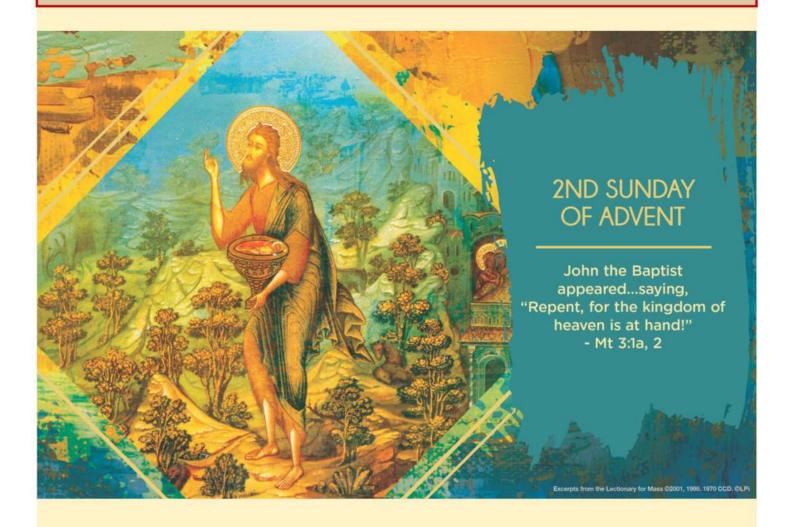


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A Reflection from the Pastor

Father Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

Throughout my life, I have made numerous attempts to grow an avocado plant from its seed. So far, I have had no success. However, this past August, I purchased a special vase, which came with a booklet called "How to grow an avocado plant from its seed." First, I followed the instructions for the preparation, which involved soaking the pits for three days. The next step was to put the three seeds into a plastic zip-lock bag wrapped in a moist paper towel and place in a dark, warm location. I chose the garage.

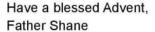
Almost four weeks later, a sprout appeared! This indicated that I was to put the sprout onto the top of the vase with the seed covered just a little bit with water. Now, I waited for another month as roots took hold and a twig appeared. Once the twig reached a height of four inches, the next step was transplanting the avocado plant into a pot, making sure that the roots had good drainage. Two months later, the plant is still growing and looking quite healthy! My waiting patiently for four months has finally paid off; now, I get to enjoy watching my avocado plant continue to grow.

What does it mean to wait? One definition is that waiting is an action of remaining in expectation for something positive to happen. Last week we began our Season of Advent; believing with anticipation that something good will occur later this month. It is really how we wait which is quite important! We shouldn't wait passively. Our waiting demands preparation, just like I had to prepare diligently while growing the avocado plant.

In our preparation during the Advent, we have many opportunities and ways to completely open our hearts for the rebirth of our Saviour. As mentioned in the Gospels, we need to be alert and watchful as we spiritually prepare for Christmas. How do we go about this preparation during this season of waiting? Here are a few suggestions.

One of the things I try to do most years, but not this year, is have all of my Christmas shopping completed and my Christmas cards sent out with the first week of Advent. This way, I can relax and meditate on the rebirth of Jesus, allowing me to open my heart more so that I can more completely receive the love of God, bestowed on me and all of us on Christmas. Another way to ready yourself for the rebirth of Jesus, is to pray more, even if it is only ten minutes a day. Your praying could include some or all the following: reading the Bible, spending a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament, learning about the saint's lives, or perhaps reading a spiritual book. Two of my favorite spiritual authors are Fr. Ronald Rolheiser and Fr. Henri J. M. Nouwen. Your preparation may also include asking forgiveness by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation or offering forgiveness to someone who you have had a long grudge with. Another way we can prepare is to see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet this Advent. The list of how you can spiritually prepare for Christmas is endless.

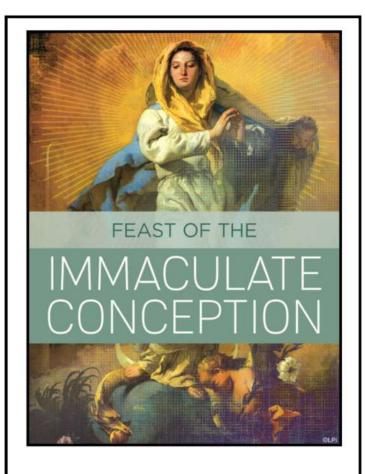
When we make a conscious effort to prepare for the rebirth of Jesus, we will be ready to welcome our Saviour on Christmas morning and experience the true joy this season.











HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 8th

Mass Times: 9:15am, 5:30pm



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ST. ANNE'S MITTEN TREE

Each year our Confirmation students collect gifts and checks for the residents of People Serving People @ St. Anne's Place, a shelter for women and children in Minneapolis. We will once again be working with St. Anne's to provide a merry Christmas to families staying in the facility over the holidays.

Please see the handout by the exits for recommended gift ideas. Gift cards are also welcome. All gifts should be NEW and UNWRAPPED. Please turn in gifts by Wednesday, December 10th. Checks or gift cards should be turned in to the parish office or dropped into the collection basket in an envelope marked St. Anne's. Thank you for your generosity in years past and for this year too!

NOVENA, MASS & SOCIAL GATHERING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Join our Latino Community in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with nine days of prayer and a special event on December 12th. The Novena, which started on December 3rd, continues on December 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th at 6:30pm in the Fireside 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

The Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place on Friday, December 12th at 6:00pm followed by a social gathering in the Community Center. All are welcome and invited to attend.







For information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Steve Cox at 612-308-1253.

Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the community center.

Knights of Columbus Mission Statement: "We believe in human dignity and support causes that respect life from conception to reunion with

Christ.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 4th at 7pm

COMMUNITY DINNER Trinity Lutheran Church 2060 County Rd 6, Long Lake Thursday, December 18th 5:30pm-6:30pm

St. George, Trinity Lutheran, and Calvin Presbyterian collaborate to provide a free monthly meal and fellowship to their congregations and community members of Long Lake and the surrounding communities. Come meet your neighbors, enjoy conversation, and nourish yourself with a meal.

ST. GEORGE WOMEN'S COUNCIL For more information, call Marie Suchy at 612-599-9661.



WOMEN'S COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY Monday, December 8th at 6:15pm

All women of the parish are invited to the community center for the annual Women's Council Christmas party. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church — please sign up. If you can, please bring a dessert or appetizer to share, as well as a *wrapped* gift worth \$5-10 for a fun game gift exchange.

Ladies, come to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass at 5:30pm and then to the Christmas party afterward! We hope to see you there!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

The Women's Council thanks everyone who worked so tirelessly to make the Holiday Boutique a success!

Thanks also to everyone who donated items and baked goods to stock our General Store!

Below are some pictures of the Boutique. we plan to publish more pictures in next weekend's bulletin as well.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE NEW FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE Weekly Goal \$5,350

Offering for 11/16 Week 20	3008.00
YTD WEEKLY GOAL	YTD WEEKLY COLLECTION
Year to Date Offering Goal	Year to Date Actual Offering
\$107,000.00	92,692.50
Monthly BIM Goal	November BIM Offering
\$2,000	515.00

What Is BIM?

BIM is the Building Improvement & Maintenance Fund which supports repairs and updates to the church facilities such as the upcoming belltower repair. Donations can be made with the monthly blue Building Improvement & Maintenance Fund envelopes, by making one-time or recurring donations via EGiving on our website, by texting a donation via EGiving, or by mailing a check with Building & Maintenance Fund on the memo line to the parish office. We are very grateful for this ongoing support!

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

During the Sunday 9:15am Mass, the parish takes up a weekly children's collection before our regular collection. Children are encouraged to come forward to place money in a basket that Father Shane will be holding in front of church. This is a great way to allow children to feel a part of their parish and to understand the importance of giving.

ARE YOU SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY?

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the parish's Instagram and Facebook posting.

Contact the parish office, 952-473-1247, if you are interested or have questions!

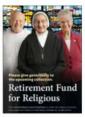




RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

December 13th-14th

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. You will find envelopes for this second collection at the back of church. Please drop them in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.



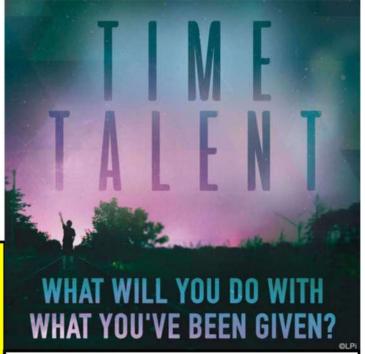
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CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

You may honor your loved ones, either living or deceased, during the Christmas season by donating to the Christmas Flower Memorial Fund. Envelopes (marked Christmas Flowers) are located by the entrances and can be placed into the collection basket the collection basket or mailed to the office. Your gift will not only honor those you designate but will also fund the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary. Please print names clearly. All donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin in the New Year.







As we end 2025 and you take stock of how you spend your time, how you serve others, and how you can forge a stronger relationship with Jesus, please reflect on one or two ways that you might be able to contribute your time and talent to serve our parish. We are always in need of greeters, Eucharistic ministers, Corn Days volunteers, and other roles. What is a talent you have and how can it be used for the glory of God?



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who recently died: Phyllis Meister (cousin of Dick Stubbs), Jeanie Mann, Phylliss Pudwill (aunt of Michelle Flannery), Betty Wollin (sister of Winnie Kroll), Sister Adeline Kroll (sister of Clem Kroll), Terrance Hughes, Joyce Moxon, Marion Hayes, Clem Kroll

Those who are sick, hospitalized, injured, or recuperating: Samantha Voigt (granddaughter of Theresa Beck), Pat Janos, Jane Hall, Sarah Mann (daughter of Jeanie Mann), Dorene Brytek, Allen Schwinghammer (brother of Karen Speeter), Jim Sundean, Roger Sundean, Bobbi Vaughan, Shawn Sutherland, Drew Janos (grandson of Rich and Pat Janos)

Those who are homebound or in assisted living homes

For those who are serving our country: Sid Brown, Whitney Eisinger, Justin Eisinger, Dylan Jones, Chris Pearson, Ben Persian

All those currently in treatment for their respective addictions, and those who need to face their addictions.

Readings for Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Reading: The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2) Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps 72) **Second Reading:**

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Mt 3:11)

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Readings for the Week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: 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

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt

11:2-11

Observances for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto Thursday: St. Damasus I, Pope Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, December 6, 4:00pm: †LaVern Bauer

Sunday, December 7, 9:15am: †Gabe Kleinschmidt Sunday, December 7, 5:00pm: People of the Parish Monday, December 8, 9:15am: Holy Day Immaculate

Conception of BVM; People of the Parish

Monday, December 8, 5:30pm: Holy Day Immaculate

Conception of BVM; †Jeanie Mann

Tuesday, December 9, 5:30pm: †Joyce Moxon

Wed, Dec 10, 8:30am: †Craig Bauer Thurs, December 11, 8:30am: NO MASS Friday, December 12, 8:30am: NO MASS Friday, December 12, 6:00pm: Our Lady of

Guadalupe

Sat, December 13, 4:00pm: †Harlan Bauer

Sunday, December 14, 9:15am: People of the Parish Sunday, December 14, 5:00pm: Vera Martinez-

Hernandez

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7

9:15am Youth Mass

Monday, December 8

9:15am Holy Day Mass: Immaculate Conception 5:30pm Holy Day Mass: Immaculate Conception 6:15pm Women's Council Christmas Party

6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Wednesday, December 10

Last Day to Drop off items for the Mitten Tree

9:00am-10:30am Divine Will group

6:15am-7:15am PreK-1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

6:15pm-7:45pm Grades 2-9+ Faith Formation & Conf

6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

6:45pm-8:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 11

6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

7:00pm AA Meeting

Friday, December 12

6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 6 at 4pm: Weekend Mass

Rosary: Jeff Strand Greeters: Mary Lindbloom, Mary Shearer

EM: Joe Smith, Lou Doherty, Mary Becker, Mary Shearer Lector: Frank Fraser Sacristan/Altar Server: Mike Dombeck

Sunday, December 7 at 9:15am: Weekend Mass Rosary: Anne Marie Johnson Greeters: Youth

EM: Marie and Todd Ziesmer, Pat Doherty, Beth Juusola, Vicky Wenkstern, Margo Williams Lector: Youth, Pat Doherty Sacristan: Beth Juusola Altar Server: Penny Juusola, Ian Miskowic

We are looking for the following liturgical ministers for the Saturday 4pm and Sunday 9:15am Masses: Lectors, Greeters, Rosary Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers. Please contact Sara Dore at sdore@stgeorgelonglake.org to volunteer or if you have questions. Training is provided & instruction guides are available.



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