

Shepherd's Thoughts

First Sunday of Advent

GOSPEL Mk 13:33-37

Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.

God is good, all the time! All the time God is good!

Advent Season marks the new beginning in our Church liturgical calendar. It is from where we restart our clock of waiting in preparation for the second coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The first Advent happened 2023 years ago and the first fruit of man's joyful waiting was a blessed first Christmas, when Christ was born.

"Be watchful!" Our hour of waiting has not ended yet. Let's continuously reset our alarm of consciousness to be always joyfully awakened for the second coming of the Lord. "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning."

Waiting is grace! But for those who cannot wait, it's wasting. We only have to keep ourselves watching and be ready with hope in this new Season of Advent. After a long period of hopeful waiting, we might be hanged up caused by so many worldly preoccupations: our daily work, and other understandings in life. Without proper disposition, we might also be drained all over again.

This Season of Advent gives us another opportunity to be spiritually recharged by renewing our faith in God through the sacrament of reconciliation, to be always re-energized by the grace we receive in the Holy Eucharist, and to constantly recalculate our own actions to be more functional and directional towards the end our faith journey by serving God and helping others.

Waiting is more exciting if we hold on to the people we love. Let's wait with our family and meet Jesus. How long it might be, it will always be fine when we spend time together with our family. Waiting is wholesome when we are with our friends. Whatever it takes, how harder it might be, it would always be fun.

Indeed, we are not alone waiting in this journey. Our blessed Mother is one with us. She was, is and will always and ever be waiting for her Son Jesus to come back bringing the new glad tidings to the world. So, that this coming Christmas be meaningful and touching more people's lives towards more appreciation of God's love, let's wait together, come together, and meet Christ together this Christmas!

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya

December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

+Deceased

Saturday, 4:00 PM, Rosiere, Dec 2nd, Mass
+ Donna Bredael, + Karen Pinchart, + Cletus Simon

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Dec 2nd Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Dec 3rd, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Dec 3rd, Mass

+ Alvin Jorgensen, + Dean & Verna Thiry,

+ Ronald Renard

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Dec 5th, Mass

Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Dec 6th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, Dec 7th, Mass

+ Cody Cochart

Thursday, 6:30 PM, Lincoln, Dec 7th, Holy Day

+ Ruth Frisque

Friday, 6:15 AM, Brussels, Dec 8th, Holy Day

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Dec 8th, Holy Day

+ John Naze

Saturday, 4:00 PM, Rosiere, Dec 9th, Mass

+ For the People

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Dec 9th, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Dec 10th, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Dec 10th, Mass

+ Nancy Fenendael, + Richard & Arlene Derenne,

+ Kenny Bader

Sunday, 11:15 AM, Lincoln, Dec 10th, Baptism

of **Wren Frances Brunette**, daughter of Alicia & Trevor Brunette

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Dec 12th, Mass

Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Dec 13th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, Dec 14th, Mass

+ Mel & Arlene Beaurain

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Dec 15th, Mass

+ Karen Pinchart

Friday, 6:30 PM, Rosiere, Dec 15th, Novena



Sanctuary Light

Dec 3-9: In mem of Richard & Arlene Derenne

Dec 10-16: In mem of Mel & Arlene Beaurain

Sacrificial Offerings

Nov 15-21, 2023: \$864.00



St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip

November 20-26: \$1880.00

Gross profit: \$62.92

FYTD profit: \$2011.41

For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at Havel27sm@gmail.com.

Liturgical Ministers:

December 2nd, 4:00pm Rosiere

Lector: Mark Bader

Communion Distr: Dcn. Ray, Chris Vincent

Servers: Volunteer

December 3rd, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Sue Havel

Communion Distr: Julie Pinchart, Jessica Pinchart

Servers: Dylan DeGrave & Volunteer

December 7th, 6:30 pm Lincoln

Lector: Mary Beaurain

Communion Distr: Jim Beaurain, Mary Beaurain

Servers: Volunteer

December 9th, 4:00pm Rosiere

Lector: Mark Bader

Communion Distr: Matt Thayse, Volunteer

Servers: Volunteer

December 10th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Amanda Barta

Communion Distr: Dcn. Ray, Jake Barta

Servers: Sawyer Ducat & Lainey Barta

Parish News

Adoration and confession: For Advent, there will be Adoration and confession 1 hour before Rosiere 4 pm mass on Saturdays in December. (There will not be a public Rosary.)

Novena Masses: Nine-day novena is Dec 15 – Dec 23 and RE families are invited to sign up for the lector, server, and usher spots. The family can also provide a mass intention. Please see the schedule to sign up (in a recent email from Penny).

Religious Education: Class on Dec 6, 13, 20. Dec 6 is First Reconciliation for 2nd grade in Lincoln at 6 pm. Dec 20 will be the Children's Mass in Rosiere at 6:30 PM.

Tentative holiday party/potluck on Dec 16 after the 5:30 pm mass in Brussels in the basement of St. Francis & St. Mary's church. Please RSVP.

Confirmation: Confirmation is Sunday, Jan 14 at 2 pm at St Mary Church in Luxemburg, and we have nine Confirmation candidates in St Peter & St Hubert.

Confirmation Retreat: Retreat for Confirmation students is at Rosiere on Jan 6 at 8 am until 4 pm mass. Confirmation sponsors will be invited in the afternoon.

Giving Tree 2023: The Giving Tree gifts are due back this weekend, by **Dec 3rd**. If you have not returned your gifts, please contact Julie Pinchart (920-676-7017) as the pickup is arranged for this week. May God bless you for your generosity.

Scrip: We have several \$10 gift cards that could be used for stocking stuffers - fast food, Fleet Farm, Walmart, Barnes & Noble, or Bath & Body. It's not too early to look over the full list of custom order cards and

put in your order for Christmas gifts. Sue usually orders every 2-3 weeks. **Also, Fleet Farm is offering a higher bonus in December, so stock up on Fleet cards for your Christmas shopping.

Prayer Requests for those in need: The Worship & Spiritual Life Committee welcomes prayer requests. Please contact Julie in the parish office with any prayer requests for those in need.

Second Collection: Next weekend, our parish will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups, or just to one. Please use the envelopes provided in the church entrances.

Area News

L-C Sr. Citizen Christmas Bingo: at **St. John's Church in Luxemburg** on Tuesday, Dec 12; 8:30 am Music, Snacks, & Refreshments; Bingo at 9:15 am. Open to all senior citizens residing in the Luxemburg-Casco School District. In case of inclement weather, the snow date will be Thursday, Dec 14.

Belgian Heritage Center: Griffin String Quartet Holiday Concert at BHC on Dec 16 at 3 pm. Free Admission but donations to support the artists is greatly appreciated. Wine, beer and cheese bar sponsored by Von Stiehl Winery & Renard's Cheese available for purchases. Doors open at 2 pm.

Christmas Bingo; It's a Ho-Ho-Holy Night at Southern Door Auditorium: Show is on Saturday, December 16th at 7 pm. For more details or to purchase tickets online, visit southerndoorauditorium.org.

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Gospel Readings for Week of December 3rd

Monday, Dec 4: Matthew 8: 5-11 (St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor)

Tuesday, Dec 5: Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday, Dec 6: Matthew 15: 29-37 (St. Nicholas, Bishop)

Thursday, Dec 7: Matthew 7: 21,24-27 (St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor)

Friday, Dec 8: Luke 1: 26-38 (Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary)

Saturday, Dec 9: Matthew 9: 35-10:1, 5a,6-8 (St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin)