



## The Rumble Strips of Advent

**B**eware that your hearts do not become drowsy! The sleepy apostles couldn't keep awake with Jesus and drifted off when he most needed them.

I have only fallen asleep at the wheel once. During college, I worked the morning shift starting at 6 AM. After a late night with little sleep, I sluggishly got into my car. Comfortably driving down the highway at about 5:15 AM, I dozed for a few seconds before awakening to the noise of my tires vibrating on the warning tracks—just in time to straighten the wheel and avoid the cement divider.

Advent is like those rumble strips. You don't always need them, they are annoying when you accidentally run over them, but they are very important!

We can get tired, trying to keep our hearts awake and attuned to Jesus. The rhythm of life, the background music of the world, the distractions that fly by us—they all contribute to the danger of a passive heart. Running across Advent is like a wake-up call: "Stay awake! He is almost here."

As in driving, there are many distractions vying for your attention, but you learn to focus on what's important. You survey your surroundings, looking for hazards while keeping your eyes on the road. There are many signs to read, but only certain ones point you where you want to go.

Piece: *Christ Awakening the Apostles on the Mount of Olives*, 1641-42

Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn

Location: Collection of E.W.K., Bern, Switzerland



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Jesus says to be attentive to the signs; learn to interpret their meaning. Understand them, without being distracted by them. Be vigilant, pray for strength, and stay awake and alert. Thanks be to God for those rumble strips!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I believe there is a limited time to my life on earth? Since I do not know when Jesus will arrive, isn't peaceful awareness of his eventual return the smartest attitude?*

*[Jesus said,] "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."*

*(Mark 13:36)*





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## Parish Services

### Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday-Friday  
 8 a.m.

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
 and PH Devotions

### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.  
 or by appointment

### Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement  
 with Fr. Terry J Borgerding

**We are in need of a Lector at 10 Mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month.** If you are interested, please contact Father at the rectory or Alice Kluesner at 636-433-2320

## Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

**12/3** Private Event in Cafeteria  
**12/4** Basketball practices 5:30-8:30pm  
**12/5** Basketball game 6:30pm  
**12/6** Scriptures & Coffee for the Men @ Ulett's coffee shed 6:30am  
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**12/6** Feast of St. Nicholas  
**12/7** Scriptures & Coffee for Women in the Parish Hall 7am  
**12/7** Home Economics Club Quilting, gym 8am-3pm  
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**12/7** Mass at 7pm for Feast Day  
**12/8** Feast Day of Immaculate Conception Mass at 8am  
**12/10** Basketball game at 1pm  
**12/11** Church cleaning this week for Team 3 (Leader-Debbie Hawkins)  
**12/11** Basketball practice 5:30-8:30pm  
**12/12** Basketball practice 6-7:30 pm  
**12/13** Basketball practice 5:30-8:30pm

## Sunday Offerings

General Fund	\$3,590	Tuition	\$985
Children's offering	\$1	Lunch	\$1,288
Loose	\$87	Votive Stand	\$24
School Donations	\$1,200	School Fund	\$58

**Total Received \$7,233**

62 general offering envelopes collected, including children.

### Special Collections:

Family in Need	\$600
Thanksgiving Raffle	\$315
Thanksgiving Donation	\$150
Campgn. Human Dev.	\$10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,075</b>



Christmas Concert of the Washington Civic Chorus will be Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm at St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

## CALLING ALL SINGERS

Choir practice for  
 Christmas Midnight Mass  
 12/6 & 12/13  
 7 P.M.  
 All are Welcome

Don't forget over the holidays to collect the items that can benefit St Ignatius and what each one can be worth!  
**Box Tops for Education** - \$.10 for each unexpired Box Top  
**Tyson A+ certificates**- \$.24 per certificate  
**My Coke Rewards**- ATLEAST \$.05 for each cap  
**Best Choice labels program** - \$.06 per eligible label

*St. Ignatius Community,  
 We would like to thank all of you that in any way helped to make our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner, once again, a big success.  
 1,362 dinners were sold.  
 To those who contributed by volunteering your time and/or donated gifts, we are truly grateful.  
 Special thanks to Steve Meyer and his crew for all of their hard work, cleaning up leaves, trimming tree limbs and tiding up the grounds to make our campus look so beautiful.  
 We are sincerely grateful.  
 Ellen & Syd*

**All leftover dishes from Thanksgiving Day Dinner are in the Cafeteria. Please pick your dish up by December 11<sup>th</sup> or it will be donated to Good Will.**

## Places to go.....

**12/6** Advent Morning of Reflection with Fr. Phil Krill at Florence Tenholder's house of prayer 4680 St. Ann Rd. 636.328-1601

**12/6** Senior Class dinner at St. Francis Borgia Regional High School from 4:30-8:00 PM. All proceeds go to the senior class prom

**12/7** Burger Night at KC Hall 6-8pm proceeds to ECAMRL

**12/14** ECAMRL meeting 7 pm at St. Francis Borgia Parish Jesuit Hall-Orange Room

**12/28** Burger Night at KC Hall 5:30-8:30pm for OLL ProLife Trip

# MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 2**

**5:00 p.m.** † Albert & Veronica Sander

Eucharistic Ministers: Christy Engemann

Jeanne Dothage|Janet Glosemeyer|

Jim & Jeanie Ginther

Lector: Leo Meyer

Ushers: Ken & Diane Lierman

Servers: Macey & Estiven Levin

**Sunday, December 3**

**8:00 a.m.** † Edwin Hecktor

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Sheila Shortt|Bill Shuler|Christopher Engemann

Joan Meyer

Lector: Sheila Shortt

Ushers: Leon & Michelle Hellebusch

Servers: Garret & Sam Glosemeyer

**10:00 a.m.** † For the People of the Parish

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Westhoff

Peggy Nenninger|Judy Bieker| Lesa Leopold

Danielle Gratz

Lector: Vincent Leopold

Usher: Jody Bocklage & Kevin Ruether

Servers: Adam & Jared Kopmann

**Monday, December 4**

**8:00 a.m.** † Catherine Marquart

**Tuesday, December 5**

**7:30 p.m.** † Communion Service

**Wednesday, December 6**

**8:00 a.m.** † Lorriane Volkerding

**Thursday, December 7**

**7:00 p.m.** † Vigil Gildehaus

**Friday, December 8**

**8:00 a.m.** † Pope's Intention

**Saturday, December 9**

**5:00 p.m.** † People of the Parish

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Jackie Heggemann|Diane Lierman

Patty Mebruer|Lori Huenefeld

Lector: Stacy Kloeppel

Ushers: Jackie Heggemann & Diane Dothage

Servers: Hannah Faust & Izabella Glosemeyer

**Sunday, December 10**

**8:00 a.m.** † Molly Schuler

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Hawkins

Norbert & Joan Engemann|Elaine Glosemeyer

Rick Hawkins

Lector: Norbert Engemann

Ushers: Gary & Chris Meyer

Servers: Erica Schwoeppe & Sam Heggemann

**10:00 a.m.** † Larry Kavanagh

Eucharistic Ministers: Angie Carr

Becky Schoppenhorst|Katie Engemann

Shari Kopmann| Audrey Hellebusch

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Bob & Kitty Heberle

Servers: Jacob Gildehaus & Kate Kopmann



## Poco a Poco From the Desk of Fr. Terry...

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a Communion Service at 7 pm followed by Perpetual Help Devotions.

Holy Day schedule for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

**GREAT NEWS!!** Our Thanksgiving Day Dinner served 1,362 meals and proceeds over \$20,000 were deposited. Thanks to everyone that made this dinner a success!!!

In case you were wondering, Fr. Frog is my friend and classmate, Fr. Gary Vollmer is currently at St. Gerard Majella in Des Peres, MO.

We are taking applications for potential tenants to rent the former convent building. If you know anyone that is interested, please contact the parish office.

We still need 2 more Parish Consultors, if interested please contact the parish office or one of the consultors for more details.

Enjoy your week.....Fr. Terry

## Please Pray for the Sick/Ailing/Recovering

Doug Grafrath

Irene Buenemann

Duck Brinker

Karen Brinkmann

Harper Pillman

Kim Smith

Joseph V. Borgerding

Tabitha Kersey

Judy Brouk

Stephanie Lindemann

Tom Meyer

Betty Hellebusch

Virginia Bean

Evelyn Tucker

Shelbee Mauldin

Jim Grafrath

Andrew Hellebusch

Carol Jacquin

Brad Segar

Ralph Glosemeyer

Fred Borges

Judi Liermann

Ethel Thomas

Fr. Finbarr Dowling

Dawn Borgmann

Natalie Ulett

Audrey Wagener

Kay Wagner

Betty Schulte

Marc Wagener

Laura Tellmann

## Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

12.2.01 Lucille Hellebusch

12.4.14 Catherine Marquart

12.5.03 Mark Voss

12.5.10 Merlin Kopmann

12.6.19 Bill Carr

12.8.14 Evelyn Peters

12.11.12 Bonnie Engemann

12.12.95 Lawrence Glosemeyer

12.17.07 Eldina Heggemann

12.18.12 Dorothy Liermann

12.19.03 Mary Rose Hellebusch

12.25.11 Don Heggemann

12.26.96 Donald Garbs

12.26.04 Bernard Heggemann

12.27.97 Elizabeth Tillmann

12.28.94 Lester Hennecke

12.28.08 Orville Gildehaus Jr.



## Calendar

### Monday

December 4  
Advent Weekday  
Is 2:1-5  
Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday

December 5  
Advent Weekday  
Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

### Wednesday

December 6  
Advent Weekday  
Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday

December 7  
St. Ambrose, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday

December 8  
Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

### Saturday

December 9  
Advent Weekday  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Sunday

December 10  
Second Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

# Dear Padre,

## Why do we have Advent?

Advent as we know it today developed many centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation.

Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today

the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation.

Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*The Lord comes...into our life as a liberator; he comes to free us from all forms of interior and exterior slavery. It is he who shows us the path of faithfulness, of patience and of perseverance because, upon his return, our joy will be overflowing. Christmas is near,...[and] outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us.*

—Angelus, December 11, 2016