

YOUTH NEWS

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What Is Advent?

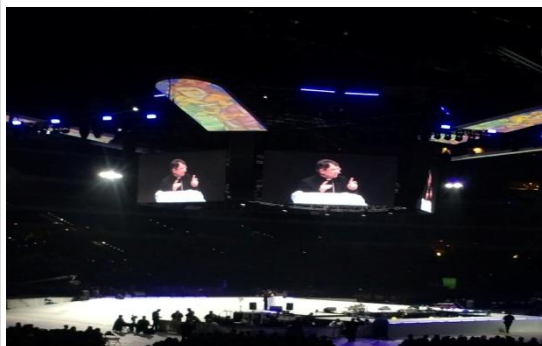
Too often, however, I treat my relationship with God like a game of hide-and-seek. I run and try to hide from Him (as if He cannot see me!). At times I even hold my breath and don't talk to Him. I figure that if He can't find me, He can't ask me to change. There's just one problem with that thought process: We can't hide from God. To God everything is exposed: all of our faults, imperfections, personal secrets but also all of our talents, traits, successes and achievements . . . that's the good news. The even better news is that God is always seeking you and me. *'For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'* (Luke 19:10). That is one of the reasons why the Church gives us the season of Advent. Over the four weeks preceding Christmas, we prepare not just for Jesus' coming as a baby in a manger but also for His Second Coming. The word Advent means 'to come,' and the Church, with great wisdom, nudges us with a 'wake-up call' to ensure that we are honest with our God and in a right relationship with Him before He comes again. God is seeking you. Are you hiding from Him? If not, good. If so, stop. You have no

Snap shot of November

On November 6th we had 2 Sisters, Adella Marie and Bridgette, come to the High School girls' Vocation Dinner. They were from the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary order in Waukesha, WI. It was a great evening filled with great conversation, and an added bonus that these sisters were in their early 20s! As one young lady from our Parish said, "Mrs. Thayer I thought that you had to be in your 80's to be a nun!" ☺
A huge thank you to Ann Benz for the meal and hospitality!



Part of the procession of priests that were there for the Mass on Saturday Night.



Being addressed by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, Christophe Pierre in our morning session on Friday: "Young people are the now of the church. They are it's present! "

NCYC (the National Catholic Youth Conference)

On Thursday November 21st 17 of us from our Parish met at church to board a bus at 5am. We journeyed with 7 other Parishes from our Diocese to Indianapolis to meet with 20,000+ young people from across the Nation. On Thursday we had just enough time to put our bags in the hotel room, before getting back on the bus to go to Lucas Oil Stadium. That first night was a concert with the music group King & Country and our opening session. Then it was back to our hotel at 11:30pm with lights out at midnight. Friday and Saturday's schedule was the same with wake up times at 6am and arriving at our morning sessions for worship, prayer, and music. Both days were filled with workshop opportunities given by some big names: Jason Evert, Sarah Swafford, Joel Stepanek, Mark Hart, and Sr. Miriam Heidland to name just a few! The workshops ranged in topics on Liturgical Music to Loneliness and Suicide and were offered to Youth, Parents, Adult Chaperones, and People who are in Ministry. Friday night was Adoration in the Stadium and Saturday Night was Mass. Sunday we were up and on the bus at 7:30am and arrived back home around 2:30pm. It was an amazing experience and we can't wait to go again in 2021!!

December

- 4th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass @ 6pm
- 7th ~ Adult Advent Retreat 9am-Noon
- 8th ~ Donuts with Santa @ 11am (after Mass)
- 9th ~ Mass @ 7pm for the Immaculate Conception
- 11th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass @ 6pm
- 18th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass @ 6pm
- 19th ~ Communal Penance @ 7pm
- 24th ~ Mass @ 4pm & 11pm
- 25th ~ Mass @ 10am
- 31st ~ Mass @ 5:30pm /Holy Day of Obligation Vigil

January

- 1st ~ Holy Day of Obligation Mass is at Noon (church) or 2pm (Nursing Home)
- 8th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass 6pm
- 11th ~ Wild Game Feed 6pm-8pm Reardon Hall \$10 for Adults & \$5 for kids 13 and under All are invited!
- 15th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass 6pm
- 19th ~ 10am Mass (Wrestling and Power lifters)
- 19th ~ Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast 9am-Noon
- 22nd ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass 6pm
- 29th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass 6pm

reason to hide yourself from Him. He loves us even more than we love ourselves, so let Him. He's coming back at some point. The fact is only scary if we're not where we need to be in our relationship with God. A relationship with Jesus is all fun without any of the games. Advent is a beautiful gift, so seek God and make the season one of depth and of honesty. Expose your soul before God and allow Him to love you for who you truly are: a sinner in need of His mercy, a work in progress. As hide-and-seek reminds us, 'Ready or not, here He comes.' *'Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?'* Psalm 139:7~ Excerpt from "Ask the Bible Geek 2." Mark Hart

NCYC Continued:



A huge thank you to the Chaperones!
L to R: Ann Benz, Kadi Walsh, Cassandra Thayer, Jim Fairchild and Jessica Powers

"It was amazing to be able to worship God with everyone!"



Back Row L to R: Brandon Dolata, Zach Lund, Lydia Chapman, Haley Marini, Annah Lund, Martin Wolf, Eli Boppart, Molly Roberts Front Row L to R: Kendall Laridaen, Emily Patton, Anna Boppart and Heather Hersil



"Adoration was my favorite and was powerful"

"I really enjoyed the workshops and talking to everyone!"

"It was a lot more fun than I thought it would be. I will go again in 2021."



Saint Patrick Parish: Students in the News

Congrats to **Devan Minard** and the New Lisbon Cross County team for placing 13th at State as a team!! Way to go!



And they're off!!! The students of the supermileage class have been out seeking sponsorships for this year. Students have been designing this years new build, planning on how to organize the new trailer, and ordering materials for the cars and trailer. Pictured from our Parish **Matthew Gunther** and classmates receiving a donation from THE Bank of Mauston **JK Walsh**.



***Parishioner's names are bolded**

Congrats to **Brock Massey** who took first place out of more than 100 students who competed in the 3rd Annual "Math Matters" competition hosted by the Wisconsin Dells Middle School!



The Eagle After School Program welcomed the Blackhawk 4H Club on November 4th. The 4H Club brought a fun STEM Activity and everyone learned something new. Pictured is **Zach Lund** and **Eli Shanke**