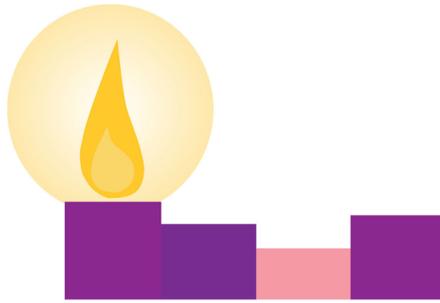


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FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT



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SACRAMENTS: Baptism—Call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism.

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Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, contact: Fr. John Hall, 765-529-0933

November 28, 2021

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world. — Loyola Press

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES -

St. Anne, New Castle - Wednesdays, 4:30—5:15 p.m.
and Wednesday, December 15, 6—7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, Mondays, 4:30—5:15 p.m.
and Monday, December 6, 6—7 p.m.

St. Gabriel, Connersville, Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Richmond, Tuesday, Dec. 14
at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church

St. Mary, Rushville, Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS - St. Anne Parish will be assisting 2 families this Christmas. One family through Westminster and the other, a parish family.

We will be collecting the next 2 weeks for this Charitable Needs collection. If you would like to donate, please use an envelope from the pew or home. Write "Christmas Family" on the envelope. If you donate cash, remember to list your name.

WELCOME! - *If you are visiting our church and would like to become a part of our parish family, please contact the parish office; 765-529-0933.*



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS - If you would like to remember someone, (living or deceased) this Christmas in our Memorials, please place your donation in an envelope, mark who the memorial(s) is for and who it is from. Place your envelope in the collection or mail it to the parish office.

All memorials must be received by **Sunday, December 12**. Memorial funds will go toward Christmas flowers and occasions throughout the year. Memorials will be in the bulletin December 26.



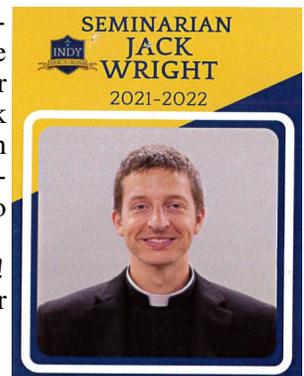
CHRISTMAS DECORATING - Next weekend we need a few helpers to bring up trees and the manger from the basement. Please stay after Mass next weekend if you are able to assist. Thank you!

BLOOD PRESSURES - Blood pressures will be taken after Mass next Sunday, December 5 in St. Joachim Chapel.

SEMINARIAN, JACK WRIGHT - Seminarian, Jack Wright, from the Connersville deanery is preparing for Ordination for the Archdiocese. Jack is from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Richmond. He will be ordained a deacon after Easter, 2022 and ordained to the priesthood in spring of 2023.

Jack would love to hear from you! Send words of encouragement or prayers. His address is:

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