour, Lee Iverson
10:15 am	Jeana Klingelhutz, Carol Skowronski

USHERS

4:15 pm	Mike Meyer, Rick Paquin, Pete Webb, Richard Shemanski
8:00 am	Jim Carobine, Larry Lindholm, Dan Giesen, Peter Durocher
10:15 am	Mike Brunswick, Brad Coe, Gary Chapman, Lou Schmidt

SERVERS

4:15 pm	Easton Nash, Drake Koller
8:00 am	Emma Fornetti, Chloe Mortl
10:15 am	Jacob Andes, Andy Jahnke, Ben Borkowski

SERVERS FOR TUESDAY 12/1/2026
6:30 pm Tyler Phelps, Logan Phelps

SERVERS FOR THURSDAY 12/3/2026
7:00 am Will Poquette, Rylee Poquette

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Our Memory Candle will burn in the month of December in memory of the Mente Family.

COLLECTION
November 21 & 22, 2026

Adults	$5,266.00
Visitors & Children	$626.00
Fuel	$20.00
Christmas Flowers	$45.00
TOTAL	**$5,957.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

Whether you prefer to give in person or online, you can support the work of the Church anytime. Point your phone camera at the QR code to visit our secure giving page.



We are collecting non-perishable food items to assemble Christmas food baskets for local families in need. We could use tuna, soups, crackers, pancake mix (Complete), syrup, mac & cheese, hamburger helper, canned vegetables, ketchup, mustard, mayo, 5# bags of sugar. **We are good on paper products at this time.**



Knights of Columbus Iron Mountain-Kingsford Council 1585 Raffle Calendars are available until January 1, 2027. Cost per calendar is $25. You are eligible to win all 365 days in 2027. Prizes range from $25 to $1000. Contact Tony Edlebeck at 906-221-6687 or Jason DeGroot at 906-828-1629.

Upcoming Events – Save The Dates!
December 3rd – Advent by Candlelight
December 4th – First Friday Mass at Evergreen
December 6th – Fireside Chat
December 8th – Holy Day
December 10th - Adoration
December 13th – Christmas Card Coloring Social
December 16th – Faith Formation Cookie Decorating Family Event

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK OF NOV 29 THRU DEC 5, 2026
(Confessions heard before all daily Masses)



MONDAY	6:30 pm – Adult Choir Practice for Advent/Christmas Season
TUESDAY	6:05 pm – Recitation of the Rosary
WEDNESDAY	**5:15 – 6:15 pm – Faith Formation – 1st – 5th Grades**
	6:30 – 7:30 pm – Faith Formation – 6th – 11th Grades
THURSDAY	**6:00 pm – Advent By Candlelight**
FRIDAY	10:00 am – First Friday Mass at Evergreen Senior Living – All are Welcome to Attend!
SATURDAY	3:30 – 4:00 pm – Confessions

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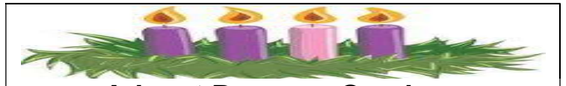

Advent Penance Services
Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm – St. Mary & St. Joseph, Iron Mountain
Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 pm – Guardian Angels, Crystal Falls
Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm – American Martyrs - Kingsford
Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 pm, St. Mary's, Norway
Friday, December 18th at 5:00 pm, St. Rose, Channing
Sunday, December 20th at 4:00 pm, St. Cecilia's, Caspian



Angel tree gifts must be turned in by December 6th. Please make sure that they are wrapped and your tag is securely attached to your gift/gifts.

Spread Joy This Christmas!



Join us for a Christmas Card Coloring Social following the 8:00 am & 10:15 am Masses on December 13th in the Parish Hall. We invite all parishioners, young and old, to help us create beautiful Christmas cards for the residents of Evergreen Senior Living. This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love and bring a smile to those in our community during the holiday season.



Help Wanted: Rectory Housekeeper
We are seeking a part-time housekeeper to assist Father Greg at the rectory with general housekeeping duties along with some Church cleaning duties. Flexible days and hours. For more information contact the Parish office at 906-774-0630.

*First Sunday of Advent - **Hope:** "We light the candle of hope as we wait with expectation for God's promises."*

Dear Parishioners: We hope that everyone had a safe and blessed Thanksgiving with families and loved ones. The readings on Thanksgiving morning prompted us to recall God's wonders and share the light of Christ with others. Fr. Joe and I gathered with our sisters. I also visited with my niece and one nephew.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, and the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit. Advent is an old Latin word that means coming or arrival. Over these four Sundays, we prepare for the First Coming of Jesus, his birth at Bethlehem. We also look forward to Jesus' Second Coming in glory at the end of time. We have begun a period of devout and expectant delight.

The Advent wreath, an enduring symbol, originated in 16th century Germany. Candles mark the Sundays, the circle represents eternity, and evergreens point to everlasting life. When lighting the candles, we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the light for all humanity.

The Gospel reading from Mark is urgent and direct. Jesus commands us to be watchful, alert, and awake. We wait with joyful hope for Jesus' return and live in the way he taught us to live. In the meantime, we pray, and work to build God's Kingdom. In what ways are we preparing for Jesus' coming?

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day, is celebrated on Tuesday, December 8th. Mary, from her conception by the grace of God in the womb of St. Ann was preserved free from original sin. Mary is a major figure during Advent, Christmas, and in the New Year. Mass on Monday, December 7th is at 4:15 pm. Masses on Tuesday, December 8th are at 7:00 am & 6:30 pm. Regular weekday Masses remain the same.

May we enter deeply into Advent and soon celebrate Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ, **Fr. Greg**