



# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER QUENTIN

I was asked recently about the length of the Advent season and why we have 4 Sundays for the season. It made me begin to think about it and look into it. Each year the Advent season is a different number of days long. A couple of years ago it was the longest it could be because Christmas fell on a Sunday. With it on Sunday we had a full week for the 4th week of Advent. This year Advent is as short as it can be because we begin the Christmas celebration, on the same day as the 4th Sunday of Advent, in the evening.

Here is a short history on the Season of Advent I found. I was surprised to find out that our patron saint influenced how we celebrate it today and that different regions had different experiences of Advent.

“The earliest evidence of this season comes from the end of the 4th century, when Gaul and Spain observed a period of preparation for the newly inaugurated Feast of Christmas. The length and emphasis of the season varied in the early Church. The council of Saragossa (380) commanded the Christian faithful to gather each day from December 17 to January 6. In 16th century Gaul, Advent lasted as long as Lent and assumed a penitential character. Because the season began on November 11 and it entailed fasting three days a week, it was known in Gaul as ‘St Martin’s Lent.’ Rome began to celebrate the Advent liturgy only toward the middle of the sixth century. *Pope St Gregory the Great (d.604) reduced the number of Advent Sundays to four....Advent starts on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St Andrew, November 30, and lasts four weeks or slightly less.*”

*Encyclopedia of Catholic Devotions and Practices - Ann Ball*

### Meal Prayer Blessing with Advent Wreath

*Advent candles may be lighted as the leader says:*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:  
in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you in this food and in our sharing.

Blessed are you as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ

*All respond:*

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

*The leaders says:*

Come, Lord Jesus!

*All respond:*

Come quickly!

*The leader invites:*

Lift up your hearts.

*All respond:*

We lift them up to the Lord.

*Then the leader prays:*

God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



### After The Meal

*The leader says:*

Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*All respond:*

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## PARISH NEWS



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**Dec. 3rd, 10th, & 17th | 7pm | St. Gregory Parish Hall**

For more information, contact Deb Brucker at 562-6512.

### Advent Penance Services

<u>December 3rd</u>	<u>December 10th</u>	<u>December 17th</u>
3:00pm Baileyville 3:00pm Axtell 6:00pm Frankfort	5:00pm Marysville	3:00pm Seneca

### Feast of Immaculate Conception

**Friday, December 8th** is a Holy Day of Obligation to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times are as follows:

<u>St. Gregory</u>	<u>St. Malachy</u>
7:00am 12:05pm	6:30pm

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, Dec. 5****8:15am**

† Andrew Wassom

**Wednesday, Dec. 6****12:05pm****St. Nicholas**

† Sam and Edith Schmitz

**Thursday, Dec. 7****6:30AM****St. Ambrose**

~ Living and deceased members of the Utecht family

**Friday, Dec. 8****Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary****7:00am**

† Richard Hansel

**12:05pm**

~ People of the Parishes of St. Gregory and St. Malachy

\*\*\*Mass at St. Malachy\*\*\*

**6:30pm****Saturday, Dec. 9****5:30pm**

† Richard Hansel

**Sunday, Dec. 10****7:00am****Second Sunday of Advent**

~ People of the Parishes of St. Gregory and St. Malachy

**10:30am**

† Peter Tascio

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, Dec. 4****9:00am**

All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed

**Tuesday, Dec. 5****after 8:15am Mass**

All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed

**Wednesday, Dec. 6****after 12:05pm Mass**

All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed

**Thursday, Dec. 7****11:00am**

All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed

**Friday, Dec. 8****6:00am - 5:00pm**

Adoration

**Saturday, Dec. 9****4:30pm - 5:15pm**

Confessions

**Sunday, Dec. 10****5:00pm**

Advent Penance Service

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**James "Jim" Nordhus,**

husband of Mary, father of Mike and Jim.

A funeral service was held Thursday at St. Gregory's.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for November 26th	\$ 11,855.02
ACH for November 25th	\$ 2,690.00
November Parish Soft Giving	\$ 341.80
(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)	

## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 11/01/23)	\$330,740.08
Donations (since 11/01/23)	( \$29,987.21)
Total Contributions to Date	\$7,806,665.80
(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)	

## PARISH NEWS

**Christmas Dinner for Parish Ladies**

All St. Gregory ladies are invited to "A Christmas Dinner" in appreciation of the time spent working throughout the year and donations of food. *Social time begins at 6pm with dinner served at 7pm on Monday, December 11th in the Parish Hall.* Please **RSVP** by calling or texting one of the officers listed below by **December 4th**. There will be a short Altar Society meeting at 5:30pm prior to dinner.

Dolores 713-1958 | Jan 713-9694 | Glenda 713-1927

**Knights of Columbus Meeting & Potluck**

The K of C Annual Building Association Raffle Drawing and Fall Potluck will take place on **Thursday, Dec. 7th beginning at 6:30pm**. The general public, along with the Knights and their families are invited to attend. Please be sure to turn in your raffle tickets to Marvin Kramer as soon as possible.

**Poinsettias for Christmas**

If you would like to have a poinsettia in your loved one's name to decorate the church this Christmas, please fill out the information on the back of your Christmas Flower Offering envelope or contact the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$30 per plant.

**Altar Society Facebook Page**

Just a reminder that the Altar Society has a Facebook page where they post important information. If you have not already done so and are a member of Facebook, please like and follow their page titled "St. Gregory's Altar Society Marysville KS" so you don't miss out!

## Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve**

5:00pm St. Gregory

7:00pm St. Malachy

**Christmas Day**

9:00am St. Gregory

10:30am St. Gregory

## LOCAL AND AREA NEWS

**Saturday, December 9th - The Kingdom Comes Advent Tour, Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca.** Kick off your Christmas with an Advent Celebration and Live Music featuring The Josh Blakesley Band beginning at 7:00pm. Any age. Any denomination. Anyone wanting an evening of Christmas Joy. Free Admission.

**The Youth Group is planning to take a group of kids to this event. Please contact Jess Miller at 562-7949 or the parish office at 562-3302 before December 4th if you are interested in attending.**

**Sunday, December 10th - Children's Christmas Party, Legion Post 163, Marysville.** Join us from 2-4pm for some holiday cheer including make one/take one cookies and ornaments, bingo with prizes and Santa! Sponsored by The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion & The American Legion Auxiliary.



## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**End-of-Year Giving**

We are very blessed at St. Gregory Catholic School! Everything that we do is only possible because of the generous giving of so many. We are so very thankful for ALL who support our school. As 2023 comes to a close, we are once again conducting a year-end giving campaign. This weekend, St. Gregory students handed out donation envelopes at the end of Mass. We ask that you please prayerfully consider a year-end donation to the school and place your donation in this envelope. Next weekend, you may place your envelope in the basket during the collection. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gregory Catholic School!

**PRAYER LIST**

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

**Short Term Health Issues:** Carol Adrian, Kristi Meyer, Cami Friedrichs, Janel Weigel, Don Prell, Marilyn Hodgen, Scott Wetter, Jess Wetter, Richard Bruland, Laurie Kleinert, Deanna Schroller, Julie Kieffer, KayeLynn Kroeger, Kaylie Kordyak, Cody Metz, Jenica Hubbard, Preston Runnebaum, Dean Bruna, Andrew David Leo Lickteig, Pat Clark, Rich Rochelle, Harry Moser, Tammy Jurek, Mary Gausepohl, Don Cudney, Ian McCarter, Elizabeth Ray, Tim Warren, Jan Smith, Tish Outhet, Josephine Wiggins, Carla Maloney, Justin Scheele, Megan Fletcher, Bruce Leonard, Chase Downard, Hunter Sand and Justin Stallings.

**Long Term Health Issues:** Trudy Rieth, Phil Studer, Doug Plegge, Kathy Jueneman, Tom Brown, Donna Sedlacek, Rick Thompson, Alice Murray, Dorothy Peschel, Arnold Reith, Aaron Hendrickson, Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Torey Butler, Linda Schell Tiers, Allie Montgomery, Don Wassenberg, Alan Wassenberg, Lora Stohs, Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Boston Bieler, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek, Katie Vering and Sami Kirkland.

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.*

**Virtue of the Week**

**FORESIGHT** - "So you also must be ready, because the son of man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." ~ Matthew 24:44

Foresight is defined as the consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead; also known as: preparedness. It means thinking ahead about what might happen. Foresight looks like taking the time to think about what you need to bring to school and getting it ready the day before. Foresight sounds like asking yourself, "If I do this, what will happen?" Do I act right away out of my emotions, or do I take time to think before I make a decision? Do I think about all of the consequences of my actions before I act?

*Let Us Pray: Dear Jesus, When I come upon situations that require serious thought, please send Your Holy Spirit to guide me, that I may always do Your holy will. Guide me with Your counsel, and give me the courage to act rightly when it is difficult. Amen.*

**Christmas Program**

Please join us for our Christmas Program on **Wednesday, December 13th at 10:00am and 7:00pm.**

**CELEBRATE****BIRTHDAYS**

- Dec. 4** Ellie Haight, Josh Snellings
- Dec. 5** Delores Mohn, Matt Benkendorf, Ella Richardson, Emily Richardson
- Dec. 6** Donna Wilson
- Dec. 7** Libby Brinegar, Hadley Pretre, Ike Sevilla, Abbi McAnerney, Eric West
- Dec. 8** Steve Boehm, Brew Baker, Abigail Lauer, Benjamin Frese
- Dec. 9** Marj Gugenhan (80 years), Annalyn Wetter, Stacie Ellenbecker, Katelyn Schmitz
- Dec. 10** Kyle Goracke, Carolyn Pils

**NO ANNIVERSARIES****CONTACTS**

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**Cemetery:** Frank Staggenborg at 562-8047

**Parish Hall Reservations:** Contact Parish Office

**K of C Hall Reservations:** Joe Peschel at 562-7017

**Baptisms:** See website for information

**Weddings:** Contact Father Quentin

*If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.*



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