

Advent & Christmas 2023

Gift of God

Advent Season Masses

Sunday Mass regular times: Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on Sundays

- December 2/3: First Sunday of Advent
- December 8, Friday: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass at 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM
- December 9/10: Second Sunday of Advent. After all Masses, Christmas Around the World, displays, and hospitality.
- December 16/17: Third Sunday of Advent. Bring the Baby Jesus from your home Nativity set for a blessing during Mass.
- December 23/24: Fourth Sunday of Advent (no 11 am Mass)

Advent Prayer Opportunities

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:

- Thursday, December 14, 6:30–8:00 PM—Individual Confessions with multiple priests.
- Saturday, December 16, 9:00–11:00 AM—Individual Confessions with multiple priests.
- The Sacrament is available every Saturday at 9:00 AM.

In Remembrance Prayer Service: Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 PM in the church: For all who have lost a loved one recently.

Advent Activities for All Ages

- Parish Wide Adult Advent Study—Contact Nathan Schuster for more information.
- Sunday December 3, 12:15–1:45 PM—Family Advent Event
- Wednesday, December 6, 5:30–7:30 PM—Christmas Community Dinner with St. Nicholas and Christmas Carole-oke, Kohler Hall
- Lion's Toy Drive—Take an ornament from the tree and return the item by December 7.
- Baby Jesus Gifts—Take an ornament from the tree return the item by December 17.

Christmas Season Masses

- Sunday, December 24: **Christmas Eve Masses** at 4:00 PM (livestreamed), 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM.*
- Monday, December 25: **Christmas Day Masses** at 9:00 and 11:00 AM.*
- December 30/31: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass at 9:00 AM.
- January 6/7: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

* On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the church will open 30 minutes before Mass begins. The back row of the main section will be reserved for those with limited mobility who need Communion brought to them in the pew and their families.

On-going Prayer Opportunities

- **Daily Mass** is celebrated Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 AM.
- **Rosary:** Prayed daily, Tuesday through Friday, at 7:30 AM in the Notre Dame chapel
- **Blessed Sacrament Chapel:** Available daily for private prayer and adoration.
- **Zoom Rosary** every Sunday at 7 pm on the parish website home page. (not December 24)