



# December 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## **FROM OUR PASTOR:**

Dear people of God! Greetings from Fr. Cruz!!

### ***Have a Picnic with Jesus on the Mountains during Advent Season!!***

Picnics are a time of great fun and enjoyment. They enrich relationships, nurture relaxation and foster a spirit of joy and peace. Most of us have been part of picnics either from schools / parishes / as a family / as a community / as a group of friends. A picnic becomes an occasion to share to care and to also dare to know each other more.

A picnic basically has some essential elements

**1. A nice location 2. Joyful interactions 3. Good food 4. A sense of satisfaction and contentment.** Our picnic with Jesus has all these elements. Come, let's join Jesus, in this wonderful time of a picnic. A nice location, the mood of a picnic is very often regulated by the choice of the place we make. It should be something exciting, something scenic and something to involve ourselves in. The location that Jesus chooses for this picnic is a Mountain (Mt 15:29). A mountain is certainly an exciting place; a scenic location and moves our hearts to get involved in its beauty. The mountain was one of the favorite places of the Lord. This high-altitude place was where Jesus could strengthen His attitude towards His mission. He would spend hours of the night in communion with His Father on the mountains. And so, He invites us to join with Him on the mountains, to relax in His love and to experience the coolness of His presence, to raise our thoughts to higher levels and overcome the worldly concerns. The picnic with Jesus, on the mountain, becomes an occasion of restoration.

The Lord invites us to join with Him in a picnic with Him to go to the mountain of prayer and intimacy, to have joyful interactions with Him and receive His spiritual, emotional and physical healings, to be blessed with the good food of His Holy Eucharist and His nourishing Word, to have a great satisfaction in being filled with immense peace and serenity. Let us enjoy a picnic with the Lord and make our lives a beautiful one to share, to care and to also dare to know the Lord more and to help each other more.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Cruz*



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### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturdays ~ 5 PM  
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM  
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

### **DAILY ROSARY**

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM  
Sundays ~ 7:30 AM—7:50 AM  
Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

### **EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass  
Benediction at 4:00 PM

All other Fridays following the  
8 AM Mass  
Benediction at 9:00 AM

**Mass Intentions for the week of December 8, 2024**

Sat.	Dec. 7	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Don &amp; Mary Ann Strack</i>
Sun.	Dec. 8	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Joseph &amp; Helen Slowinski</i>
Mon.	Dec. 9	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tues.	Dec. 10	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
Wed.	Dec. 11	8:00 AM	For <i>Angelina Bires</i>
		6:15 PM	For the <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory</i>
Thu.	Dec. 12	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Joe &amp; Odessa Buttner Family</i>
Fri.	Dec. 13	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Howard G Rose Family</i>
		9:45 AM	TERRACE HEIGHTS For the repose of the soul of <i>Marie Boehm</i>
Sat.	Dec. 14	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Francis Morrissey</i>
Sun.	Dec. 15	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Leander &amp; Dorothy Straub Family</i>
		10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Helen Eucolono, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Fran Schroeder, Kevin, Jordan P., John Hersil, Marge Bailey, Ron & Lisa M., Diane & Bill Brinkley, Jo, Nancy Albreck, Eymard Krupa, the Burzynski Family, Denise Householder, Anna Mad-den, Tom Schoettler, Sarah, Marie, Grace, Elsie Roberts, Kathy, John & Family, Debbie Parker, Kathryn Kurtz & family, Abby DeSanto, Linsey Casper, Jeff & Kylie J., Dave & Pam, Dakota, Mary Jo Link, Matt Pope, Judy Gregory, and Cia.

**Pray for those in the military serving our country:** Janie Asberry, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski and Ethan Jasinski.

**RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION THIS WEEK-END ~ Support a lifetime of service.** Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 21,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously today.

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Mass will be offered here at St. Patrick's at 8 AM.**

**Making a good confession is the best way to prepare** ourselves for the proper celebration of Christmas. Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be Thursday, December 19th at 7 PM.

**Lector Workbooks** for the new year are available in the sacristy. Lectors can stop and pick one up there.

**Stewardship Corner ~ Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st, 2024**

**(502 Registered Families)**

	<b>**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,173.08	\$ 5,330.00
On-Line Giving		2,038.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	12.00
Loose Offering	480.75	367.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 8,668.25</b>	<b>\$ 7,747.00</b>

Year-to-date\* budget requirement \$199,369.75  
Year-to-date amount contributed \$189,816.39

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to current date

\*\* Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 145,783.00 for this fiscal year.

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

**Weekly Calendar**

Monday	Dec. 9	8:00 AM	Mass—HO
Tuesday	Dec.10	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face To Jesus Devotions
Wednesday	Dec. 11		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	"Walking with Mary" Study
Thursday	Dec. 12	9:00 AM	PCCW Breakfast—MPO
		5:45 PM	"Christmas in the Dells"
Friday	Dec. 13	6:30 AM	That Man Is You
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders
		3:30 PM	Dads v. Lads BB Game

**"Flowers for Mary" Remembrances**

The bouquet of flowers at Mary's feet for November 30th through December 14th is in honor of the following children:

Child of the Pope Family

The Noga children

Gunner Jay Gjefle;

*"We will miss you, until we are with you, sweet boy."*

*If your child is remembered in this Bulletin please take a Single Rose from the Bouquet in honor of your child.*

*If you would still like to remember the loss of your child please fill out one of the forms that can be found in the Gathering Area and put it in the collection or drop it off at the Rectory.*

**ANNUAL APPEAL**

Goal: \$ 43,070.00

Amount Pledged: \$16,897.50 Number of Pledgers: 57

Amount Collected: \$15,110

**Our annual PCCW Christmas Cookie Sale** is this weekend after all Masses. This is a nice fundraiser for the PCCW—please support. Thank you.

**Community Christmas Dinner Basket Giveaway:** Saturday, December 21st at Bethany Lutheran Church beginning at 9 AM. 150 Christmas Dinner Boxes will be available. Please spread the word to any families that could use help with Christmas dinner this year.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 7th & 8th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Lisa Pouillie  
Eucharistic Minister: Corrine Kaiser  
Servers: Jack & Mary Vinopal  
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga  
Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson  
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Jon Field  
Gift Bearer: Wally & Joanne Schumer  
Scrip Seller: Laura Schwab, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Bridget Bollig  
Eucharistic Minister: Vicki Boehm  
Servers: Spencer & Makayla Turpin  
Musicians: Sharon Kelly  
Greeters: Therese Gunther, Bridget Bollig  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremli, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
Gift Bearers: Paul & Nancy Schaller  
Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Connie Walhovd  
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppert  
Servers: Warrick, Kellen, Liev, & Declan Housworth  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
Greeters: Nancy Horabik, Kris Mazur  
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg  
Gift Bearers: Joe & Judy Pope  
Scrip Sellers: Kim Walsh, Jeri Kolba

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 14th & 15th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Jaime Pouillie  
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm  
Servers: Ariana Pokorney, Isabella Kolba, Whitney Klapps  
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga  
Greeters: Erin, Whitney, Nolan Klapps  
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Jon Field  
Gift Bearer: Jeri Kolba  
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Pam Zolondek  
Eucharistic Minister: Marion Koca  
Servers: Jacob Barnes, Carson Demaske  
Musicians:  
Greeters: The Becker Family  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremli, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
Gift Bearers: Chris & Bonnie Clark  
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Jennifer Sucich  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Servers: Leia Kocyan, Jensina Stevens  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla & Jacob Brunner  
Greeters: Bill Thill, Volunteer  
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg  
Gift Bearers: Rob & Sandi Brandli  
Scrip Sellers: Gina Boppert, Jeri Kolba

**Christmas Home Blessings** ~ If you would like to have Father Cruz bless your home (and your family) during Advent, he is happy to come. Please call the rectory to schedule a time.

**Christmas Memorials** in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by December 18th in time for the names to be published for Christmas.

**Fr. Cruz will be preparing a traditional Indian meal** on Friday, January 17th for 50 parishioners. If you would like to sample authentic Indian food (and check out Fr.'s cooking skills), please call the rectory to RSVP. We are limiting the number to 50 since this will be his first time cooking for a large group. Be sure to sign up early!

This Advent Season, our 2nd Grade First Communicants have the opportunity to participate in the parish life of our church by lighting the candles on our Advent Wreath. This weekend's students are:

5 PM: Savana Ryan & Damian Teumer  
8 AM: Noble Finucan  
10 AM: Elodie Lenorud & Novan Stark

**BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS—This Sunday, December 8th from 9 AM—12 noon. Join us in Reardon Hall!**

**St. Patrick School Christmas Program—Sunday, December 8th at 1 PM in the school gym.** Doors open at 12:30 PM. Everyone is invited to join with our school children as they celebrate Christmas and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through their Christmas musical "A King is Coming to Town".

**PCCW CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** ~ All Women of St. Patricks Parish are invited to gather for Breakfast at The Mauston Park Oasis on Thursday, December 12th at 9:00 am. Come join us to celebrate CHRISTMAS! (We'll order off the menu—Dutch Treat). Please RSVP to Lynn at 262-812-6374 or Jennifer at the rectory office at 608-847-6054 or [stpatrickparishmauston@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickparishmauston@gmail.com). (Please RSVP by December 9th)

**Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show! We have a few tickets left for the show** on Thursday, December 12th. If you would still like to go, please call the rectory to reserve your ticket(s). We'll meet at the theater at 5:30 pm, have dinner together and then attend the show. We hope you can join us! We are receiving a special discounted price. Ticket prices are \$72 each.

**Daddys vs Laddys!** ~ Our St. Patricks Boys Basketball team will take on their fathers in a friendly competition! Father Cruz will join the dads team and play against the boys. Come and join in or come just to watch!

When: December 13th at 3:30pm

Where: St. Patricks Gym

Open to the families of St. Patricks

## *24 Hours of Adoration*

**In preparation for the new year, we will be having 24 hours of Adoration beginning after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, December 29 and ending with Benediction at 11 AM on Monday, December 30.**

We hope that ALL parishioners will take this opportunity to spend time with Jesus in prayer and reflection. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity to prepare your heart and soul for a new year. You can sign up individually, as a couple or as a whole family. Worship / prayer aids and reflections will be available for you to use if you would like.

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area or you may email the rectory with your time choice. The time slots are in hourly increments but, if you can only come for a short time, please still sign up and indicate the time that you will be here in adoration.

Fr. Cruz asks that all parish families consider being a part of this special time. You are free to sign up for any time that works for your family.



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