ST. ANN | ST. JOSEPH | ST. MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF Jennings County

November 29, 2026
The First Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28
First Sunday of Advent
SM 4:00pm +Catholic Church of Jennings County
SJ 6:00pm +Melvin Vogel

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29
First Sunday of Advent
SA 8:00am +Mark Simmons
SM 10:00am Cohin Morris & Fenton Siebert

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30
NO MASS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1
SM 8:30am +Katy Matthews

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2
NO MASS

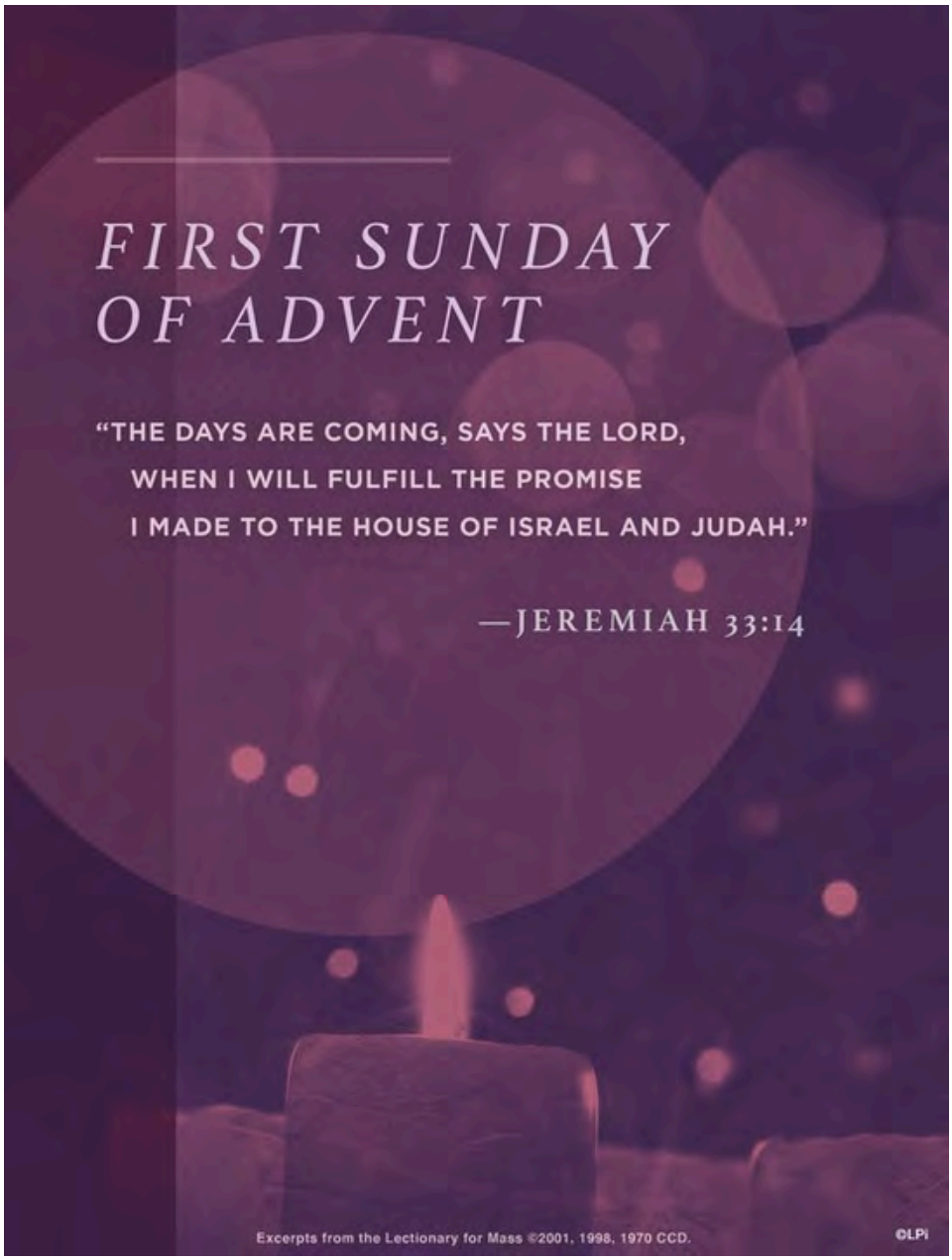
THURSDAY DECEMBER 3
NOON +Bernard & Jerry Diekhoff

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4
8:30am +Don Broadus

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5
Second Sunday of Advent
SM 4:00pm +Rick McLeod
SJ 6:00pm +Bob Vogel

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6
Second Sunday of Advent
SA 8:00AM CCJC
SM 10:00AM +Dick Hanna

***Indicates a change in schedule**



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday:	St. Mary 3:30 PM St. Joseph after 6:00 PM Mass
Sunday:	St. Ann 7:30 AM
Tuesday:	St. Mary after 8:30 AM Mass
Wednesday:	St. Joseph 5:30 PM before Mass
Thursday:	St. Mary 11:30 AM before Mass
Friday:	St. Mary after 8:30 AM Mass

CCJC Parish Office
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Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm
Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

Registered Number of Families as of October 2026
St. Ann: 89
St. Joseph: 121
St. Mary: 397
Total Familes: 607

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A NOTE FROM FATHER CHRIS

Dear Friends,

Happy First Sunday of Advent! As we begin Advent in today's Gospel Jesus warns us "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." May we make this a good and intentional Advent as we prepare to meet Christ at Christmas and the end of our own time!

Our Advent Penance Service is this Thursday, December 3rd beginning at 6:30 pm in the St. Mary's Activity Center. There will be four priests available.

Please check the bulletin elsewhere for the upcoming Advent and Christmas schedules!

Advent Peace and Blessings,
Father Chris VF



Blessing for Advent Week 1

Dear Lord,
As this Advent season begins, pour Your blessing upon us. Bless our Advent wreaths and readings, our retreats and reconciliations. You are our God and our guide; be with us as we journey.
Amen.

Parish Giving

	Weekly Attendance 11/15	Sunday Giving 11/15	Automatic Giving Month of Nov
St. Ann	8:00AM: 164	$1174	$2015
St. Joseph	6:00PM: 105	$1846	$610
St. Mary	4:00PM: 223 10:00AM: 240	$7305	$12550

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday Nov 29	**7:30am** SA Confession **8am** SA Mass **After Mass** SA Blest Art **10am** SM Mass **After Mass** SM Blest Art
Monday Nov 30	
Tuesday Dec 1	**8:30am** SM Mass **After Mass** SM Confession **5:45pm** SM Choir practice **6:30pm** SJ KofC Christmas Party
Wednesday Dec 2	**NO MASS** **6:30pm** SJ Religious Education **6:30pm** SJ OCIA
Thursday Dec 3	**11:30am** SM Confession **NOON** SM Mass **6:30pm** SM Penance Service
Friday Dec 4	**8:30am** SM Mass **After Mass** Confession
Saturday Dec 5	**10:30am** SA Painting Party **3:30pm** SM Confession **4:00pm** SM Mass **6:00pm** SJ Mass **After Mass** SJ Confession

Bulletin Deadline

NOTE EARLY DEADLINE

Items for the December 13 bulletin will need to be received by noon on Friday, December 4. Please submit to communications@stmarysnv.com.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE | DEC 5 & 6

Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Extradordiary Ministers	Ushers
SM 4:00PM	Maggie Green	Maggie Green	Aaron Blaes Sandi Kirchner *Pat Kirchner	Shawn Miller Keith Rogers
SJ 6:00PM	Dee Vincent Cari Hauersperger	Dee Vincent	Felicia Vogel Jenny Vogel	Albert Maschino Joe Maschino
SA 8:00AM	Tricia Maples	Abby Capes	Frances Walker Abby Capes *Dale Wernke	Allan Matern Gary/ Gene Kreutzjans
SM 10:00AM	Lisa Vogel	Doug Reitman	Doug Reitman Sarah Ramey *Lisa Vogel	Phil Leahigh Phillip Brennan

*Distributes the Body of Christ

LITURGICAL MINISTER SIGN UPS FOR DECEMBER CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE BACK OF CHURCH.

DECEMBER/ JANUARY LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Located on St. Mary's Campus

All are welcome!

Please consider committing to one hour a week.

OPEN HOURS

Thursday - 6:00pm Thursday - 11:00pm Sunday - 2:00am

Sunday - 3:00am Sunday - 4:00am

https://adorationpro.org/stmarysnv or scan the QR code!

Password: SUBPASS

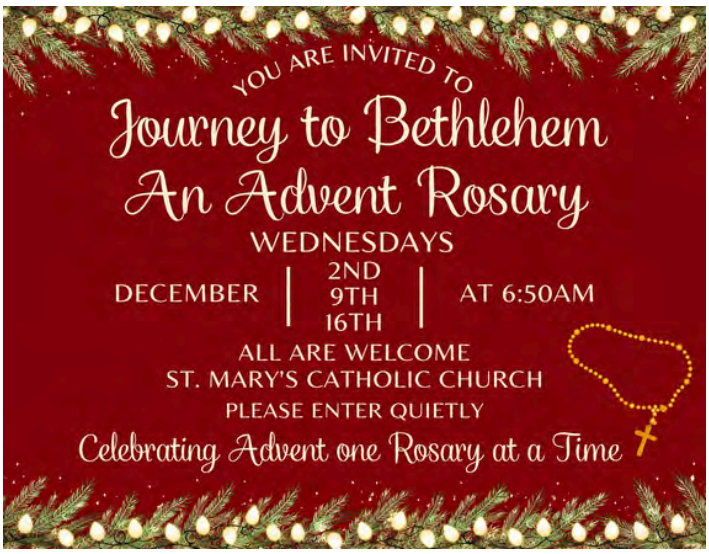
Please pray for....

Jim Gasper	Kay Bloemer	Trent Greene	Makayla Reitman	Maribeth Suhre
Tucker Wathen	Bob Howe	Doug Reitman	Adalee Davis	Jessica Hurley
Brooke Elmore	Stephen Jansing	Brittany Pruesz	Wanda Maschino	Naomi Irwin
Hallie Crane	John Bott	Dianna Kreutzjans	Wendy Reitman	Dylan Carney
Tony Eder	Mary Jo Badgett	Logan Kirchner	Robin Nelson	Greg Cardinal
Logan Whicker	Mary Bott	Mary Minnich	Gerri Kirchner	Emily Kirchner
Shirley Miller	Gary Green	Michael Kreutzjans	Ruth Diekhoff	Jill Mikles

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Rosary Society News

Craft Bazaar - Our 45th Annual Craft Bazaar is in the books. And, as always, it was another great year. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way. And to those who came and ate and shopped. We are truly blessed by our community. We made $6822 that day. This will help us support our parish and the Jennings County Community.

Raffle Winner – Darlene Stark won the quilt and was super excited. She happened to still be at the show when the ticket was drawn. So, she took it home with her.

Sponsorships – We have the best sponsors! Please consider supporting them if you can. They are:

Gold Level – Bingham Farms

Silver Level – Prickly Pear Consignment Shop, Nina's View Airbnb, Elsner Family, Four Corners K of C, and Bernie and Cari Hauersperger

Bronze Level – Marion's Greenhouse, Drivers Big Head Pizza, Erich K's Collision, Brick Street Restaurant, J & C Maschino Farms and CAM Trucking.

Four Corners Craft and Garden Show – Mark your calendar. The 21st annual show will be Saturday, April 24 from 8am to 2 pm.

Four Corners K of C Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 1st, 6:30 PM
We will gather upstairs at the First-N-Last Roadhouse Restaurant in Vernon.
All members are invited for a meal.

St. Vincent dePaul Advent Food Drive

We are asking your for your help during this season of giving as we continue to serve the less fortunate in our community with rent, utility, and nutrition assistance. Your donations help us provide food assistance to as many as 200 people each month. In an effort to simplify the shopping experience and to make it easier for our pantry workers to sort and store the donated items we ask you to purchase any one or more of the following items. You may deliver them to:

1.) St Vincent de Paul store during open hours.
2.) Parish office during open hours.
3.) Adoration Chapel.
4.) Back of Church when you come to Mass.

1. Six (6) 15oz cans Chili
2. Four to Six (4-6) 20oz cans Beef Stew
3. Twelve (12) 5.5oz boxes Hamburger Helper
4. Twelve (12) 15oz cans Ravioli or Spaghetti/Meatballs
5. Twelve (12) 15 oz cans Pork and Beans
6. Four to Six (4-6) 18oz containers Quick Oats
7. Six (6) 13.75oz boxes of Instant Potatoes
8. Six to Eight (6-8) 15oz cans Fruit (pears, peaches)
9. Six (6) 24oz cans Hunts Spaghetti Sauce (cans are easier to store)
10. Four to Six (4-6) jars Applesauce
11. Six (6) 18.8oz cans Chunky Soup
12. Four to Six (4-6) 20oz plastic bottle jelly
13. Six (6) 16oz boxes Saltines
14. Eight (8) 32oz boxes Pancake Mix
15. Six (6) 24oz bottles Pancake Syrup
16. Twelve to Sixteen 3oz packages Ramen Noodles
17. Twelve (12) 16oz packages of dry Spaghetti noodles
18. Four (4) 2.6oz solid stick Deodorant
19. Four to Six (4-6) 18oz Suave Body Wash or Shampoo

Any one of the items on this list should be available for roughly $12-18 and in many cases the quantities are box or case lots to make it easier to transport. Donations are welcome any time of the year but we are doing this project now through December 21 st .





THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In order to prepare yourself to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation well
and to have a greater understanding of this important sacrament,
please take a little time to reflect.

You have come to experience the Lord's forgiveness and compassion. It is a very personal moment in your relationship with God.

To get the most from your confessional encounter with Christ, you should prepare well. You should arouse in yourself a deep, true sorrow for your sins, how they have offended against God who loves us infinitely, and how they have hurt our fellow men who so need our help. You should not try to search out each and very sin- serious attitudes of sin will usually come to mind immediately, you should not waste time in useless regret.

Please remember that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is above all an act of God's love; it is a personal moment to be lived in a relationship of love with God. It is not a routine (or an ordeal) to be gone through, but very much part of the personal reward which takes place in each person.

You are invited in the light of God's love

- to recognize the sinfulness in your life,
- to have a true sorrow for these sins
- and a firm intention to avoid them in the future.

These elements are essential to a proper and meaningful celebration of the Sacrament.

Sin is not merely a series of failures. It is also you sharing in what is actually evil: unbelief, indifference, selfishness, violence, contempt for the weak, eroticism, racism, neglect of the poor, money seeking, wastefulness, a spirt of pride and superiority.

Every sin, in one way or another, has a community dimension. It is something which tarnishes the Body of Christ, which together, we are. Every sin ought to arouse in us feelings of humble regret and a confident request for pardon.

Today my Father is waiting for me, I must return to Him...

Then the prodigal son came to his senses and said, "I will leave this place and go to my Father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' "

While he was still a long way off, his Father saw him and was moved with py. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. The Father said, "Quick, bring out the best robe... this son of mine was dead and has come back to life...." (Luke 15).

Our Heavenly Father awaits us in the same way.

Following the example of the prodigal son, examine your conscience in the light of the Gospel and find out when you have behaved contrary to the teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ in thoughts, words, and deeds.

J**esus said, "You will love the Lord your God with all your heart...."**

- Is my heart set on God, so that I really love him above all things?
- Am I open to his presence?
- Do I listen to the words of the Gospel? To the teachings of Christ's Church?
- What place has prayer in my life?
- Is the Eucharist the center of my Christian life?
- Do I take part regularly in Mass on Sundays and Feasts?
- Do I allow the Lord to be the Lord, or do I try to be the Lord myself?
- Do I cling to my will, my wants, my ways?
- Have I love and reverence for the name of God?
- Am I ashamed to witness to my faith in God in my daily life?
- Do I rebel against taking up the Cross which God sends?
- Do I turn to God only when I am in need?

J**esus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself...."**

- Have I a genuine love for my neighbors?
- Am I well-disposed, able to forgive offences?
- Do I judge without mercy in thoughts and words?
- Do I speak ill, slander, steal?
- Am I intolerant, envious, hot-tempered?
- Do I take care of the poor, the sick, the defenseless people?
- Am I sincere and honest in my dealings with others?
- Have I been the cause of another's committing sin?
- In my family life, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of the family by patience and genuine love?
- Do I exercise responsible parenthood according to the teachings of the Church?
- Do I care for and respect the environment in which I live?
- Do I seek the well-being of others?
- Do I think enough about those who are less fortunate?
- Am I a spectator before people's problems or do I help?
- Do I despise those of another creed, color, opinion?
- Am I respectful of other people's property?
- Have I abused someone's property or stolen or coveted another's good?
- Do I forgive those who sin against me?
- Do I do my duty as a citizen?
- Do I respect legitimate authority?

Jesus said," Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect...."

- Do I truly live as a Christian and give a good example to others?
- Have I gone against my conscience out of fear or hypocrisy?
- Have I participated in things which offend both Christian and human decency?
- Am I too concerned about myself, my health, my success?
- Do I go to excess in matters of food and drink?
- Have I kept my senses and my whole body pure and chaste as a temple of the Holy Spirit?
- Do I bear grudges; do I contemplate revenge?
- Do I share my possessions with the less fortunate?
- Am I always ready to take offence and act impatiently?
- Do I use the gift of time well?
- Am I able to forgive myself?
- Do I seek to be humble and bring peace?