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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*Dec 5, 2021*

*Readings for Today*

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-11; Luke 3:1-6

**Office Hours:**

**St. Anthony**

Tuesday • Thursday • Friday  
10 am – 1 pm

**St. Margaret**

Tues & Thurs 9am-Noon  
Friday 8am-Noon

**Fr. Mann's Office Hours:**

**St. Anthony**

Tues 2-4  
Wed 9-4  
Thurs 11-4

**Reconciliation:**

½ hour before  
masses

**Adoration:**

1 hour before  
weekday masses

**Anointing of  
the Sick:**

Thursday evening  
masses and per request.

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. @ St. Margaret  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. @ St. Anthony  
Sunday - 11:30 a.m. @ Sacred Heart

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday – none  
Tuesday – 5:30pm @ St Anthony  
Wednesday – 5:30 pm @ St. Anthony  
Thursday – 5:30 pm @ St. Anthony  
Friday – 9:00 am @ St. Margaret  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – 9:00 am @ St. Anthony

Mon. Dec 6	Tues. Dec 7	Wed. Dec 8	Thurs. Dec 9	Fri. Dec 10	Sat. Dec 11	Sun. Dec 12
St. Nicholas	St. Ambrose	<i>The Immaculate Conception</i>			St. Damasus I	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>
Isa 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26	Isa 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-13; Matt 18:12-14	Gen 3:9-20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-12; Luke 1:26-38	Isa 41:13-20; Ps 145:1-13; Matt 11:11-15	Isa 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Matt 11:16-19	Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:1-19; Matt 17:9-13	Zeph 3:14-18; Isa 12:1-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

## Staff

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## Sacramental Preparations

**Baptism, Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist:** Please contact office.

**Marriage:** Please call at least 6 months before desired date

**Holy Orders:** Call Fr. Mark Mleziva or Dcn Peter Gard at Diocese.

## PRAYER IS POWERFUL

**Please pray for those in need of prayer.**

Jase Suther, Earl Scheidt, Mike Michaud, Kim Geib, Kadyance M. Gilbert, June Anderson, , Nick DalSanto, Mary Stewart, Cheri Sweig, Blake Fleury, Boots Mills, Jerry Worman, Mark Endres, John Geib, Jeff, Peter N., Lucinda Simone, Sandy Lesperance & family, Diane Rock, Baby Nevaeh, Bev Dragosh, David Rock Sr., Geri Scheidt, Jeremy and Paula Conery, Dave Holmes, Nathan Glime & family, Elias Zarate, Riley Lestrud, Elijah, Duke family, Neil Anderson, Christopher Schoon, Mark Gunville, Joe Panis, Jenna Erno, Dan Wetzel, Jean Zychowski, Jeanette Rice, Eric Frantz, Ellie Mae, Keri Rugg, Shannon Moreau, Roberta Vondall, Steve Keeley, Debbie & Joe, Debbie Ziebert, Gabrielle Goldschmidt, Kelly Jean Rose-Lehto, Trish Gardiner, Tammy & Theo Harvath, Chastidy Hoppee

**Asst. Living:** Dorothy Richards – Maryhill

**Those at home/Recovering:** Carol Shier, Sandra Pluskota



**Please keep our soldiers in your**

**prayers:** AJ Sonnenberg, Adam Valeski, Sarah Mills, David Phillips, Emily Phillips,

Tony Wodenka, Drew Schiefelbein, Benjamin Oratch

## Prayer Requests

Phone Tree: Rose Bousley 715-251-3249.

E-mail Tree: office.stanthonyniagara@gmail.com

## CANDLE INTENTIONS

**St. Anthony** Altar – Brad Butler & family

*Sacred Heart* – Nicholas Lantagne

*St. Mary* – expectant mothers

## MASS INTENTIONS

St. Anthony

**Tues, Dec 7–** Cenacle Members & families

**Wed, Dec 8- (m)** Larry Kuchinski

**Thurs, Dec 9–** Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke

**Sunday, Dec 12– (m)** Brian Schintgen

Sacred Heart

**Wed, Dec 8 –** Our Lady's Intentions

**Sunday, Dec 12–** For the People

St. Margaret

**Wed, Dec 8 – (m)** Blaine Sandoval

**Friday, Dec 10– (m)** Loraine & Mark Stepien

**Saturday, Dec 11– (m)** Pat Peterson

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE Dec 11/12

St. Margaret

Sacristan – Connie Geib

Lector – Connie Geib

Server – Ed Nowland

Ushers – Gerard Kwasny

St. Anthony

Sacristan – Dan & Lori Aderman

Lector – Patti Sparapani

Ushers - M DeCremer, R Wodenka, Wells



# GROUP MINISTRIES

**Karen's Pantry** \*\* NEW NUMBER 906-239-4662 \*\*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** –Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10:00 am 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in SVdP room.

**SACCW** – Christmas Party December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in hall. All are invited. President Laura Brinkman 906-869-8868.

**SVdP** –Monthly meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 3:00pm at St. Anthony. SVdP President Jim Crandall 715-324-5394

**Knights of Columbus** –Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month @ 7:00pm in St. Anthony Parish Hall.

**St. A Pastoral Mtg** – Wed, Dec 15 @ 4:30pm

**Finance Mtg** – Wed, Jan 12 @ 4:30pm

**St. Margaret Christian Women** - TBA



## JOIN IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS DURING ADVENT

**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Adult Faith Formation 6:10-7:30 in St. Anthony hall. Continues every Thursday of Advent. All are welcome and you need not attend every session. This is a book study on *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Father Jacques Philippe. Contact person: Dawn Johnson 715-251-1773.

**Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** – At 6pm in St. Anthony hall St. Anthony Council of Catholic Women invite all women of St. Anthony and their friends to join them for their Christmas Party. Please contact President Laura Brinkman 906-869-8868

### St. Anthony FINANCES

Bishops Appeal Goal \$13,178  
Collected: \$ 8,145

Collections	Nov 28th
Average Weekly Expenses per Budget	\$(2,872.43)
Regular	1,181.00
Reg. On-Line	275.00
Loose Change	67.04
Candles	6.45
Heat & Maint	315.00
Wkly Income \$	1,844.49
Net	\$ (1,027.94)

Funds Held for others:  
St. Margaret online \$ 20  
Karen's Pantry \$ 25  
SVdP \$ 25

Trustees: *Becky Aderman & Bill Moreau*

### St. Margaret FINANCES

Collections	Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Regular	555.00	275.00
Visitors	155.32	103.00
Candles	14.00	45.00
Mass Int	-	50.00
World Mission		20.00
SVdP	35.00	
Karen's Pantry	55.00	20.00
Wkly Income \$	814.32	513.00

Trustees: *James Crandall & Ed Nowland*

**Volunteer Ministry Needed**

St. Anthony is in need of people to clean the linens used at mass. The linens need cleaning every two weeks, can be done at your home, and instructions are provided. Please contact St. Anthony office 715-251-3879

**Bulletin Advertising**

Spots are available to do an "in memory/honor of" a loved one or promote your business. If you have a current ad you should receive a notice in the mail this month if you want to continue. Please inquire at St. A Office. ☺

*Prayer is the wing wherewith the soul flies to heaven, and meditation the eye wherewith we see God.*  
– St. Ambrose

# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## About Advent

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

- 1 Advent starts on Nov. 28. Many people make or buy Advent calendars to count the days until Christmas.
- 2 The word "Advent" comes from a Latin verb, *advenire*, meaning "to come."
- 3 The first Advent calendars marked time until Christmas would come, using items like chalk marks or burning candles at home. This began in the 1700s, as a Protestant tradition in Europe.
- 4 Handmade paper Advent calendars date to the 1850s. The first commercial calendars came to Germany in the early 20th century.
- 5 Commercial Advent calendars were very popular until World War II, when paper and cardboard were rationed throughout Europe.



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## Listening to the Holy Spirit

Dear friends and followers of Jesus:

A couple years ago, I had a chance to meet with Pope Francis. During our time together, I shared with him the progress we are making in our effort to build a culture of missionary discipleship. He encouraged me (and us) to "lean into the Holy Spirit," listening for where the Spirit is guiding us.



### BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

In my column reflecting on our visit, I wrote of the pope: "He also said that we need to remember that it is not so much that we bring the Holy Spirit to others; the Holy Spirit is already there. We simply help the people realize how close God is to them already and help them respond to God's love." I remember how powerful his words felt at the time.

Well, it seems that the pope's message was not just for me; this is something he desires for the entire Catholic Church. This weekend, the church around the world will begin a two-year process of prayer, dialogue and listening to help us hear how the Spirit is moving us in this third millennium of the church. This process is known as a "synod" and the theme of this synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

Now, you may be wondering, "What is a synod and what does it mean to be a synodal church?" A "synod" is another name for a "church council," and synods have been around since the church's foundation. They can take place at a local level, such as a parish or a diocese, or they can take place in the universal church.

Since Vatican II in the 1960s, the Vatican has regularly held synods of bishops, to bring together bishops from around the world to discuss important topics and help inform the pope's thinking on key issues. Recent synods at the Vatican have addressed the new evangelization, families and young people.

The word "synodal" is the adjective form of synod. It describes a church that, by its very nature, emphasizes the importance of listening to the people of God. Some may hear this and wonder if the church is becoming a democracy. The answer is no.

Listening to the people of God is not about everyone having a vote and Catholic teaching being decided by majority rule. Rather, it is an invitation for all people to listen attentively for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and then gathering to discern how the Spirit is leading the church. Ultimately, the Holy Spirit is in charge. Our job is to be attentive and remain open to the surprises of the Spirit!

Read the entire column in the Oct. 8 issue.

## Parish SNAPSHOT



SUBMITTED PHOTO | SPECIAL TO THE COMPASS

St. Bernard Parish in Appleton completed a September collection, followed by a Service Sunday, to sort and package supplies that will be delivered to Friends of Haiti, then shipped to Haiti. Pictured are parish volunteers sorting and packaging donated items on Sept. 28. Friends of Haiti began at St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Green Bay in 2000.

## *Message from Fr. Quinn*

**Praise the Lord!** At every Mass after the first and second reading, the lector says, "The Word of the Lord." The congregation responds, "Thanks be to God." In the Gospel reading today it says, "...the Word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert." A few questions to ponder. What is the Word of the Lord? How is it that the Word of the Lord comes to me? How is it any different than how the Word of God came to John in the desert? Let me say a few words on the word WORD!

First, we must realize that Jesus Christ is the Word of God. What does this mean? Jesus Christ is the Word of God. Words put meaning to what has come out of our mouths. From what comes out of our mouths comes forth from our minds. What is in our mind, ie. our intellect is the third component of our souls followed by will and memory. Our souls are the eternal and never ending component of who we are. Ultimately, our bodies will perish, but our souls will live on for all eternity. Either we will be judged to the damned or we will be judged to the Everlasting Hills of God's eternal dwelling. If words then for us are reflection of our souls, that means our words carry with them meaning to understand who we are. If our words are bad, our souls are tainted. If our words are uplifting and life giving, then our souls are clean and pure awaiting the coming our Lord Jesus Christ. Words carry within them the hidden and deep meaning of the human person. How much more so would A WORD then convey the deep meaning and mystery of the Divine Person of God?! God give to us His Word, that is, His Son, Jesus Christ as the significant outpouring of His love into our lives. Think for a moment then when the lector says, "The Word of the Lord." When we respond with our words coming from the hidden recesses of our souls do we really mean, "Thanks be to God." If we don't receive the Word of God we can never truly be sincerely thankful for what is given to us.

The Word of God becomes incarnate through the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the word of God, the most perfect and pure emanating presence of God in our fallen world. The world rejects the Word because the world has made up its own meaning of the word word. Words in our world can mean any number of things. Words are twisted, bent, contorted. There are untrue words and viscous words. There are fake words and made up words. Words that describe what the confused notion of what a gender may or may not be. Words in our world become cheapened and spoiled by their sheer lack of meaning because they only convey the truth of whatever a person may define as their truth. But THE Word came to John. He receives the Word of God in all its entirety and strength.

Before time began, the Word dwelt among us in the mysterious blackness and formlessness of the universe, but ultimately takes form and shape in a person who is Jesus Christ--the God-Man. Perhaps we can reflect for a moment this week how it is that we receive the Word. Do we read the Word? Are we truly thankful to be receptive and active listeners of the Word of God in Church? Word made flesh, come to dwell in our hearts. Take root in our lives in the powerful way that the Baptizer received the Word of the Lord in the desert. Help to shake off our complacency and our sinfulness by allowing the Word to penetrate back into the marrow of our souls. Have the beautiful gift of compunction and the stinging guilt of remorse for our sin motivate us to move out of mortal sin. Word of God come.

Now and Forever, Fr. Quinn

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