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**November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent**

**“As we enter into Advent, we watch for and eagerly await the dawn that**

**breaks over the horizon.”**

The promise of Advent is the promise of a candle in a dark room – of the dawn breaking over the horizon. It is the promise that the darkness cannot stand in the presence of the light. In this holy season, we must be watchers, searching for Christ’s light, eagerly awaiting the dawn. Are we awake? Are we prepared?

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah prophesies the nations streaming toward *the mountain of the Lord’s house* and all nations being instructed in God’s ways. Paul warns the Romans that salvation is near, and the day is at hand, so they should *put on the armor of light*. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples to stay awake for the coming of the Son of Man.

**In your prayers, please remember**: Intentions of the Holy Father, all Priests including

Fr. Mowery, Fr. St. Hilaire and Fr. Sola, Ken Barchik, Michael Bardi, Maureen Beck, Lorena Bennet, Christina Capriola, Joe Casarella, Russell Castrogiovanni, Cobert Family, Michael Farrell, Michael Fontinell, Deb Haden,Vivian Whitenight Hynick, Bob Kalie, Carl Kalie, Margaret Kalie, Joseph LaBonte, Mary Ann Levan, James Mazonkey, Bernie Nichols, Nancy Oman, Richard Scavone, Jackie Scherer, Diane & Doug Talanca, Sally Tucker, Max Whitenight, Nancy Wisbar, Sonny Womelsdorf, Mary Ann Zeveney and all the Parishioners of CTK.

**Stewardship: November 20, 2022**

Offerings $1237.50

Matthew 25 $390.00

Rainy Day $90.00

St. Nick $50.00

***Total*** $1767.50

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, November 26 – Marilyn LaBonte by Joseph LaBonte

Sunday, November 27 – Tommy Tishler by Sharon Tishler

Monday, November 28 – Sally Hanlon by Donna Marie Rossi

Friday, December 2 – Gloria Goldy by Ginny & Joe English

Saturday, December 3 – Ray Lindner by Richard & Tamara Lindner

Sunday, December 4 – Anne Eustice by Renee Hansen

**Mass intentions are available in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The donation for having a Mass said for a personal request is $10.00. You can drop your request in the collection or contact the parish office.**

**Lector Schedule Extraordinary Minister Collection Stewards**

November 27 – Paul Haden Shanna Haden Sharon Tishler & Dottie Poles

December 4 – Steve Root Paul J. Haden Lee Ann Boiwka & Judie Scavone

**Tabs for Ronald McDonald House** - I want to thank all of you who have donated the soda tabs. We have collected over 20 one gallon bags! Ronald McDonald House was so thankful. I want to remind you that the holidays are upon us and I'm sure a lot of soda will be used. Please remember to save your tabs. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. Thanks, Tamara

**Upcoming events for CYE in December.** We prepare during the Advent season to celebrate the coming of Jesus in history, mystery, and majesty. We prepare, we remember, and we celebrate this Advent season in many ways. Jesus is truly the reason for the season.

**December 4** - Advent workshop prepared for all CYE children by the high school CYE youth and their catechist Shanna Haden.  We prepare ourselves by the reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the CYE Advent workshop from 10-11:30.

**December 11** - We share our story of Advent and the preparation for Christmas with our families and friends. Children’s Advent/Christmas program beginning with 9:00 Mass and following. Also a parish meal of celebration and fellowship.  The children will be involved in the program about the Advent Wreath, the Jesse tree, the Novena of St Andrew, and the First Nativity.

**December 18** - We prepare our church for Christmas. Decorating the church is a parish family affair, beginning immediately after 9:00 Mass. please plan to stay after Mass and help with this event. Regular CYE classes will not be held.

Many thanks to those who donated snacks and drinks for the children on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 Mass. The donations are greatly appreciated. Ms Betty

**Unborn Candle Donations** $3.00/ week, $5.00/ 2 weeks or $10.00/ month.

Month of December – In Memory of Nick Sabo

**Benton Food Bank -** For the month of December we will be collecting boxed popcorn to pop. The Food Bank at the N4C’s is the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Anyone in need is encouraged to come between 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. and also 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Christmas Wafers**: Oplatky (“angel bread”) Christmas wafers are available for a $5 suggested donation. The oplatky are thin unleavened wafers similar to communion wafers. Today, in a concession to an ancient tradition, many people place straw and evergreen sprigs on a serving platter covered with a fine white napkin on which the oplatky rest. Families share the wafer on Christmas Eve as they gather together at the table, reconciling any differences, and remembering loved ones who have gone before them

**Jesse Tree –** Starting the weekend of November 26th and 27th you will have the opportunity to take a Star off the tree. Gifts will be due back the weekend of December 10th & 11th.

This year we will be purchasing gifts for the children of Benton Head Start and also residents of the Gardens of Orangeville.

**Note the following** – 1. When you take a Star off the tree, please sign your name on the sheet next to the coordinating number of the Star you are taking. 2. The Gardens of Orangeville have asked that we put the presents in a gift bag rather than wrapping the gifts. Thank you!

**Important Dates**

**December 11th –** The CYE children will put on an Advent/Christmas Program immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will then have our Christmas brunch. Please sign up to bring your favorite dish for the brunch. The sign-up sheet is on the back counter.

**December 18th –** Please plan to stay after Mass and help decorate the Church for the Christmas Season.

**The 2023 Men's Conference** is scheduled for March 18, 2023 at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. The Keynote Address will be given by Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples. As a Catholic evangelist, international speaker, and award-winning author, Marcel loves to share his greatest passion - helping others come to know the love of Jesus and how to share that love with others. Stay tuned for more details to come!