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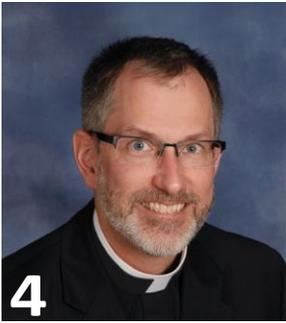
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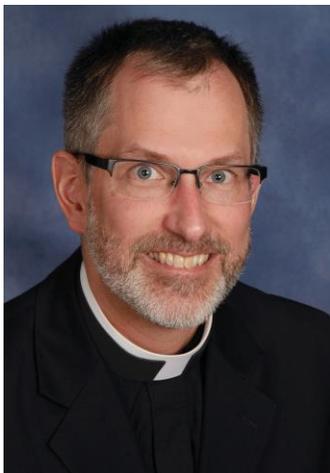
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**Fr. Rolf Tollefson**  
*Pastor*

# Advent: A Season of Hope

As I have said many times before, Advent is my favorite liturgical season. But, as you know, it continues to get less attention each year, as Madison Avenue has us beginning to celebrate the Christmas season earlier and earlier.

But the reason why Advent is so vital to our life, as of late, is because it prepares us for the lasting wonder of Christmas. Otherwise, we risk getting tired of Christmas before Christmas even arrives. Throwing out your Christmas tree on December 26 (unless it is a fire hazard!) is making the statement that “Christmas is over” when in fact, it has only begun, liturgically. We celebrate the Octave of Christmas—eight days of celebration that God became one of us—he became incarnate as a helpless baby boy! Such a Mystery! Such a wonder! Astounding condescension! God is with us!

Advent is a season that is relevant to our daily lives because we need to find hope in darkness. Our country is extremely divided. Refugees (take Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, for example, in Egypt) are not cared for as they should; abortions are continuing, and women and men continue to be hurt by them. Our Catholic Church is divided and in need of grave reform.

In dark times, it is easy to imagine a future filled with even greater affliction, debilitating loss, and destroyed dreams. The foreboding future that our minds anticipate can darken the present and make us lose peace. We need a gift from God that will help us journey through the darkness. We need the virtue of hope.

What is hope? First, let’s look at what hope is NOT. We commonly say in English “I hope for this and that” or “I hope that happens.” We use “hope” in this way to indicate that we HOPE an outcome happens, but it may in fact not come after all. But this is not what we mean by Christian hope. Let us turn to God’s Word for St. Paul’s definition of hope from Romans 8, the great hope chapter of the New Testament:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. For creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance. In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.



From this Scripture passage, we are assured that:

1. Our sufferings are as nothing compared to the glory of heaven: By fast-forwarding to Christmas before it happens, we are not giving ourselves time to acknowledge that life on this side of the grave is a “valley of tears.” The somber, but also anticipatory time of Advent gives liturgical voice and allows us to share with God that life is tough and arduous sometimes. Advent is realistic.
2. We wait with eager expectation: Advent is a season that is not gloomy so much as it is a season of anticipation. Parents use your children’s anticipation for opening Christmas presents to teach them about hope. Advent is a season of enlarging our desires for God so that the gift of Christmas can fit into our hearts. Advent is a season to exercise—to stretch—our desires for God in prayer, making the manger of our hearts big enough and clean enough to accommodate the Christ child. The greatest hope we can have is the hope for eternal happiness forever. If we can achieve this happiness, all setbacks in life will be minor in comparison.
3. “Hope that sees for itself is not hope.” Christmas is a season celebrating the visibility of God. That God has come amongst us in Jesus and is sacramentally present to us. Christmas is a season of love—and love can be seen. Hope, however, is based upon the experience of faith—that God is real and can be trusted to come through on his promises. So, for a Christian to “hope,” he or she is saying that because of my experience of the faithfulness of God to me in the past, I am assured that he will come through in the future and that if I cooperate with him, all will be well! Pope Benedict XVI wrote an encyclical letter on hope, called *Spe Salvi*; “the present, even if it be arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads toward a goal, and if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey. Only when the future is certain as a

positive reality does it become possible to live in the present as well.”

4. Hoping means waiting in endurance. St. Thomas Aquinas, who wrote brilliantly on virtues, advises us against two vices that assault Hope: presumption and despair. With presumption, a person assumes he or she will be saved, presuming on his own capacities or seeking forgiveness of sins without repentance. Believing that you are “once saved, always saved” is presumptuous because it assumes that even if a person commits and persists in a state of mortal sin, he or she can maintain a good relationship with God both now and into eternity and go into heaven automatically. This is not a biblical nor a traditional teaching of Christ. In despair, a person ceases to hope for salvation with God, considering that one’s sinfulness is too great or God’s mercy too little.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992) defines hope this way: “the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.”



**Fr. Aric Aamodt**  
Associate Pastor

# Christmas Mass: Why the Extra Kneeling?

Something different happens when we celebrate Mass on Christmas. No, it is not that Baby Jesus is now set up in the manger in the Nativity scene, although that is also true. On Christmas, when we pray the Creed, we kneel or genuflect at the words, “And by the Holy Spirit, was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” It is only on Christmas and on the Solemnity of the Annunciation that we do this; the rest of the liturgical year, we bow at these words. Why the extra kneeling? Is it because on Christmas we want to show off how Catholic we are by our standing/sitting/kneeling skills? Maybe. But I can think of a better reason.

Saint Leo the Great gave a homily on Christmas that we still read 1600 years later. In that homily, Saint Leo says, “In the fullness of time, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity to reconcile it with its Creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.” Christmas is when we celebrate this coming of the Son of God to save us from our sins as a human being. True, the Son of God was human from the moment of His conception, but that coming was in a sense only to the Blessed Mother. Now, on Christmas, with the birth of Our Savior, the Son of God united with our humanity comes forth into the world for all to behold. It is not just Mary who gets to hold Him anymore; now Saint Joseph can hold Jesus, the shepherds can hold Him, the wise men can hold him. Now we all can hold Him.

Before we take hold of Jesus, know that Jesus first takes hold of us. In Jesus, the divine nature and our human nature are united. God’s great desire that we would be united together with Him happens in Jesus. The fullness of God unites Himself with the fullness of humanity. The Son of God assumes to Himself the entirety of our human nature to redeem our human nature from sin and death and reconcile us to Himself. As we sing in a classic Christmas hymn,

**Hark the herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled”**

Jesus reconciles our humanity to God in His person. So, we kneel at those words in the Creed to honor this great grace, this tremendous and humble mercy of our God.

We do not remain kneeling, but stand back up. God unites our humanity to Himself not just so that we would kneel in wonder and humility, but to raise us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Saint Leo says in that same Christmas homily, “Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God’s own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind Who is your Head and of whose Body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God’s kingdom.” By the Son of God assuming our nature to Himself, He raises us up to a life greater than we could have asked for or imagined. By His birth in our nature, He can now set us free from sin and death by conquering them by His Cross and Resurrection. The saving Paschal Mystery starts here, in a cave of Bethlehem, with Mary and Joseph holding the newborn Savior in their arms. A verse from the Christmas hymn *What Child is This*, often not sung, describes this perfectly:

**Nails, spear shall  
pierce Him through,  
the Cross be borne  
for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

# Advent & Christmas at St. Hubert

**Advent Begins Sunday, December 2**

## 2018 SCHEDULE

December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

December 5 - Parish Reconciliation service with Faith Formation classes, 6:30-8:30 PM

December 6 - St. Hubert School Advent Prayer, 2:45 PM (school community), 6:00 PM

December 7 - Adoration Chapel closes at 5:00 PM, reopens at 6:30 PM

December 7 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, 5:15 PM

December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation), 8:00 AM

December 9-12 - Advent Mission

December 11 - St. Hubert School Reconciliation, 9:45-11:30 AM

December 11 - St. Hubert School Choir Concert, 7:00 PM, Chanhassen High School

December 17 - Reconciliation, 5:00-6:30 PM

December 18 - Reconciliation, 8:30-10:30 AM

December 18 - Advent Tree gifts deadline

December 19 - Reconciliation, 4:30-5:30 PM

December 20 - Reconciliation, 6:30-8:00 PM

December 21 - Adoration Chapel closes at 7:30 AM, reopens on December 26 at 8:00 AM

December 22 - Reconciliation, 10:00 AM-Noon

December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass, 4:00 PM, 6:30 PM, 10:00 PM (with incense)

*Musical prelude including Christmas Carols at 9:30 PM, before the 10:00 PM Mass*

December 25 - Christmas Mass, 10:00 AM

December 28 - Adoration Chapel closes at 7:30 AM, reopens on January 2 at 8:00 AM

December 30 - Feast of the Holy Family

January 1 - Mary, Mother of God Mass, 9:00 AM and 5:15 PM

# Advent

## MISSION

Our Fiat: The Yes We Make to  
God in our Daily Life

December 9-12

December 9, Youth Mission after 6 PM Mass

December 10, Men's Mission, 7 PM

December 11, Women's Mission, 7 PM

December 12, Community Mission, 7 PM

Hospitality gathering will follow the talk each evening.



Advent is the time we as a church prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Before the birth of Christ, there was darkness in the world. The gates of heaven had been closed since the fall of Adam and Eve.

Despite our fall into sin, the love of God for his creation, for humanity, did not cease. Made in His image and likeness, we are the 'apple of His eye', and His greatest desire is for us to be close to Him. After Adam left the garden and turned toward sin, God sought reunification with his creation. Our Father showed this love by sending prophets with messages of repentance, providing signs and miracles to bring back his people, but to no avail. From the beginning, mankind had difficulties keeping their end of the bargain with God. We continued to sin, to turn our backs on Him, and just down right refused His existence. But God never gave up on us!! We are his people... and He is our God! The love that our Father has for us is beyond measure. It is so great, that God became man in the form of Jesus Christ through the Incarnation of the Holy Spirit and the Fiat...The "Yes" of a young girl named Mary.

This Advent, we have a special opportunity to prepare for the coming of the Christ child as a parish family. Fr. Aric Aamodt will offer a Parish Mission the week of December 9-12. The theme of this mission will be Our Fiat...The Yes We Make to God in our Daily Life. We will explore our opportunities to say 'yes' just like Mary said 'yes' to God to be the vessel that would allow God to become man. Mary's yes brought the

Prince of Peace to walk the earth among us, becoming the living breathing way back to heaven.

During the week of the Mission, Fr. Aric will break open our Mission in ways that connect with each of us on our faith journey. The Mission will be held Sunday, December 9 through Wednesday, December 12, from 7:00-8:30 PM. Each event will be held in the Church and Fellowship Hall. The evenings will be arranged as follows:

**Sunday, December 9** – Youth Mission (after the 6 PM Mass)

**Monday, December 10** – Mission for the Men of our Parish

**Tuesday, December 11** – Mission for the Women of the Parish

**Wednesday, December 12** – Mission for the Entire Parish

Please make every opportunity to attend one or more nights of the Advent Mission. This will be a time for us to reflect, pray, and come together as a parish while we prepare for the birth of the Messiah. Each night, Fr. Aric will draw us deeper into our own Fiat with God, walking us through our individual Advent preparations as well as those things that we can do as a community to live an ongoing life of saying "Yes" to what God calls for us.

Please continue to watch the bulletin, parish website, and Flocknote for more information regarding our Parish Mission. If you have more questions, contact the parish office.

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# Serving as the Hands and Feet of Jesus

Submitted by Jayne Kane, Family Advocate Coordinator, Love INC

As we answer phone calls and listen to the stories of our clients at Love INC, the most common phrase we hear is, "I am so grateful for all you do!" The majority of our clients are overwhelmed by the fact that there are people who really care and want to help. As we pray with these people, offer encouragement, and invite them into community they are able to experience what we as members of a faith community already enjoy.

One of our families shared this story after being served with a gas card from St. Hubert. A woman called in on the Love INC Helpline, asking for the address. Several years earlier she had been a Love INC client and had received a gas card through Love INC which had been provided by St. Hubert. When she picked up the card that day, she vowed that she would give back when she was able. Now she was calling again. This time it was so she could mail a thank you card with a check and her original gas card back to Love INC, so they could re-fill it and give it to another neighbor in need.

St. Hubert is one of Love INC's 25 partner churches that is a shining example of what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. For instance, St. Hubert sends Love INC a monthly donation for gas cards—a critical need when clients have a shortage of funds. The Baby Care Ministry and Birthday Bag Ministries help to meet the needs of our kids. The Lenten and Advent Trees boost a number of our Gap Ministries. As we connected with the Gap Ministries from our other partner churches, there was one comment that stood out. "It's



awesome that St. Hubert is so willing to help with Love INC Ministries!" In a world that often seems at odds, it is a blessing to see churches in our area partnering and working across denominational lines to meet the needs of our community.

So often we place value on what we give to our clients, but the real value comes from the hundreds of hours that are given through volunteering at Love INC. Here again St. Hubert sacrificially gives from the heart. A number of individuals from St. Hubert donate their time by sitting on the Love INC board of directors, by meeting clients' needs in the call center, by making deliveries from the Baby Care and Birthday Ministries, and by participating in our ministry events. Love INC would not be able to serve our clients if it was not for our volunteers.

*The simple act of giving a donation of money or goods for Love INC has a far reaching ripple effect. Not only are these seemingly small gifts a testimony to our clients, but they demonstrate the Body of Christ working together to support each other and to be a shining example to those who do not know Jesus.*

The common phrase that "actions speak louder than words" is exactly what St. Hubert does. Love INC could not do what we have been commissioned to do without the support, prayers and love we experience in our Love INC Community. Thank you for being a part of Love In the Name of Christ.

# Keeping Christ in Christmas

By Kelly Gehlen

In the Christmas carol “O Come All Ye Faithful” we sing, “O come let us adore Him.” Think of that word “adore.” Its connotations are rich: we are called to love, respect, worship, and venerate Christ. To adore Christ at Christmas time is not exactly easy, for all too often, it is easier to get caught up in the hectic busyness of commercial Christmas. Often those actions are the exact opposite of adoring Christ. This is not to say that we should ignore the outward signs of Christmas. The Christmas tree, the presents, and the decorations are important as symbols of Christmas, but they are not the true essence of Christmas.

So for this Christmas season, let us adore Christ the King who came to save us all. Here are some ideas for your family to help keep Christ in Christmas.

## Nativity Set

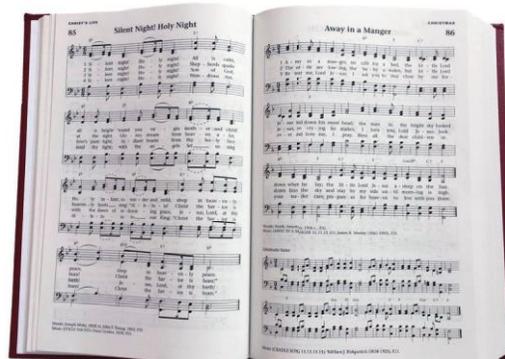
Nativity sets are beautiful representations of the Christmas story. In our family we like to keep one under the Christmas tree where we can see the Holy Family first before looking at the Christmas presents. Every year it is a fun tradition to unwrap each figurine and carefully set up

the Nativity set.

## Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree is a daily Advent reading. It connects decorating the Christmas tree with the events leading up to Christ’s birth. This tradition is named after Isaiah 11:1, “A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” Jesse was King David’s father. In his gospel St. Matthew calls Jesus, “the son of David.” The Jesse Tree tradition has 25 readings that trace the heritage of Jesus through the stories and prophecies of the Old Testament. Each reading is accompanied by a symbol on an ornament that you can hang on the Christmas tree.

Dean Lambert Smith’s book, “The Advent Jesse Tree: Devotions for Children and Adults to Prepare for the Coming of the Christ Child at Christmas” has the daily readings. The ornaments, can be purchased from Etsy, you can make your own, or you can have your children color



their own. Look online for inspiration. The Jesse Tree is a rich family tradition that focuses on Christ.

## Christmas Carols

While I personally love all Christmas music, I find traditional Christmas carols most full of wonder and awe. For when we think about the Christmas story in its simplest terms -- the God-king sent down as an infant -- that is indeed miraculous and should be celebrated as such. Carols such as “O Come all Ye Faithful,” “Joy to the World,” and “Away in the Manger” tell the Christmas story in wonderful words. This year try to memorize a new song. Sing these traditional carols with your family. Have your little children know the words, so when they come to Christmas Mass they will be able to sing along.

Christmas is truly a joyful season. Being intentional about creating traditions that keep the true meaning at the center of our focus helps all of us to enter into the season with a more peaceful and prayerful heart.



# Who Was St. Nicholas?

*By Jean Fashant*

With the Christmas holidays approaching, we prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. Many of us are busy shopping for gifts for our loved ones. Children are taking note of their wishes to share with Santa Claus. However, not many families celebrate the origin of Santa Claus--Saint Nicholas-- on his feast day December 6. Nor do we consider the origin of gift giving at Christmas time.

Saint Nicholas was born in the third century, the son of a wealthy family in Patara, part of present-day Turkey. His parents raised him to be a devout Christian. While still young, Saint Nicholas's parents died in an epidemic. Following their death, he sold everything he owned to help the poor and sick, dedicating his life to serving the Lord and later becoming Bishop of Myra as a young man.

Roman Emperor Diocletian ruthlessly persecuted Christians during his reign in the third century and Saint Nicholas was exiled and imprisoned. After his release, he attended the Council of Nicea in AD 325, the first ecumenical council to preserve the unity of the church.

There are many stories of Saint Nicholas's generosity. One of the more famous is the story of a poor man with three daughters. As was the custom of the day, a father would offer a dowry, something of value, to a prospective husband to entice him to marry his daughter. As this poor man could not afford one dowry, let alone three, it seemed his daughters would remain unmarried and destined to be sold into slavery. On three separate occasions, bags of gold were said to have been tossed through a window, landing in socks or shoes drying by the fire. This is the origin of hanging stockings or putting shoes out, awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes this story is told using gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented by oranges, are a symbol of Saint Nicholas.

One of the oldest stories of Saint Nicholas protecting children occurred after his death. While celebrating the feast day of Saint Nicholas in Myra, a young boy named Basilios was taken away by Arab pirates. For a year Basilios served as a servant to an emir, bringing him wine in a gilded cup. Upon the anniversary of his abduction, his devastated mother could not bear to celebrate the feast day that





marked her family's tragedy. Instead, she stayed in her home and prayed to Saint Nicholas for her son's safekeeping. Meanwhile, while serving the emir, Basilios was whisked away. Saint Nicholas appeared to the terrified boy, blessed him, and returned him to his home in Myra.

Saint Nicholas died on December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in the cathedral church. Manna or "oil" formed in the tomb of the saint. The manna, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Saint Nicholas. Since Myra was home to such an important religious site, it became a destination for pilgrimages.

Early in 1087 three ships from Bari, Italy stopped in Myra. The sailors visited the saint's tomb, and subsequently stole many of Nicholas's bones. Upon their return to Italy, they vowed to build a beautiful church to honor Saint Nicholas. As a result, Saint Nicholas is known not only as the Bishop of Myra, but also as the Saint of Bari.

Saint Nicholas is said to be just about everyone's saint, being named the patron saint of more causes than any other saint. In the West, he is most widely known as the patron saint of children. In other parts of the world his chief patronage is that of sailors and ships. Wrongly condemned prisoners are the third major category of patronage.

Saint Nicholas, alert to others' needs, gave in secret, expecting nothing for himself in return. It is this selfless generosity which sought only the good of others that made Nicholas's gifts the gifts of a saint. As early as 1163, the practice of giving gifts on Saint Nicholas day was documented in the Netherlands. The children's gift giving custom spread quickly throughout Europe. Then Dutch immigrants brought the traditions of Sint Nikolaas, or Sinterklaas, to America in the 1700s. The traditions of Saint Nicholas went through many transformations in America.

Over the years, Sinterklaas became Santa Claus and instead of giving gifts on December 6, Santa Claus became part of the Christmas holiday gift giving tradition.

# SHS Students Give from the Heart

by Kari Zobel



During the season of Advent, the Saint Hubert Catholic School community participates in a schoolwide service project. For the past five years our community has collected over a thousand toys that have been distributed to children in need throughout the entire Twin Cities Metro area. This year we will again be a collection site for Marine Toys for Tots. This program is run by the United States Marine Corps and has been around for over 47 years and has collected millions of toys across the United States. Information about the history of the Marine Toys for Tots program, as well as their extensive experience in collecting and distributing so many toys to those who need them the most, can be found on their website [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

Collection bins will be in the school office as well as in each of the classrooms for the first two weeks of December. Marine Toys for Tots accepts toys for infants through teens. Once all the toys have been collected, our students help load a large trailer with Marine volunteers and the toys are then taken to a warehouse to be sorted. This year, we hope to have a group of teachers and staff to help sort those toys.

KARE 11 is a huge supporter of the Marine Toys for Tots program and is also a collection site. In conjunction with the toy drive, KARE 11 offers the opportunity for schools and organizations to visit the KARE 11 studio and appear on television. For the past few years, our school was fortunate to be selected.

Participation in the Toys for Tots drive is a wonderful way for students to experience and live out their Catholic identity. This allows our students to pick out a gift to donate to another child and even spend their own money, if possible, in purchasing that gift. The act of giving is what we hope to instill in the hearts of our students.



# SHS Advent Program

by Kari Zobel

The Advent prayer program at Saint Hubert Catholic School has been an annual tradition for 21 years. Our music teacher, Mrs. Sharon Schindler, works diligently for months to prepare our kindergarten through fourth grade students for this performance which includes performances by each of the grades, scriptural readings for reflection, communal songs, and prayer.

Mrs. Schindler has been teaching kindergarten through fourth grade music for the past 22 years. The December program was held in the gymnasium her first year, as the church was not ready yet. The following year, it became the Advent program and was held in the church and has been performed each year since then.

There will be two performances on Thursday, December 6. The first is held during the day for the school community at 2:45 PM and the second during the evening at 6:00 PM. Parishioners are welcome to attend the evening performance.

When asked about the program, Mrs. Schindler said, "Come prepare your hearts for Advent! Your hearts will be lifted as we tell the story of Jesus's birth through song and scripture. You will delight as we ring in the season and sing praises to our Savior. This will be Spectacular!"

Our fifth through eighth grade choir students will also be



performing in December. Mrs. Cathy Pavelka, our choir director, has been working very hard with the students to prepare them for their 7:00 PM performance on Tuesday, December 11 at Chanhassen High School. Saint Hubert Catholic School is grateful to have the opportunity to use the auditorium at the high school as the facility is excellent and enhances the choir experience for both our students and families.

In the busyness and hustle-bustle of the season, it is easy to get overwhelmed and distracted with the holiday shopping, preparations, and plans. As we enter the season of Advent, St. Hubert staff and students hope that these performances and programs will help our community to focus on the reason for the season and keep Christ at the center of Advent and Christmas.



## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

# Coming Up at St. Hubert



## ADVENT GIVING TREES Beginning in December

St. Hubert has a variety of projects with which you can become involved this Advent season. Many of our projects involve ornaments on the trees in the narthex. Each of the ornaments will have the name of a nonprofit organization and a request for either a gift or a monetary donation to meet the needs of the nonprofit. We ask that you bring your items to the Giving Tree no later than Tuesday, December 18, with the tag attached. All monetary or gift card donations can be placed in an envelope bearing the nonprofit name and can be brought to the office or placed in the collection basket.

### Non-Profits on the Narthex Trees

#### *Families Moving Forward Southwest*

This interfaith hospitality network of churches houses and serves homeless families in Carver and Scott counties. St. Hubert is a member of this network. There will be ornaments requesting monetary amounts to support lodging needs, plus gift cards for various needs.

#### *Sharing & Caring Hands*

This nonprofit serves the poor in Minneapolis. We serve lunch quarterly.

#### *Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) of Eastern Carver County*

Love INC is an ecumenical coalition of churches in Carver County

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working together to serve those among us who need help. We will be collecting gift cards, personal care items, diapers, linens, laundry items, kitchen items, etc.

#### *St. Hubert Baby Care for Love INC*

St. Hubert provides crib accessories for this gap ministry.

#### *St. Hubert Birthday Shelf for Love INC*

St. Hubert provides gift cards, gifts, and birthday supplies for this gap ministry.

#### *St. Hubert Outreach*

We will be collecting money to fulfill needs in our community and to serve our St. Hubert Gap Ministries.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, December 2, 8:00 AM-Noon

The Chanhassen Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake breakfast to support the St. Hubert's Cub Scout Pack on Sunday, December 2, in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00 AM until Noon. Both original recipe and blueberry pancakes will be available.

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Cost is Adults: \$8; Children (5-11): \$4; Children under 5: Free; and Families can eat for \$22.00. Credit Cards accepted. Please join us for a great cause and a great meal.

### **PARISH DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT** **Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 PM**

Join us for our December Parish Discipleship Night. This month's theme is our Parish Reconciliation Service. Classes will be held for our K-5, Edge, and Confirmation students. Please join them for the Reconciliation service.

### **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** **Saturday, December 8**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Saturday, December 8. There will be a vigil Mass on Friday, December 7, at 5:15 PM, and a Mass on Saturday, December 8, at 8:00 AM.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation that celebrates the solemn celebration of belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary.

### **CHERUB CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE** **Thursdays, December 13 and 20, 4:10 PM**

Any student in grades K-2 is invited to join our Cherub Choir which sings for the Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass at St. Hubert.

There are two rehearsals: Thursday, December 13 and Thursday, December 20 from 4:10–5:00 PM. Both rehearsals will be held in Room #118. There is no need to sign up ahead of time. Parents, when you drop off your student for the first rehearsal you will receive more details about the group. We encourage boys and girls of this age group to join this fun group!

The Cherub Choir is directed by Ms. Barb Meinert and accompanied by Mrs. Susan Proudfit.

The Children's Choir for any student in grades 3-8 continues to meet on Thursdays at 4:10 in the music room, #220. They will also be singing at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve and welcome new members at any time.

Contact Kathy Borgen at 952-374-5042 or Kathleen.borgen@sthubert.org if you have further questions about either group.

### **MOVIE NIGHT** **Saturday, December 15**

Youth and young adults ages 13 and older are invited to join us to watch "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers - Extended Edition, Part 1 following the 5:15 PM Mass in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a friend! Come and relax, grab some popcorn, and enjoy the show.

### **COOKIE AND CANDY SALE** **Saturday, December 15, and Sunday, December 16**

Community Life invites you to share your favorite Christmas treat at the annual Cookie and Candy Sale, which will be held the weekend of December 15 and 16 after Masses. The proceeds go toward gift cards for those in our own parish family who are in need. Please drop off all baked goods on Saturday, December 15 before 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

### **XLT NIGHT** **Sunday, December 16, 7:00 PM**

Our December XLT Night's theme will be "Word Made Flesh." St. Hubert seminarian, Paul Hedman will be speaking on this topic. Paul is a Theology III seminarian for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis. His home parish is Saint Raphael in Crystal.

XLT Nights are for the entire parish family. Join us for this special presentation, Adoration, Confession, Praise and Worship, and Benediction in the Church. Come, deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and strengthen your friendship with other disciples.

## Coming Soon...

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** **Tuesday, January 1, 2018**

Join us for Mass at 10 AM on Tuesday, January 1 to celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

### **VISIT THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN** **October 20-November 1, 2019**

Join Fr. Tollefson as he leads a group from St. Hubert to the Holy Land and Jordan October 20 to November 1, 2019. Trip highlights include Nazareth; Cana; the Sea of Galilee; Jerusalem; Bethlehem; Mount Olives; Gethsemane; Jordan; Jericho; and the Dead Sea.

Take some time for your own spiritual growth and join Fr. Tollefson on this pilgrimage. Experience some of the most important Christian shrines and holy places. Grow closer to God by visiting places you have read about in the Bible and walk on the grounds that Jesus walked! This will be Fr. Tollefson's first trip to the Holy Land and he is excited to experience this with a group from St. Hubert. For more information or to register online, visit [www.magitravelinc.com](http://www.magitravelinc.com), Trip #1910 with Fr. Rolf Tollefson.

## End of Year Christmas Giving

St. Hubert Catholic Community has been blessed with many gifts, one of them being the financial generosity of our parishioners, particularly during the Christmas season. We are so grateful for each and every contribution!

There have been many changes made to the federal tax laws of 2018. According to the IRS guidelines, to be included on your 2018 giving records, contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, which is a Monday. If you are dropping off your contribution, it must be received by our parish office no later than Friday, December 29 at 4:30 PM. The parish office is closed on Monday December 31. All contributions received during Masses on or before December 31 will be applied to your 2018 records. All contributions received after that date will have to be applied to your 2019 tax return.

### **Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds**

Gifts of appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds are an excellent way to support St. Hubert and at the same time maximize your tax savings. Appreciated assets that you have owned at least one year and a day may be donated as a charitable deduction for the current full market value while affording you the opportunity to bypass capital gains tax. (This tax would be due if you sold the asset and then donated the proceeds.) We have an account at Merrill Lynch. Please contact the parish office to inform us of the gift, as the donor name is not always included with the paperwork from the broker or financial institution.

### **Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRA**

In December, 2015, congress passed a law allowing you to give up to \$100,000 to charity directly

from your individual retirement account (IRA) when you are over 70 ½ years old without counting the distribution as taxable income. This type of charitable gift is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). As above, please contact the parish office to inform us of the gift, as the donor name is not always included with the paperwork from the broker or financial institution.

If you are interested or have any questions concerning charitable giving, please contact Molly Ryan by stopping by the parish office, emailing [molly.ryan@sthubert.org](mailto:molly.ryan@sthubert.org), or calling 952-374-5040. As always, we recommend that you contact your financial advisor for your particular situation.



# Parishioner News

## October Baptisms

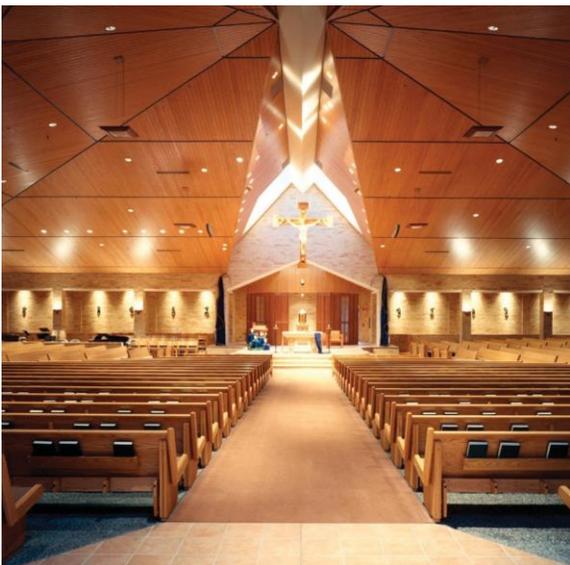
Charlotte Faustina Armstrong                      October 6  
Charlotte Mary Zemen                                October 6  
Isabelle Barbara Tatge                                October 7

## October Funeral

Mary Michelle Chalmers                            October 13

## October New Members

Martha Byron  
Clare Chalupsky  
Kathryn Corgiat  
Karen Davis  
John Max  
Don and Kristina Nutter  
Jason and Carly Tupy  
Laura and Jonathan Wilson



# December Readings

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 2, 2018

### First Sunday of Advent

Monday:        Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday:       Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday:   Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday:      Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday:         Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday:      Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
Sunday:         Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 9, 2018

### Second Sunday of Advent

Monday:        Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday:       Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday:   Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
Thursday:      Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
Friday:         Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday:      Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sunday:         Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 16, 2018

### Third Sunday of Advent

Monday:        Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday:       Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday:   Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday:      Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Friday:         Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday:      1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Sunday:         Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 23, 2018

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday:        2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
Tuesday:       Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
Wednesday:   Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
Thursday:      1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Friday:         1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18  
Saturday:      1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
Sunday:         Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 30, 2018

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday:        1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
Tuesday:       Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
Wednesday:   1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
Thursday:      1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
Friday:         1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
Saturday:      1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
Sunday:         Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	29	30	1
2 Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast 8 AM-12 PM Overtime 7 PM	3	4	5 Parish Discipleship Night 6:30 PM Discipleship Programs	6 Young at Heart 8 AM Advent Prayer 2:45 PM & 6 PM	7 SHS Family Movie Night Mass: Immaculate Conception 5:15 PM Holy Hour for Reparation 7 PM	8 Mass: Immaculate Conception 8 AM Baptism Class 9 AM
9 Parish Mission 7 PM	10 Parish Mission 7 PM	11 SHS Advent Reconciliation 9:45 AM Parish Mission 7 PM SHS Choir Concert 7 PM (Chan HS)	12 Card Ministry 6:30 PM Discipleship Programs Parish Mission 7 PM	13 Young at Heart 8 AM SHS Advent Reconciliation, 9:45 AM Cherub Choir 4:00 PM	14 SHS Middle School Moms Social 6:30 PM	15 Cookie & Candy Sale After 5:15 PM Mass Movie Night 6:30 PM
16 Cookie & Candy Sale After Masses XLT 7 PM	17 Reconciliation 5 PM	18 Reconciliation 8:30 AM HS Men's & Women's Groups 7 PM	19 Discipleship Programs Reconciliation 4:30 PM	20 Young at Heart 8 AM Cherub Choir 4 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM	21	22 Reconciliation 10 AM
23	24 Christmas Eve Masses 4 PM, 6:30 PM, 10 PM	25	26	27	28	29
30 OverTime 7 PM	31 Christmas Mass 10 AM					

FOR THE FULL CALENDAR, VISIT US ONLINE AT [WWW.STHUBERT.ORG](http://WWW.STHUBERT.ORG)



**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”**

**-John 1:1**



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## *This Advent, Grow Closer to Jesus through Adoration*



Do you desire to learn more about God? Do you wish to hear His voice better? Then consider signing up for an hour of Adoration.

During this time of preparation, it can be easy to get caught up of the busyness of the season. Dedicating an hour each week to spending time with Jesus in Adoration is a wonderful way to keep Christ at the center of Advent, and to truly prepare your heart for Christmas.

There are many openings where we could use your help but we are in particular need of help for the following time slots:

Mondays:	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)
Tuesdays:	4:00 AM – 5:00 AM
Fridays:	11:00 PM – 12:00 PM
Saturdays:	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

A complete list of openings can be found on the St. Hubert website in the Adoration section under the Worship tab. If you are interested in signing up for one of these hours, please contact Cheri Quast at [cheri.quast@yahoo.com](mailto:cheri.quast@yahoo.com) or 952-210-9172.