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**"THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A
CLOUD WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY." - LK 21:27**

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday:
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

*Deadline for content in the
weekly bulletin is noon on
Mondays*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

(Confession 3:15 p.m. - 4:15
p.m.)

Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

(Confession 7:30 a.m.-8:15
a.m. & 9:35 a.m.-9:50 a.m.)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday –Friday: Mass 8:00
a.m. (Confession 7:30 a.m. -
7:50 a.m.)

*Confession can be heard
anytime outside of listed times
by appointment*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays after 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 6:30 p.m.

**The Daily Mass and Sunday
8:30 a.m. Mass are broadcast
on our YouTube channel. Go
to our parish website
homepage to find the direct
link.**

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 2nd

Tuesday, December 3rd

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Julie Gayzur by Linda & David Aleshire

6:30 p.m. **Knights of Columbus Rosary & Meeting**

Wednesday, December 4th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Hurly Family by Alice Leonard

8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

6:00 p.m. **Youth Religious Education**

6:15 p.m. **Rosary Club**

Thursday, December 5th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Matthew Klein by Memorials

Friday, December 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass: Mass of Thanksgiving by Sally Ault

Saturday, December 7th

9:30 a.m. **First Saturday Devotion at St. Leo's**

4:30 p.m. Mass: †James Haberlack by Karen Haberlack

Sunday, December 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Mass: †Jay Hight by Memorials

10:00 a.m. Mass: For the Parish

8:30 a.m.—Noon **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

2:00 p.m. **Penance Service at Little Flower**

†: Indicates deceased

Gospel Meditation

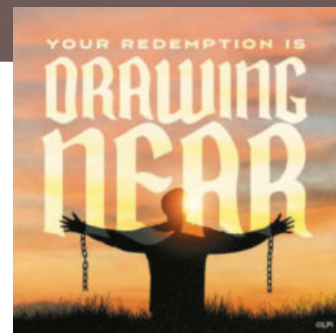
December 1, 2024 1st Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

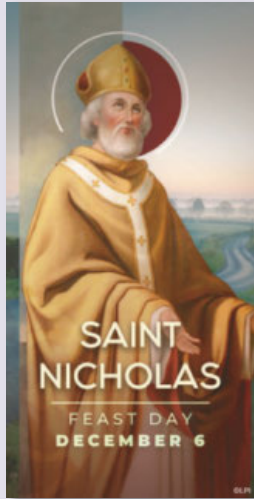
— Father John Muir ©LPi



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Saint of the Week

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.



According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today. ©LPi

Observances for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
 Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Catholic Trivia

Question: What is the difference between a cross and a crucifix?
(Find the answer elsewhere in this bulletin!)

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

December 4th @ 7:00pm
 St. John the Apostle

December 8th @ 2:00pm
 St. Therese, the Little Flower

December 15th @ 2:00pm
 St. Leo the Great

December 18th @ 6:30pm
 Our Lady of Grace



Mass Ministry Schedule for December 7th & 8th

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary Leader	Volunteer Needed	Karen McDonald	Alice Leonard
Greeter	Paula Sidener Sue Peterson	Clarence & Amy Aberle	David & Brenda Feller
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed	Jeff Murtaugh David White	Danica Stolba
Lector	Diane Zander	Edward Wall	Ann Balk
Eucharistic Minister	Jon Vennes	Carolyn Johnson	
In-Home Ministry	Bob & Christine Greene		
Scrip Sales	Katy Larcombe	Jill Aarseth	Paula Rudser-Stolba

Ministry schedules can be found on our parish website under the **Office/Ministries** tab. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and contact the parish office.

We always welcome new Mass Ministry volunteers! Contact the parish office or fill out the form on our website by clicking the sign-up form link above the ministry schedules.

2024

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1st Sunday of Advent Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.	2	3 Mass: 8 a.m. KC Rosary & Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 Mass: 8 a.m. Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Rosary Club 6:15 p.m. Religious Education 6:00 p.m. Penance Service at St. John's 7 p.m.	5 Mass: 8 a.m.	6 Mass: 8 a.m.	7 1st Saturday Devotion at St. Leo's 9:30 a.m. Mass: 4:30 p.m. Stewardship Fair after Mass
8 2nd Sunday of Advent Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. KC Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - Noon Stewardship Fair after Masses Penance Service at Little Flower 2 p.m.	9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass: 8 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.	10 Mass: 8 a.m. Environment Committee 5:00 p.m.	11 Mass: 8 a.m. Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Rosary Club 6:15 p.m. Religious Education 6:00 p.m.	12 Mass: 8 a.m.	13 Mass: 8 a.m.	14 Serra Club Mass & Meeting 9:00 a.m. Mass: 4:30 p.m.
15 3rd Sunday of Advent Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. Penance Service at St. Leo's 2 p.m.	16	17 Mass: 8 a.m. Finance Council 6:00 p.m.	18 Mass: 8 a.m. Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Rosary Club 6:15 p.m. Religious Education 6:00 p.m. Penance Service at Our Lady of Grace 6:30 p.m.	19 Mass: 8 a.m.	20 Mass: 8 a.m.	21 Mass: 4:30 p.m.
22 4th Sunday of Advent Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. Christmas Decorating after 10 a.m. Mass	23 Activities Committee 6:00 p.m.	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Mass: 4:00 p.m.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Mass: 9:00 a.m.	26 Mass: 8 a.m.	27 Mass: 8 a.m.	28 Mass: 4:30 p.m.
29 Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.				

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6th: Bob & Jennifer Feller

18th: Keith & Varden Lang

21st: Ralph & Sue Willson

21st: Paul & Wanda Kalamaha

27th: Marlin & Donna Norstegaard

Please let the parish office know if we missed anyone. 701-838-1520

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell.

They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. SVdP meetings are held in St. Leo's Catholic Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning with a rosary at 5:10 PM followed by the meeting at 5:30 PM. If you would like to attend a meeting, please call Janel at (701) 557-3919 for assistance in entering the church as the doors of St. Leo's are locked except for Mass times

MINOT COMMUNITY BAND'S WINTER CONCERT

December 2nd, 2024 at 7:30 pm
Magic City Campus - Arvel Graving Theater
Free and open to the public

JOB OPENING AT ST. LEO'S

St. Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church, Minot is seeking a full-time parish business manager. The parish business manager is a professional administrator who reports directly to the Pastor. He or she assists the Pastor with the stewardship of the physical, financial and personnel resources of the parish, in accordance with diocesan policies and procedures. Job responsibilities include but are not limited to preparing the annual budget, managing the bookkeeping for the parish and missions (St. Philomena, Glenburn & St. Mary, Foxholm) overseeing all financial records ensuring accuracy and transparency, overseeing all major repairs and renovations, and directing the management of the parish staff. Compensation will be competitive and commensurate with the experience of the candidate. A generous benefits package is included. All offers of employment are pending a clear background check and reference check. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three references to Stacey at office@stleothegreat.church.

SVDP IS TWICE BLESSED

It is a blessing when you give a gift to others. St. Vincent de Paul is honored to be working with INSPIRITUS Community Health Foundation to double your blessings during the **TWICE BLESSED** campaign.

From November 15 through the end of December, the gifts you make to our organization are eligible for a match by the INSPIRITUS Community Health foundation. Help us earn our 1-1 match by going to twiceblessednd.com to donate. All gifts are welcome.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School News

Santa Shop at Bishop Ryan needs new or gently used giftable items for Pre-school thru Grade 5 students to shop for their families for Christmas gifts. (No used clothing, books or stuffed animals) Gifts for dads and teenage brothers are always a big need. Items can be dropped off this week only, Dec. 2nd - 6th, at Bishop Ryan (front office), from 8am to 3pm.

Now Hiring! Bishop Ryan Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year: Middle School/High School Music Instructor and JV Baseball Coach. For more information on these positions, including how to apply, please visit bishopryan.com/employment.

Need Christmas Gift ideas? Scrip Gift Cards make the best gifts, giving the recipient the opportunity to purchase the gift of their choice. Scrip Gift Cards are available after the weekend Masses, in the parish office, and at Bishop Ryan, and you can use them for Amazon orders, groceries, gas, dining out, household supplies, clothing, furniture, vehicles, tires and accessories, building & remodeling, eye care, bikes, and more. The more Scrip gift cards you use, the more support goes towards Catholic education in Minot, so continue using Scrip gift cards as gifts and to pay for your purchases. We are so grateful for your support!

Attention Scrip Customers! Please use up any balances on your Sinclair Stop & Shop Scrip cards by Dec. 15th. Our local Sinclair stations are changing their name and the current cards will not work at these two Stations after the name change.





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BREAKFAST AT LITTLE FLOWER




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
8:30 AM - NOON



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OCTOBER 2024 OFFERTORY

	Actual	Budget
Adult Collections	\$18,048	\$17,917
Student Envelopes	\$0	\$0
Loose Collection	\$2,202	\$1,917
Holy Day Collection	\$22	\$1,000
ACH/Online Giving	\$7,676	\$6,667
October Totals	\$27,947	\$27,500
October Overage	\$447	

ONLINE GIVING FUND

Thanksgiving Charity: active
November 15th-December 15th.

To give to the online funds, to our parish website under the GIVING tab, or scan the QR code to be taken directly to the giving site.



ADULT ADVENT RETREAT AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

Saturday, December 14th 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Check in with coffee and juice at 8:30 am. Speaker: Fr. Greg Luger. Small group discussion. Adoration, confession, Mass and Lunch. Cost is \$20.00. Donations in support of Vocations. Retreat hosted by the St. Serra Vocations Apostolate at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church.

For more information and to register: call or text Beth Ruelle @ 701-340-2904

SOCKS FOR INMATES

Baskets are at the entrances to the church for Socks for Inmates. We will be collecting new white crew socks through December and we will then distribute them to the Ward County Jail for distribution to inmates. Thank You!

FOOD PANTRIES

Bins are located in gathering space for the Our Lady of Grace and Minot State University food pantries. In this season of giving, please consider donating to those in need with non-perishable food items. The MSU food pantry is for students, so easy to prepare items work best (easy Mac, toaster pastries, etc.).

Catholic Trivia Answer: A crucifix always includes Christ's body and a cross does not.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THROUGH THE YEARS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Mary Oliver	Dorothy Ommen
Eugene Murphy	Edmond Leonard
Katherine Fuchs	James Beyer
Fabian Hertel	Irene Feist
Louis Flammang	Ronald Meschke
Carl Schlag	Herbert Knopfle
Barbara Klein	Philip Schmidt
John McGinley	Laurence Larson
Orvis Johnson	Patrick Aftem
Lillian Bohn	Jackie Meyer
Irene Probst	Eleanor Bahl
Clarence Swanson	James Keyes
Henry Roswick	Ilene Wolf
Rose Trudell	Darlene Hendershot
Christopher Schumacher	Cassi Lang
Cecilia Naegeli	Laverna Strokland
Genevieve Hoellinger	Robert (Bob) McDonald
Michael Hutchison	Jerry Fuchs
John Stammen	Dorothy Rostad
Ann Jean Votava	Stephen J. Dallolio
Johanna Welk	Bea Rieder
John Grimes	Peter Jundt
John Meyer	Jean Irmien
Leo Brannan	Cynthia Galka-McCarthy
Ella Van Verkom	Rosemary Jundt
Holmen Norma Russell	Michael (Mike) Brunner
Lucille Decker	Connie Syverson
Emma Murrey	LuVerne Hugh Caroline
Viola Eckert	Harvey Wittmayer

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Prayer for the first week of Advent—Prayer of Expectation:

Dear God, As we prepare for Your arrival, align our hearts and homes to Your will. Pour into us Your grace, as we wait in joyful expectation. Amen.

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH!

If you regularly attend Little Flower, but haven't formally registered with the parish, we invite you to do so! Scan the QR code for a printable registration form or stop by the parish office to fill one out.





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