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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2023

MESSAGE FROM FATHER QUENTIN

Saint John the Baptist is the focus of the Gospel readings we have this year for the 2nd and 3rd Sunday's of Advent. John the Baptist's role was to prepare the way of the Lord. John the Baptist has some very memorable sayings and actions that remind us of his special role in relation to the Lord. Everything that he says and does are things that we can imitate and live as well.

John the Baptist begins his testimony for the Lord in the womb of his mother Elizabeth. When Mary, pregnant with Jesus, goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth, John the Baptist leaps for joy at the presence of Jesus in Mary's womb.

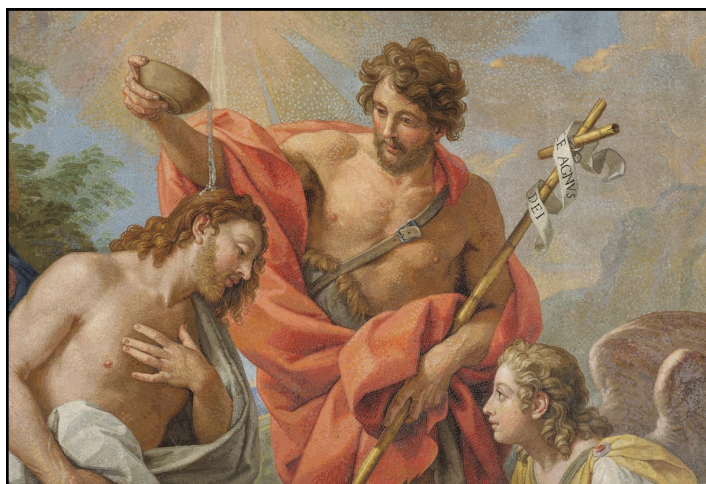
In this week's Gospel John the Baptist tells us, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals."

Next week John the Evangelist gives us a description of the role of St. John the Baptist. "He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light."

In another part of the Gospel of John, John the Baptist is quoted "You yourselves can testify that I said [that] I am not the Messiah, but that I was sent before him. The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; the best man, who

stands and listens to him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete. He must increase; I must decrease."

Our goal is to point others on to the mighty one who has made everything possible. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord. We are called to rejoice in the presence of the Lord. Let us ask St. John the Baptist to help intercede for us so that we can imitate his life of holiness and dedication to the Lord.



PARISH NEWS

"O" Antiphons

During this Advent Season, Father Quentin invites everyone to pray vespers (evening prayers) with him. From **December 17th through December 23rd** join Father each evening at **6:30pm** in the church as we reflect on the "O" antiphons.

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. **Final date to order a flower is Monday, December 18th.**

Christmas Choir Practice

There will be choir practice for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass on **Wednesday, December 20th from 5:00-6:15pm**. All are welcome!

Advent Penance Services


December 10th
5:00pm Marysville

December 17th
3:00pm Seneca

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve
5:00pm St. Gregory
7:00pm St. Malachy

Christmas Day
9:00am St. Gregory
10:30am St. Gregory



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Join us to watch the series and experience the power of God's mercy in a new way.

December 10th & 17th | 7pm | St. Gregory Parish Hall

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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 12 8:15am	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> † Bob Babb
Wednesday, Dec. 13 12:05pm	<i>St. Lucy</i> ~ Gideon Friedrichs Baptismal Anniversary
Thursday, Dec. 14 6:30AM	<i>St. John of the Cross</i> † Carrie Fisher McElhinney and † Pia Staab
Friday, Dec. 15 8:15am	† Terry Scarberry
Saturday, Dec. 16 5:30pm	† Carole Cunningham
Sunday, Dec. 17 7:00am 10:30am	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> † Steve Mullen † Hilda Wheeler

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 11 9:00am	All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed
Tuesday, Dec. 12 after 8:15am Mass	All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed
Wednesday, Dec. 13 after 12:05pm Mass	All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed
Thursday, Dec. 14 11:00am	All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed
Friday, Dec. 15 6:00am - 5:00pm	Adoration
Saturday, Dec. 16 4:30pm - 5:15pm	Confessions

LOCAL NEWS

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.

Saturday, December 16th - Come celebrate 60 years with Landoll Corporation at Venue 36. Food will be served from 6-8pm until gone. Live band and dance begins at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for November 26th	\$ 6,585.78
ACH for December 5th	\$ 3,930.00
(\$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)	

SAVE THE DATE!

Drinking With The Saints II

Saturday, January 13th | 7:30pm

Enjoy a fun filled evening learning about saints, virtues and the drinks created and/or associated with those saints!

(Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks will be discussed, made and enjoyed)

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Friday, December 22nd - Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sabetha KS from 7-10pm.

ENCOUNTER Are you in need of prayer for physical healing - chronic conditions, broken bones, pain, cancer? Encounter School of Ministry is hosting an upcoming healing service. We have an expectation and faith for Jesus to work physical healing miracles on these nights. The night will consist of a time of worship, gospel presentation on healing, corporate prayer for healing, and individual prayer for healing. We encourage anyone in need of physical healing to come as well as anyone wanting to encounter manifestations of God's presence. This is an open event - no cost or registration. Jesus still heals today and desires to demonstrate the truth of the Gospel through healing.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"This simple truth is this: the substance of the bread and wine changes completely through the words of consecration, such that there's no more bread and wine there... What is there?

Jesus...

There's no more intimate way that He could come to you except to come to you as your food, to feed your soul."

BISHOP ANDREW COZZENS
Beautiful Eucharist



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**End-of-Year Giving**

We are very blessed at St. Gregory Catholic School!! Everything 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 conducting a year-end giving campaign. Last weekend, St. Gregory students handed out donation envelopes at the end of each Mass. We ask that you please prayerfully consider a year-end donation to the school and place your donation in this envelope. If you did not receive an envelope, they can be picked up in the back of the church. Envelopes can be dropped off at the School or Parish office at your convenience. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gregory Catholic School!!

Christmas Program

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

Virtue of the Week

JUSTICE - "He has sown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." ~ Micah 6:8

Justice, usually represented by a scale of equality, is the virtue that compels us to uphold the laws given to us by God and man. Justice drives people to fair treatment of all members of society. The just man, often mentioned in Scripture, is distinguished by habitual right-thinking and the uprightness of his conduct towards his neighbor. Sometimes being just gives us a false sense of pride. We can only show true justice when we are simultaneously clothed with mercy and humility, just as Jesus showed us when He took our place on the cross.

Let Us Pray: Christ Jesus, You are good and just. Give us the wisdom to show justice through humility and love to those around us. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

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

Short Term Health Issues: Mary Stryker, 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.

CELEBRATE***BIRTHDAYS***

- Dec. 11** Dennis Mason (85 years)
Kevin Hammett, Kortney Schmitz
- Dec. 12** Bob Baker, Rita Throm, Brooks Byers,
Frank Ackerman, Carrie Halbert
- Dec. 14** Elisha Clark, Tyler Lienemann,
Colton Schmitz, Chase LeSage
- Dec. 15** Jean Dummermuth, Barb Knecht, Patti Wilson,
Diane Ronnebaum, Everett Crome
- Dec. 16** Roberta Temeyer, Jack Lauer, Deb Rieth
- Dec. 17** Simon Luebcke

NO ANNIVERSARIES**CONTACTS**

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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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