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THE BULLETIN

November 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

How can I
BE MORE ATTENTIVE
TO MY SPIRITUAL LIFE
THIS ADVENT
SEASON?



#CONNECTINGPOINT

MUSINGS + MESSAGE

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In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that throughout history, people have been going about their business when suddenly an event happens and they are carried away or die or their circumstances change in an instant. Are we so focused on taking care of our material desires that we fail to focus on what we need for eternal

life? The examples that Jesus uses in today's Gospel show us that people were so intent on making a living that they failed to live. Ultimately, our material possessions are merely wants not needs. We want a nice car; we want a good home; we want to have friends, etc. But what do we really need to be healthy, happy, and holy? When we are secure

in our relationship with the Lord, our needs are satisfied. So, are we more focused on things that are merely wants and desires? Or do we put our emphasis on addressing those spiritual needs that will ultimately help us to grow and be satisfied in the Lord?

Advent is a time to reorient our

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The Meaning of the Advent Wreath



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The symbolism behind the Advent Wreath is beautiful. Christians adopted the tradition of the Advent Wreath, as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas, around the Middle Ages. As we all know, Christ is “the light that came into this world” to dispel the darkness and to radiate the truth and love of God (John 3:19-21)

The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Each of the evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. Pine, holly and yew signify immortality; and cedar strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns. One of the legends tell us that the cross may have been made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life found in Christ. Pine cones, nuts and other decor reminds us of life and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, summing up the 4000 years since Adam and Eve until the coming of Christ. The three purple candles represent, prayer, penance and good

works undertaken at this time. The Rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete (meaning Rejoice in Latin) Sunday. The Priest will also wear rose vestments at mass. It is the Sunday of rejoicing that the midpoint of Advent has arrived in our wait for Christmas. The final candle is lit in expectation of hope of the second coming of Christ.

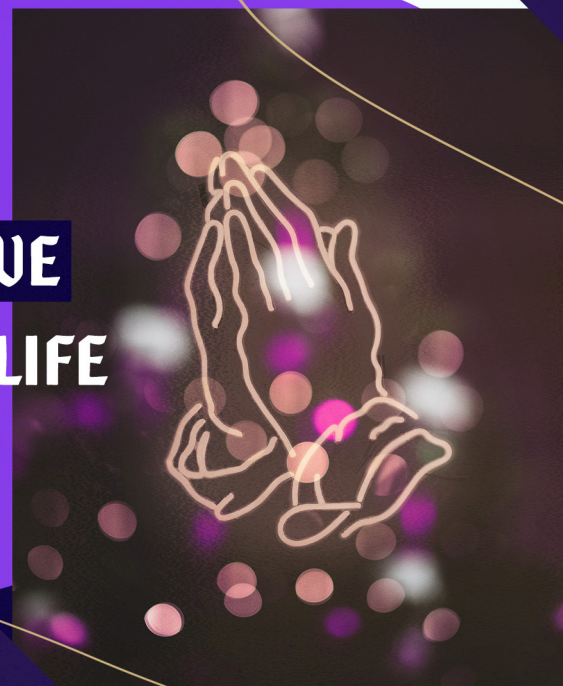
Perhaps your family can continue this beautiful tradition in your own home. After creating the wreath together, take the time to light a candle on each of the four Sundays. Make this a time to pause, and slow down, if only for a few minutes and pray together.

God Bless you and yours during this important season as we celebrate the coming of Christ.

Blessings for the Evangelization Commission.

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Connecting Point

Advent is a season of joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ, both at the end of time and, during the last two weeks of the season, for his first coming at Christmas. It is a season full of beautiful Scripture passages and such powerful Advent images as: the pregnant Blessed Mother; the lion lying down with the lamb; John the Baptist; the prophet Isaiah; and the instruments of war being changed into instruments of peace. My experience has taught me that, the more we can be attentive to our spiritual life during Advent, the more joyful will be our celebration of the Christmas Season.

There are many wonderful ways to

be more attentive to our spiritual lives over the next four weeks. Those who are able may consider participating in weekday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, grounding the season firmly in the Eucharist. Families may find it rewarding to incorporate the Advent Wreath in their prayer life, especially at the evening meal. As this is a time to wait in silence and darkness, we may take more time for silent reflection, perhaps meditating on the scripture readings of the day. The Little Blue Books for Advent, published by the Saginaw Diocese, can help with daily reflections. There are many websites that offer daily reflections. Some of my favorites are Dynamic Catholic, Franciscan Spirituality; Ignatian

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 4

SUN **27**

COFFEE & DONUTS

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM **MASS**

9:45 AM **MASS W/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

11:45 AM **MASS W/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

MON **28**

9:30 AM **STRETCH +
STRENGTH**

2:00 PM **ROSARY**

7:00 PM **ARMOR OF GOD
GATHERING**

TUE **29**

8:30 AM **MASS**

9:30 AM **BIBLE STUDY**

1:00 PM **GRIEF SUPPORT**

1:00 & 6:30 PM **PRE-
PLANNING FUNERAL
ARRANGEMENTS**

7:30 PM **K OF C
FRATERNAL BENEFITS**

WED **30**

8:30 AM **MASS**

9:30 AM **STRETCH +
STRENGTH**

5:30 PM **CHOIR
REHEARSALS**

THU **1**

8:30 AM **MASS**

9:00 AM **EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

9:30 AM **RAMBLING ROSES**

12:00 PM **FORMATION
STAFF MTG**

6:30 PM **BIBLE STUDY -
VATICAN II**

FRI **2**

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM **MASS**

9:30 AM **STRETCH +
STRENGTH**

SAT **3**

10:00 AM **BREAKFAST
WITH ST. NICK**

4:30 PM **MASS**

SUN **4**

8:00 AM **MASS**

9:40 AM **LITTLE LAMBS
DROP-IN CARE**

9:45 AM **MASS W/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

11:40 AM **LITTLE LAMBS
DROP-IN CARE**

11:45 AM **MASS W/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

1:00 PM **BAPTISM**

► Musings + Message (cont'd)

priorities and give our attention to what will ultimately satisfy us and give us peace. In the midst of the hustle and bustle that the holiday season brings, take some time to be with the Lord and meditate on those things that you truly need in order to have a good life not only today, but in the afterlife as well. Thank you to all who came to the concert last Sunday.

There are many events throughout our Family during the month of December. Please take an opportunity to attend as many as you can.

Please note that there are several opportunities for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation in a communal setting with individual

reception of the sacrament. Take the time to cleanse yourself spiritually before Christmas. Thank you to all who have been working to beautify our campuses for the holiday season and prepare them for winter. Please be careful when walking and driving in snow or ice. If the weather is inclement or you are not feeling well, please do not come to church; rather participate using the on-line option and take some time at home to be with the Lord. Thank you to all who have been participating in the various Christian service projects.

Have a great week,



► Connecting Point (cont'd)

Solidarity; and Hallow. We may also want to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, during this season.

Advent is a time to be more attentive to those in need, supporting our various parish outreach programs and getting more involved in service projects. Reaching out to others always helps us to grow spiritually during this season.

It is almost impossible to not

get caught up in our culture's celebration of Christmas weeks before the liturgical season begins at 4:00 PM December 24. At St. Isidore, we wait until the Christmas Season to celebrate our staff and commission Christmas socials, and to put up our Christmas decorations. We can't all do that, but the more we are attentive to our spiritual lives during Advent, the more joyful, and less exhausting, will be our Christmas Season. I guarantee it!

Discipleship Formation

 Peggy Casing, Discipleship Formation Director  peggyc@stol.church

► Walking the Path

In one of the classes that I facilitate, a discussion started about the fact that everyone in heaven is a saint, whether they are officially recognized as a saint, or not. That is what a saint is— an individual soul that is in the presence of God after their passing from this life. We, then, talked a bit about the canonization process. I thought that I'd share those steps with you this week:



1. A local bishop investigates the candidate's life and writings for evidence of heroic virtue. The information uncovered by the bishop is sent to the Vatican.

2. A panel of theologians and the cardinals of the Congregation for Cause of Saints research and evaluate the candidate's life.

3. If the panel approves, the pope proclaims that the candidate is venerable, which means that the person is a role model of Catholic virtues. When people refer to them, they are called,

Venerable [name].

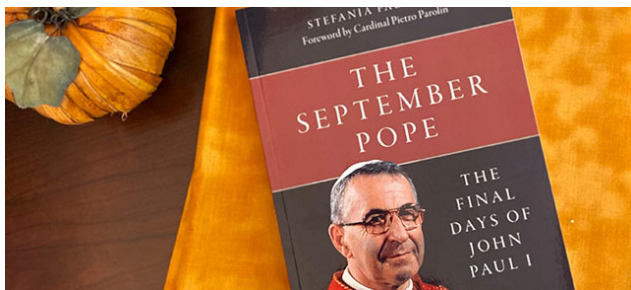
4. The next step toward sainthood is beatification, which allows a person to be honored by a particular group or region. In order to beatify a candidate, it must be shown that the person is responsible for a posthumous miracle. Remember, it is God who performs the miracle, but the miracle happened after someone asked this (deceased) person to pray for them. Thus, giving evidence that the deceased person must, certainly, be in communion with God. Martyrs -- those who died for their religious cause

-- can be beatified without evidence of a miracle. The person is called "Blessed [name]" at this point.

5. In order for the candidate to be considered a saint, there must be proof of a second posthumous miracle. If there is one, the person is canonized. Finally, they are called "Saint [name]."

6. Once a person is a saint, he or she is recommended to the

entire Catholic Church for veneration. Some saints are selected as patron saints, special protectors or guardians over particular occupations, illnesses, churches, countries or causes. For example, St. Isidore of Seville was named as a patron saint of internet users and computer programmers because he is credited with writing the world's first encyclopedia.



TUES | JANUARY 10 | 10 AM

BOOK CLUB

Join us for our next gathering when we'll discuss, *The September Pope: The Final Days of John Paul I*, by Stefania Falasca. The author conducted painstaking research into what actually happened to the man that was called "the smiling pope," but only served a little more than

a month in that position. All Book Club members are encouraged to join us from 10:00-11:30 AM, combining our morning and evening groups into one daytime gathering. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Casing.



Youth Group

St. Isidore + St. Therese of Lisieux + St. Francis/St. Maximilian

A place for teens (grades 9-12) to come together to play, eat and talk about their lives! Teens build lasting friendships while learning more about the beauty of our faith as it directly relates to life in the modern world.

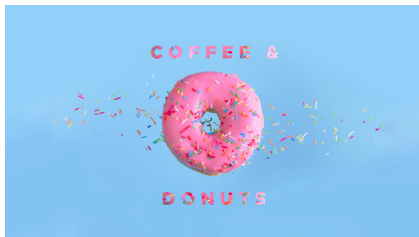
Questions?

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Learn more

stol.church/youth-group

EVENTS



SUN | NOVEMBER 27 | AFTER ALL MASSES COFFEE & DONUTS

Join The Knights of Columbus for coffee and donuts in the Gathering Space after all Masses on Sunday, November, 27.



TUES | NOVEMBER 29 | 1 PM & 6:30 PM FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING

Learn more about planning a funeral presented by Mt. Elliot Cemetery Association/Wujek Calcaterra Funeral Home. Come by at either 1

PM or 6:30 PM. RSVP at the church office, (586) 254-4433, to let us know you're coming.



SAT | DECEMBER 3 | 10 AM - 12 PM BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

Bring the family and come have breakfast with St. Nick in the social hall. Parents, make sure to bring a camera to capture all the events.

The event is for children ages 1-12. Register at stol.church/breakfast-with-st-nick



SAT | DECEMBER 3 | 7 PM MOVIE & HOT COCOA NIGHT

Northern Macomb Young Adult Catholics group invites anyone between the ages of 21-35 to cozy

up and enjoy a movie together with hot cocoa at St. Therese.



WED | DECEMBER 7 | 5:30 PM
CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join the Evangelization team as we carol through the neighborhood. As we stroll the streets we hope to meet our neighbors and invite them to worship with us especially this

Christmas. Sign up in advance on the parish website or by calling the office.

Meet in the Church parking lot.



FRI | DECEMBER 9 | 6:30 PM
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SCAVENGER HUNT

Gather your family and friends (children and adults are invited) for a fun night out! We will meet at the church where each car will be given a list of Christmas lights and decorations to take a photo in

front of. When time is up, we will meet back at the church, have some chicken soup, discover who took the most photos, and announce the winners! Email frontdesk@stol.church to register.



SAT | DECEMBER 31 | 5:30 PM
NEW YEAR'S EVE

Join us for a New Year's Eve bash to ring in the new year with our parish family. The evening kicks off with hor d'oeuvres at 5:30, followed by dinner at 7:30, and a champagne toast at Midnight with entertainment

by a live band. Tickets also include 5 drinks for the night in addition to the food and toast. Tickets are \$85/each or \$80/each for a table of eight. Call the office to reserve yours today!



TUES | JANUARY 10
HOCKEY NIGHT

Join us for a hockey night in Detroit as we travel together to cheer on the Detroit Red Wings as they battle the Winnipeg Jets at Little

Caesar's Arena. Tickets are \$65 each and include lower bowl seats and a t-shirt. Call the office today to order your tickets!

► Knights of Columbus



If you are a practicing Catholic male over the age of 18 and would like more information about becoming a Knight, please contact Paul Bieber, Grand Knight: (586) 556-1800 or Scott Kozak, Deputy Grand Knight/

Membership Director - (248) 709-6040



► Who wants to be a Millionaire

On Tuesday, November 29, the Knights of Columbus will host a presentation entitled "Who wants to be a Millionaire" at St. Therese of Lisieux in the Divine Mercy Conference Room. Sandwiches and beverages will be served at 7:30 PM and the broadcast presentation begins at 8:00 PM. In this presentation, Tom will share concepts that can help anyone become financially independent. Not only can people become very wealthy using these tips, research shows that they will also likely be much happier and even live longer.

Prior to attending on Nov. 29, please take a couple minutes to scan the QR code below and fill out the registration form or go to www.TinyURL.com/HegnaFBN to complete the form. This is a presentation you don't want to miss.



► Rambling Roses

Our annual Christmas party will be held on December 1st at Crank's. If you are paid member and have not purchased a ticket yet then you must do so by Nov. 21 by calling Shirley Jachcik at 586-842-8944.

► We pray for the sick...

Adhikary, Erica
 Adhikary, Holden
 Baby Scarlett
 Bacheldor, Mary
 Basirico, Michelle
Beaulieu, Don
Beaulieu, Michael
Beaulieu, Ted
 Beninati, Patricia
 Binkowski, Madeleine
 Biske, Berni
 Blaisdell, Sr. Jim
 Boddy, Dorothy
 Brandt, Charlie
 Burden, Mark
 Burden, Mark
 Carrico, Michael
 Denton, Eden
 Dion, Dennis
 Donofrio, Sam
 Flint, Lucia
France, Jim
 Fuelling, Ethan
 Geiger, Betty
 Grace, John
 Greathouse, Diana
 Greathouse, Paul
Haigh, Jim
 Heinrich, Chuck
 Hernandez, Fernando
 Horn, Fr. Joe
 Hughes, Paul
 Jachcik, Brad
 Jachcik, James
 Jachcik, Nancy
 Jachcik, Shirley
 Kmiec, Eileen
 Kremer, Paul
 Kurti, Antonio
 Kurti, Violeta
 Lavers, Karen
 Leonardi, Jeffrey
 LoPiccolo, Nick
 Mackowiak, Elaine
 Madynski, Amy
 Maliskey, Barbara
 Maliskey, Larry
 Marino, Richard
 Martin, Daniel
 Montpas, Marylou
 Mooney-Hill, Marilyn
 Moreno, Nancy
 Morrison, Landon
 Mousty, Virginia
 Neesley, Ann

Ninneman, Pauline
 Novak, Carol
 Oleszkowicz, Bonnie
 Pasque, Evelyn
 Patterson, David
 Pattison, Mary
 Pelc, Jeff
 Peuterbaugh, Nancy
 Polidori, Santino
 Pollic, Lucy
Poma, Theresa
 Quni, Vittore
 Reed, Steel
 Roberts, Brenda
Ryan, Mary
 Samulski, Donna
 Sandstrom, Patricia
 Sawa, Omar
 Schumacher Family
 Seta, Claudia
Shepherd, Chase
 Shock Family
 Shock, Payton Hope
 Shumaker, Natalie
 Snodgrass, Doris
 Sommerville, Bill
 Sorel, Jason
 Spencer, Jeanne
 Sterling, Carol
 Sterling, George
 Tamulevich, David
 Theut, Bill
 Tiedt, Tom
 Tuchowski, Gloria
 Tucker, Doug
 VanDerhagen, Barbara
 VanDerhagen, Rich
 VanDerhagen, Rick
 Victor, Fr. Ron
 Weaver, Jesse
 Wigginton, Jim
 Wigginton, Jim
 Wigginton, Noah
 Willis, Rose
Woodruff, Ruth
 Young, MaryJane

Ministry Schedule

SAT | DEC 3
4:30 PM

Lector 1: Iolanda Agazzi

Lector 2: Paul Bieber

Altar Servs: Leah B., Evan K.,

Usher Team 6: Jack Simonetta

EMHC Team 2: Lynn Mohan

SUN | DEC 4
8:00 AM

Lector 1: Paul Wilhelm

Lector 2: Janis Fick

Altar Servs: Sarah H.

Usher Team 7: Art Wilson

EMHC Team 5: Jane Chupailo

SUN | DEC 4
9:45 AM

Lector 1: Carol Nehra

Lector 2: Erin Lenzini

Altar Servs: Aaron S., Jacob S., Alexis Y.

Usher Team 8: Dean Corsi

EMHC Team 8: Captain Needed

SUN | DEC 4
11:45 AM

Lector 1: Jim Biske

Lector 2: Bernadine Biske

Altar Servs: Volunteers Needed

Usher Team 5: Dennis Westerlund

EMHC Team 11: Tracy Spencer

► Mass Intentions

SAT. NOV 26 4:30 PM

- † Barry Willoughby (1 year ann.)
For the Intentions in our Prayer Box
- † Rosemarie Hill (birthday)
- † Henry Zarski
- † James Blaisdell Jr.
- † Joe Basirico
- † Agnes Zarr
- † Deacon Jerry Campernel

SUN. NOV 27 8:00 AM

- † Adolph Makowski
- † Fernando Fernandes
- † Tom Westerlund
- † Cassie Poynter
- † Mary Roeder
- † Jon Kylmala (birthday)
For the Intentions in our Prayer Box

SUN. NOV 27 9:45 AM

- † Carmine Russo
- † Francesco Antonucci
- † Maculata Antonucci
- † Virgil Mazure (2 Yrs)
For the Intentions in our Prayer Box
- † Frank Bara (birthday)
- † Paul Henig
- † Pashko Lulgjuraj
- † Vitore Lulgjuraj
- † Dennis & Carmela Francis
- † Ndok Lulgjuraj
- † Dave Sabol (4 year ann.)

SUN. NOV 27 11:45 AM

- † Al J. Kujawski (birthday)
- † Philip Ranno
Benjamin Czach (birthday)
Christina & Mark Hermas
Steve & Ilene Hajgato

- Scarlett Williams - Healing
- † Paul Hill
For the Intentions in our Prayer Box
Mary Ryan

TUES. NOV 29 8:30 AM

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

WED. NOV 30 8:30 AM

Sr. Mary Andrew

THURS. DEC 1 8:30 AM

- † Hub Kraemer
- † Daniel Hill (Birthday)
- † Dennis Howey

FRI. DEC 2 8:30 AM

- † Dennis Stroh (4-year anniv)
- † Dennis Howey
- † Frances Drahuse

SAT. DEC 3 4:30 PM

- † Frank Blaisdell (22-year ann.)
- † Joe Basirico (birthday)
- † Rose Andreski (anniversary)
- † Gerald Dolsen
- † Michael Dolsen
- † Paul Hill
- † David Baldinelli
- † Delita Baldinelli
- † Mario Baldinelli
- † Anne Alpeter
- † Alfred Saam

SUN. DEC 4 8:00 AM

- † Mary Roeder
- † Patricia Mack
- † Florence Palka

- † Aileen Tallman

SUN. DEC 4 9:45 AM

- † Giovanni Iulianelli
- † Peggy Lowes
- † Frank Failla (1 year)
- † Antoinette Willoughby
- † Gjekaj Family
- † Tonja Vulaj
- † Age Vulaj
Kreshnik Pepaj (Healing)

SUN. DEC 4 11:45 AM

- † Mary Jo Marchione
- † Nik & Drane Bojaj
- † Martin Gjolaj
- † Jim Musser (3-year anniv)
Michelle Trosper
- † Nevaeh Yaro
- † Magdalen Yaro
- † Patrick LaRocca
Scarlett Williams - Healing
- † Anthony DeBord
- † Tom & Jane Tiedt & Family
- † Joe, Alice & Monica Sulek
- † Harold, Doris & Rick Tiedt

Readings

SUNDAY

Is 2:1-5;
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

MONDAY

Is 4:2-6;
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-9;
Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY

Is 11:1-10;
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY

Rom 10:9-18;
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mt 4:18-22

THURSDAY

Is 26:1-6;
Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY

Is 29:17-24;
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY

Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY

Is 11:1-10;
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

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