

December 3, 2017

## *First Sunday of Advent*

Scripture is # 879 in the Journeysongs Hymnal



**FROM FATHER DREW....**Happy First Sunday on Advent!!! I truly love this time of year! I like the snow, and the lights, and the spirit of this season.

As we await with joyful expectation that Christmas Day, once again, I hope that you accomplish some spiritual goal this advent. Advent can go by so fast, so perhaps just make it a small goal. Maybe you are already working on one now or maybe you haven't decided yet. Either way, I promise Christmas will be more fulfilling if we accomplish something spiritually or personally beneficial.

Perhaps it's reading a spiritual book, like the life of a saint, for example. Perhaps it's just making sure to go to Mass on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Perhaps it's going to Confession, fasting from food or technology, or maybe spending time with the Lord in Adoration. My Advent is always so much more joyful when I make space for Jesus. I hope you experience this as well.

**CONFESSIONS:** During Advent Fr. Drew will be offering an additional opportunity for confession — Wednesday's at 5:30 –6:00 p.m..

**OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ARE EXTENDED TO...** family and friends of Dave Miller who died last week. Dave was a long time member of St. Johns. You may have seen him mowing the grass at our cemetery. Our prayers and condolences go out to Dave's family and friends.

**SALVATION ARMY KETTLE BELLS...**We have been asked to help with the Kettle Bell Collection on **Saturday, December 9th, 9am—5pm at Gene's IGA.** Thank you to those who have signed up— we have all the time slots covered!!

**GIVING TREE:** Once again we will have a giving tree. This tree is located near the baptismal font. Please take a card or two, purchase a gift card for food or gas and return the card and gift to the box marked "Giving Tree" or place in the collection basket. Through out the year we will distribute the cards to those in need.. Thank you!!

**OUR GIFTS TO YOU....**we invite each of you to take a Sunday Missal for 2017-2018; "Open Your Heart"—Daily Reflections for Advent by Pope Francis; and an Advent prayer card. All located in the back of church.

**CHILDREN UNDER 10...**please take a "Journey to Bethlehem" Advent Calendar. Great family activity during Advent and a great way to learn about the coming of Jesus!

### **LIGHT UP A LIFE—CARE PARTNERS OF COOK COUNTY**

invites you to their Tree Lighting Ceremony at Johnson Heritage Post on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 pm. Celebrate the life of loved ones and support end of life care.

**Help light Care Partner's tree in front of the Johnson Heritage Post!**

Each \$5.00 donation will light up one bulb in memory of one person.

Donation forms are located in the back of church.



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**Saint John's Catholic Church — Grand Marais**

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**Holy Rosary Catholic Church — Grand Portage**

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## Saint John's — Grand Marais

**Saturday** WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12/2/17

4:00-4:45 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance**

5:00 p.m. ✠ **Mass**— *For the Parishioners of Saint Johns*

Lector..... Mike Boland

Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller

Ushers..... Harvey Sobieck, Mark Quello

**Sunday** **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT** 12/3/17

9:00 a.m. ✠ **Mass**— *Jerry Hirsch*

Lector .....Jennie Hennessy

Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller

Ushers.....Greg Gresczyk, Dick Dorr

10:00 a.m. **Coffee Social**

**Monday** WEEKDAY IN ADVENT 12/4/17

8:15 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday** WEEKDAY IN ADVENT 12/5/17

7:45 a.m. **Rosary**

8:15 a.m. **Mass** — *David Miller*

**Wednesday** SAINT NICHOLAS 12/6/17

8:15 a.m. **Mass** — *Flossie Palmer*

3:30-4:45 p.m. **Religious Education 1-4th grades**

6:00-7:30 p.m. **Religious Education 5th –12th**

5:30—6:00 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance**

**Thursday** SAINT AMBROSE 12/7/17

7:45 a.m. **Rosary**

8:15 a.m. ✠ **Mass** — *Stephen & Julia Drabik*

5:30 p.m. ✠ **Vigil Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception** — *Eric Swanby*

**Friday** THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 12/8/17

8:15 a.m. **Morning Prayer with Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Saturday** WEEKDAY IN ADVENT 12/9/17

4:00-4:45 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance**

5:00 p.m. ✠ **Mass**— *For the Parishioners of Saint Johns*

Lector..... Mary Petz

Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller

Ushers..... Ben Petz, Mike Foley

**Sunday** **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT** 12/10/17

9:00 a.m. ✠ **Mass**— *Angie Kinney*

Lector .....Dennis Waldrop

Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller

Ushers.....Rick & Tate Crawford

10:00 a.m. **Coffee Social**

## Holy Rosary — Grand Portage

**Sunday** **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 12/3/17

11:30 a.m. ✠ **Mass** — *Tom Stattelman*

**Friday** **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** 12/8/17

9:00 a.m. ✠ **Mass** — *For the Parishioners of Holy Rosary*

**Sunday** **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 12/10/17

11:30 a.m. ✠ **Mass** — *Mabel Ryden*

**Scripture Reading for 12/10/17:**

**Second Sunday of Advent:**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8



**Please Pray For...**



Mary Dempsey, Paul Tersteeg, Pat Dolan, Charlotte Maciejewski, Alison, Amber Waldrop, & Mary Ewert — Health & Healing

Family and friends of Dave Miller who died last week.

**Waiting for the Light**

In Advent, we are made aware that the hours of darkness are lengthening. The days grow shorter. Night seems to consume the world. Perhaps we feel the darkness in our own hearts, our own lives, our own prayer: we look for some sign of God and see nothing. Perhaps we are oppressed by the darkness of the world around us; we notice the poor living without shelter on our streets, we hear the cry of the hungry, we are alerted to wars and rumors of war. We yearn to see the day when Christ will come in all his glory to put an end to darkness of every kind. It has been said that in Advent we live in the night with our faces turned toward the unseen dawn. Hosea reminds us of the central conviction of the Advent spirit: as certain as the dawn is his coming.

Let us pray in hope for the rising of the Sun.

2017 United Catholic Appeal		
St. John's		Holy Rosary
<u>\$13938.60</u>	collected	<u>\$2900</u>
\$25950	goal	\$2900
53%		100%

Last Week's Contributions	
<b>Grand Marais</b>	
Sunday Collection .....	\$2006.25
<b>Holy Rosary</b>	
Sunday Collection .....	\$230.00