

GOOD NEWS!

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37

Hurry Up and Wait! We've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this. The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet.

For what should we wait if not Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert, and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen.

If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we're waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Scripture Readings for the week of Nov. 30—Dec. 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rom 10:9-18	Is 11:1-10	Is 25:6-10a	Is 26:1-6	Is 29:17-24	Is 30:19-21,	Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Mt 4:18-22	Lk 10:21-24	Mt 15:29-37	Mt 7:21, 24-27	Mt 9:27-31	23-26	2 Pt 3:8-14 Mt 9:35-10:1, Mk 1:1-8

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Dear Padre

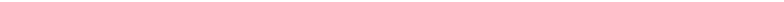
My husband of fifty years has no medical issues with his hearing, but he still doesn't listen to me in conversation. How can I feel heard?

I humbly suggest that your husband read this edition of "Dear Padre." You might leave this bulletin someplace where he will see it.

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice," wrote Shakespeare in Hamlet. Likewise, the Bible reads "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19).

Good listening skills require effort and discipline. Researchers say that only about 10 percent of us listen effectively. Generally, people hear only a fraction of what someone says. Moreover, during an emotional conflict, we tend to hear even less of what another is saying. Nevertheless, Pope Francis said, "We are called to meet others and listen to their life, their cry for help." He called listening "an act of love!" In other words, being available to listen to someone in need is an expression of charity, and being present to others—a spouse, a friend, the bereaved, for example—may actually speak louder than words.

In conversations, people feel heard when their feelings are validated and restated by the listener. But often the listener finds it easier to give advice, fix the problem, or win an argument, than to actively hear what the speaker is trying to communicate. It's advisable to eliminate distractions when someone wants to engage in an important conversation. People don't feel heard when a listener's short attention span wants to resume watching television. Nor do they feel respected during a serious phone conversation while the click of a computer mouse or yawning is overheard!



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From the Priest's Desk



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year. This Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new Year of Grace 2021 as we once again celebrate the mysteries of our salvation in Jesus' incarnation, nativity, life, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension.

As a gift to you all from our parishes I am happy to share with you a new resource for us to grow in our knowledge of our faith throughout this next year. It is called FORMED. Think of it like Catholic Netflix. Anyone can log in using our parish information and access thousands of hours of movies, videos, audio books and books. They have great movies for kids all about the saints and other topics. I encourage you to check it out and share it with your kids and grandkids, too! In our weekly electronic newsletter, there will be a 'pick of the week' from FORMED. You can watch FORMED on your smart TV, on your tablet and smart phone by downloading the FORMED app, and on your computer at formed.org.

How to sign up:

1. Go to www.formed.org
2. Click the "Sign up" button
3. Click the "Sign up as a parishioner" button
4. Type in the zip code 49766 (you must use 49766). Select the Parishes of the Resurrection
5. Type in your Name and Email address.
6. Click the "sign up" button

You can also sign up for daily video reflections and readings for Advent. Go to www.formed.org/advent to sign up.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

There are plenty of options for us to spend our time frivolously on the internet. How awesome is it that we have access to this resource to take the time to dive deeper into our Catholic faith from home. As many are staying home to stay safe these days, please take a look at FORMED as a way to use this time to grow in "love and knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Pt 3:18).

God bless,

Rev. T. J. D. Bischoff

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Raphael <i>Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael</i>
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Catherine <i>Jo Ann Beatty</i>
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine	<i>John Dumont</i>
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne	<i>Edwin Leo & Mary Ethel Curtin</i>

Monday, November 30	
9:00 am Mass,	St. Anne <i>Kathleen Holderman</i>
9:30 am Adoration & Confession	St. Anne
Tuesday, December 1,	

Wednesday, December 2	
9:00 am Mass,	St. Gabriel <i>Mary Ann Steinbauer</i>
9:30 am Rosary,	St. Gabriel
5:00 pm Adoration & Confession at St. Catherine	

Thursday, December 3,	
9:00 am Mass,	St. Catherine <i>John Dumont</i>
9:30 am Adoration,	St. Catherine

Friday, December 4,	NO MASS
Saturday, December 5,	3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael
Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Raphael <i>Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael</i>
6:30 pm Mass, St. Catherine	<i>Dorothy Kauffman</i>
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine	<i>Fr. Robert Bissot</i>
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne	<i>Edwin Leo & Mary Ethel Curtin</i>



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).
Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$47,173.06	\$51,879.00	\$11,102.00	\$16,288.36
Actual year-to-date	\$44,010.08	\$50,841.00	\$10,187.89	\$15,708.10
November 15	\$770.00	\$2,062.00	\$255.00	\$793.55
Other Collections:	\$0.00	\$306.00	\$5.00	\$260.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. Matthew Wigton
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Tuesday—Rev. John William
Wednesday—Rev. Innocent Zambua
Thursday—Rev. Robert Zuchowski
Friday—Rev. James Bearss
Saturday—Pope Francis

St. Catherine K of C would like to thank everyone for their generous food donations for all the families in our area that are experiencing difficult times.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Word Among Us - Don't forget to pick up your Word Among Us Advent edition at all parishes in the kiosk.

Thanksgiving Meals: From our four parishes' tithe we donated \$500 to the Clergy Association of Alcona County's effort to provide Thanksgiving meals. With your help, we were able to help provide meals for 110 people. The meals were prepared by Rosa's Restaurant. Thank you to Pastor Meg Nisbet from the Methodist Church and Fr. Joe Jenny from the Episcopal Church for organizing this outreach effort.

Prayer Tags: St. Catherine and St. Anne parishioners, take a random tag off the tree and pray for the parishioner on the back of the card. St. Raphael parishioners look for your name on the front of the tag and pray for the parishioner on the back of the tag. St. Gabriel's tags have been distributed.

The Giving Trees are up! Please take a tag or tags, purchase gift, wrap it, place original tag on outside of gift and **return to the church by Dec. 13**. This is a great way to help families in our community during this difficult time of year. Thank you in advance.

Giving Tuesday: December 1, 2020

As you may be aware, the national day of giving — Giving Tuesday — is on December 1, 2020. Giving Tuesday was launched in 2012, and over the past eight years, has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to celebrate generosity and give to causes they care about. This national day is a great reminder to reflect on our gratitude and consider making a gift of time, talent, or treasure to further our mission as the Body of Christ. Please consider a special gift to our parish this Giving Tuesday, to support the ministry work of our parish community. Consider a donation to St. Vincent de Paul or our Parish Special Project Fund. Thank you for all you do for our parish and those in need. May God bless you!

St. Catherine has banquet tables available for sale for \$25.00 per table. If you are interested please contact the parish office.