

**Shepherd's Thoughts (December 8, 2024)
Second Sunday of Advent**

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

On this second Sunday of Advent, our first reading expresses to us an image of how God will restore us from our brokenness and have us rejoice in glory, thus, He is telling us to prepare because a new time will begin. "For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." (Bar 5:1-9) This leads us to the central theme of hope which should occupy our hearts as we await Jesus' second coming.

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. This must also be our joyful praise to God for He has always given us reason to hope despite our challenging situations in life. Thus, in the responsorial Psalm, it portrays to us His loving image Who constantly sustains His children in adversities and leads them to joy and greatness. "Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves." (Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6).

Meanwhile, mindful of the coming of Jesus, Paul in his Letter to the Philippians earnestly prays for all of us to always grow in love and holiness as he clearly speaks, "so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God" (Phil 1:4-6, 8-11).

As we look forward to the Jubilee year of hope, we are also urged to prepare our own way for Lord's coming by changing our old and sinful way of life. Thus, in the Gospel, John, proclaiming the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, refreshes us with the words of the prophet Isaiah, "A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low" (Lk 3:1-6).

There is another beautiful version of this in a song composed by James V. Marchionda and the lyrics goes this way: Proclaim the joyful message that our God is coming to earth. Let the valleys be filled and the mountains made low preparing for His holy birth.

May the joys in our hearts with our faithful observance of this Advent Season draw us closer to Jesus Christ with a certain hope that salvation has come and bring us to the fullness of life in intimacy with God, our loving Father

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya
Administrator

**December 8, 2024
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Mass Intentions

† Deceased

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Dec 7th, Mass

† Larry Kirchman, † Mark Jadin

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Dec 7th, Mass

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

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Dec 8th, Mass

† Deceased members of the Delleman family,

† Stanley & Ruth Annoye

Sunday, 6:30 PM, Rosiere, Dec 8th, Holy Day

† Barbara Schmelzer, † Rosemary & Walter Derenne

Monday, 6:15 AM, Brussels, Dec 9th, Holy Day

Monday, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, Dec 9th, Holy Day

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Dec 10th, Mass

Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Dec 11th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, Dec 12th, Mass

† Andrew Nowak, Peter Buhr, Bruce Buhr

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Dec 13th, Mass

† Deceased members Renier & Vandertie families

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Dec 14th, Mass

† Eli Buhr, † Evelyn Massart

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Dec 14th, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Dec 15th, Mass

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

† Cody Cochart, † Dennis Buhr

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

Monday, 6:30 PM, Rosiere, Dec 16th, Novena

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Rosiere, Dec 17th, Novena

Wedn. 6:30 APM, Rosiere, Dec 18th, Novena

Thursday, 6:30 PM Rosiere Dec 19th, Novena

Friday, 6:30 PM, Rosiere, Dec 20th, Novena

† Kim Riedy, Lisa Baudhuin

Sanctuary Light



Dec 1-7: In mem. Richard & Arlene Derenne

Dec 8-14: In mem. Arlen Wery

Sacrificial Offerings

Nov 12-20, 2024: \$6282.00



St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip

Nov 25-Dec 1 Sales: \$2540.00

Gross profit: \$142.93

FYTD profit: \$2464.96

Scrip: We are looking for a few more people to help sell scrip. During December it would be helpful to have two people selling scrip, so you could work with someone during these weeks. If you are interested, please give Sue a call 920-493-2789.

Liturgical Ministers:

December 7th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chris Daubner

Communion Distributors: Chriss Daubner, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

December 8th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Cindy Massey

Comm Distributors: Cindy & Dale Massey

Servers: Clayton, Chase & Landon Barta

December 14th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Char Everard

Communion Distributors: Wendy Vlies, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

December 15th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Fameree

Comm Distributors: Jason Jandrin, Sandy Maccoux

Servers: Lainey Barta & Natalie Brunette

Parish News

Adult Book Study: on **Monday, Dec. 9** at 1:30 pm and also 6 pm led by Dale Massey at Rosiere's rectory. Beautiful Eucharist by Matthew Kelly will be discussed; please read Chapters 5-8. Join one or all sessions!

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 at the church entrances.

One By One Campaign: Your One-by-One donations have gone toward Lincoln entrance LVP flooring, Rosiere entrance pitched roof, interior plastering and painting, Lincoln entrance ramp and extended parking near the garage, and Rosiere's portable microphone for Father. The total for all these projects was \$39,375.76.

RE Classes: K-11: Classes on Dec. 11 and 2nd grade First Reconciliation. Dec 18 – attend Novena Mass with your families.

Confirmation: Classes on Dec. 11. Confirmation is **Sunday, Jan 19**, 4:00 pm at St Mary Church, Luxemburg.

Giving Tree 2024: Thank you to everyone who helped with the Giving Tree again this year. We were able to help 30 individuals from Kew. Cty. have a Merry Christmas. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous contribution as well. We appreciate everyone's support!

Novena Masses: We will be having Nine-day Novena Masses Dec 15-23. There will not be 8:00am masses on December 17-20.

Holy Day of Obligation: Because the Solemnity of the Immaculate Virgin Mary falls on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the observance of this feast day has been moved to Monday, Dec 9. Masses are – Sunday, Dec 8 at 6:30pm in Rosiere, Monday, Dec 9 at 8:00am in Lincoln. (Also Monday, Dec 9 at 6:15am in Brussels)

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!!!: Future Bingo dates are: Jan. 5 & 26, Feb. 16, March 2 and April 13. Hope to see you there!

Area News

Holy Trinity Casco: Santa Breakfast Sunday, Dec 8, (Pancakes, Porkies & Scrambled Eggs), 7:30-11:30am at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, \$8 Adult & Children over 10 years old, \$3 – Children 3-9 years old, sponsored by Catholic Order of Foresters Court #1633. Bring your Christmas List along... Santa will be here!

Luxemburg-Casco Sr. Citizen Party: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 8:30 am, St. Johns Lutheran Church, Music, Snacks, Refreshments, Bingo, Prizes. You must live in the L-C District to attend. (**Snow day: Thurs. Dec. 12**)

BHC: Dec. 12, Belgian Heritage Center will host the Griffon String Quartet for a Holiday Concert, open at 5:30pm – concert at 6:30-8:00pm, admission is free – donations to support the artists appreciated, Von Stiehl wine, beer & non-alcohol beverages avail. for purchase.

Home for the Holidays: December 14 at 7pm, Southern Door Auditorium in Brussels, celebrating the season, this show will feature some of our community's most talented musicians, including Father Rex, as they dazzle us with their vocal and instrumental talents. Purchase tickets online by visiting sdauditorium.org or call 920-676-1920.

Gospel Readings for Week of December 8, 2024

Monday, Dec 9: Luke 1: 26-38 (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Tuesday, Dec 10: Matthew 18: 12-14 (Our Lady of Loreto)

Wednesday, Dec 11: Matthew 11: 28-30 (St. Damasus I, Pope)

Thursday, Dec 12: Luke 1: 39-47 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Friday, Dec 13: Matthew 11: 16-19 (St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr)

Saturday, Dec 14: Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13 (St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor)