

Worship

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Thursday Mass 9am
Saturday Mass 4pm
Sundays Mass 10:30am

ST. NICHOLAS

9473 County Road 3 NE
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Wednesday Mass 8:30am
Sunday Mass 8:30am

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3pm at Immaculate Conception

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact either parish

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Bulletin Deadline

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ST. NICHOLAS & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC PARISHES + ELEMENTARY SCHOOL + FAITH COMMUNITY

NOV. 14, 2021

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are about the end times, which leads us to next Sunday's celebration of Christ as King of the Universe. Advent will begin looking towards Christ's coming, both at the end of times and the coming celebration of his birthday at Christmas. That cycle repeats itself each year using one of the three synoptic gospels for most of the gospel readings that year before beginning the three-year cycle over again. Cycle A uses the gospel of Matthew, Cycle B uses Mark, and Cycle C uses Luke. John's gospel is spread throughout the three cycles to fill in as needed.

Being a time of preparation, Advent has many traditions that may help us get ready for Christ's birth, such as the Advent Wreath, displaying an empty manger with or without a nativity set, a Jesse tree, St. Nicholas Day activities, lighting a Christ Candle and/or a Mary candle, making St. Lucy cakes, baking Christmas treats, blessing your Christmas tree, and other family traditions.

Because a question sometimes comes up whether an Advent wreath is appropriate since it is both a modern innovation and its origins are in the Lutheran Church, following are my comments on that beginning with a description: An Advent wreath consists of four candles placed around a circular wreath, lighting one candle the first week, two the second, etc. The circle of the wreath represents God's eternal existence, without beginning or end. Use of the Advent wreath is much more recent than the season of Advent, coming into common use only a few centuries ago.

The precursor to the Advent wreath were the wheel shaped bundles of evergreens on which

Germanic peoples placed candles, partially to keep warm in their cold climates, and partially as a pagan symbol. German Christians adopted the wreath with four candles in the 16th century to become what is now the Advent wreath.

While most researchers would probably confirm the Lutheran roots behind the origin of the Advent wreath, the Catholic church has incorporated many pagan traditions to use in (new) ways that symbolize our Catholic beliefs.

The use of a Christmas tree goes back to the symbolic use of evergreens in ancient Egypt and Rome. As for modern innovations, not very many years ago, the Roman Catholic church developed a whole new liturgical rite just to make Anglicans who wished to convert to Catholicism more comfortable. Many more examples are available.

My family used an Advent wreath every year while I lived at home. I have not heard whether it is common for families in our parishes to use an

Advent wreath at home during Advent, but I hope you do. There is no set way the Advent wreath must be used, but a common approach is, before saying grace at dinner (or any other meal), light the appropriate candle(s) (purple candle(s) during the first two weeks, pink or which the third week, and the last purple during the fourth week). Look for a special prayer or prayers that might assist you in preparing for Jesus' coming while lighting, or just after lighting the candle, followed by saying grace for the meal. It is very simple, and a great way to remember Jesus' coming.

Both parishes will celebrate with an Advent wreath during Advent.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of this liturgical year.

The new liturgical year begins on the Sunday following Thanksgiving, the First Sunday of Advent, on November 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Please contact your parish office if you're leaving the area for the winter so you are not scheduled while you are away.

PRAYER INTENTIONS Contact Sue Stoetzel at 320-859-2209 (Immaculate Conception) or Anita at 320-852-7792 (St. Nicholas).

COME TO THE WATER AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY The ACC Pastoral Council met October 19. The council includes 3 members each from St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception and 6 members from St. Mary's. Officers were elected: Jerry Kostreba, President; Gary Haavig, Vice President; Carol Gaffaney, Recording Secretary. Each parish maintains their own Finance Council. A combined bulletin and common calendar will be coming soon. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 16, at Immaculate Conception.

PARENTS IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS Season of Giving (formerly the Mitten Tree), is accepting applications from parents with children from or attending school in Osakis. Applications are at City Hall and on the FNB Osakis lobby bulletin board. Applications must be received by Thanksgiving.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (BH4J) Sunday, November 14, at 7pm at Ginger Hetland's home (1202 East Lake St.). Big Hearts for Jesus will be meeting to discuss future group studies. If there's something you've wanted to learn more about (gospels, church practices, theology, saints, etc.), come join this casual group of learners at all levels.

STEWARDSHIP MEETING Thursday, November 18, at 7pm in the Immaculate Conception church basement

UPCOMING EVENTS



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

POTLUCK Sunday, November 14, after 10:30am Mass. Celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday early by joining fellow parishioners for fellowship and a shared meal after Mass. Last names beginning with A-H bring salads, I-P hotdish/main dish, and W-Z desserts. Q-V? Bring whatever you'd like!

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER Thanksgiving Day, November 25, from 11:30am-1pm in St. Mary's school gym (use school entrance). Call 320-834-3722 to volunteer.

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DONATE FOOD SHELF ITEMS Share your good fortune by helping others. Non-perishable items can be brought to Immaculate Conception and St. Nicholas parishes and left in front of the altar.

DONATE TO THE SEASON OF GIVING (FORMERLY THE MITTEN TREE) This year, we cannot accept any toy or gift donations. Please drop off financial donations marked "Season of Giving" at FNB Osakis, City Hall, or mail to OWA, PO Box 262, Osakis, MN 56360. Make checks payable to OWA. Call 320-217-3341 with questions.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

St. Nicholas

OFFERINGS

Adult	\$932
Loose	\$132
Electronic	\$635
TOTAL	\$1,699

FALL FESTIVAL

Goal	\$10,000
Received	\$7,335

BUDGET PROGRESS (July-June)

Goal	\$148,600
Received	\$63,192



Immaculate Conception

OFFERINGS

Adult	\$1,717
Loose	\$483
Electronic	\$943.45
TOTAL	\$3,143.45

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Goal	\$15,000
Received	\$11,856.54

BUDGET PROGRESS (July-June)

Goal	\$259,300
Received	\$78,477



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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Goal	\$25,000
Received	\$7,417



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your heart especially
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of life, pray.

—St. Padre Pio

FAITH FORMATION

New to the area or our programs? Contact a faith formation leader to receive registration materials.

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St. Nicholas

GRADES 1–11 We have regular class time this week, Wednesday, November 10, from 6:45 to 8pm.

Immaculate Conception

ELEMENTARY (GRADES K–6) Family lessons at home this week. All parish families are encouraged to participate and can jump into the program at any time. Contact Terri or Carrie (info above) or fill out a registration form (at icosakis.org under Faith Formation).

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 7–11) Regular classes this week.

LITTLE HEARTS 4 JESUS (LH4J) Next dates November 7, 21, and 28; December 5, 12, 19, and 25 during 10:30am Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 8:30am — SN	George & Esther Kuhne
Thursday, Nov. 18, 9am — IC	Pat Mohr
Saturday, Nov. 20, 4:00pm — IC	Julius & Clarice Massmann
Sunday, Nov. 21, 8:30am — SN	Elmer & Annie Elsner
Sunday, Nov. 21, 10:30am — IC	For the People

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\$100	Joseph & Marjorie Bandas	Silver Lake, MN

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 20, 4:00pm — Immaculate Conception

Sacristan	Keri Mohror
Greeters	Tim & Tonya Marthaler
Lector	John Temple
Ushers	Tim Marthaler Dave Krebsbach
Extraordinary Ministers	John Temple Harvey Chermak Bernice Kostrzewski
Mass Servers	Needed

Sunday, November 21, 8:30am — St. Nicholas

Sacristan	Dennis Hillmer
Greeters	Travis & Bailey Vanderby
Lector	Amy Jahner
Ushers	Tonya & Noah Beulke
Extraordinary Ministers	Dennis Hillmer Lois & Craig Drexler
Mass Servers	Simon & Jude Jahner

Sunday, November 21, 10:30am — Immaculate Conception

Sacristan	Dick Daas
Greeters	Needed
Lector	Theresa Dirkes
Ushers	Rich Wielenberg Dave Herzog
Extraordinary Ministers	Marilyne Morissette Dennis & Bev Paul
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