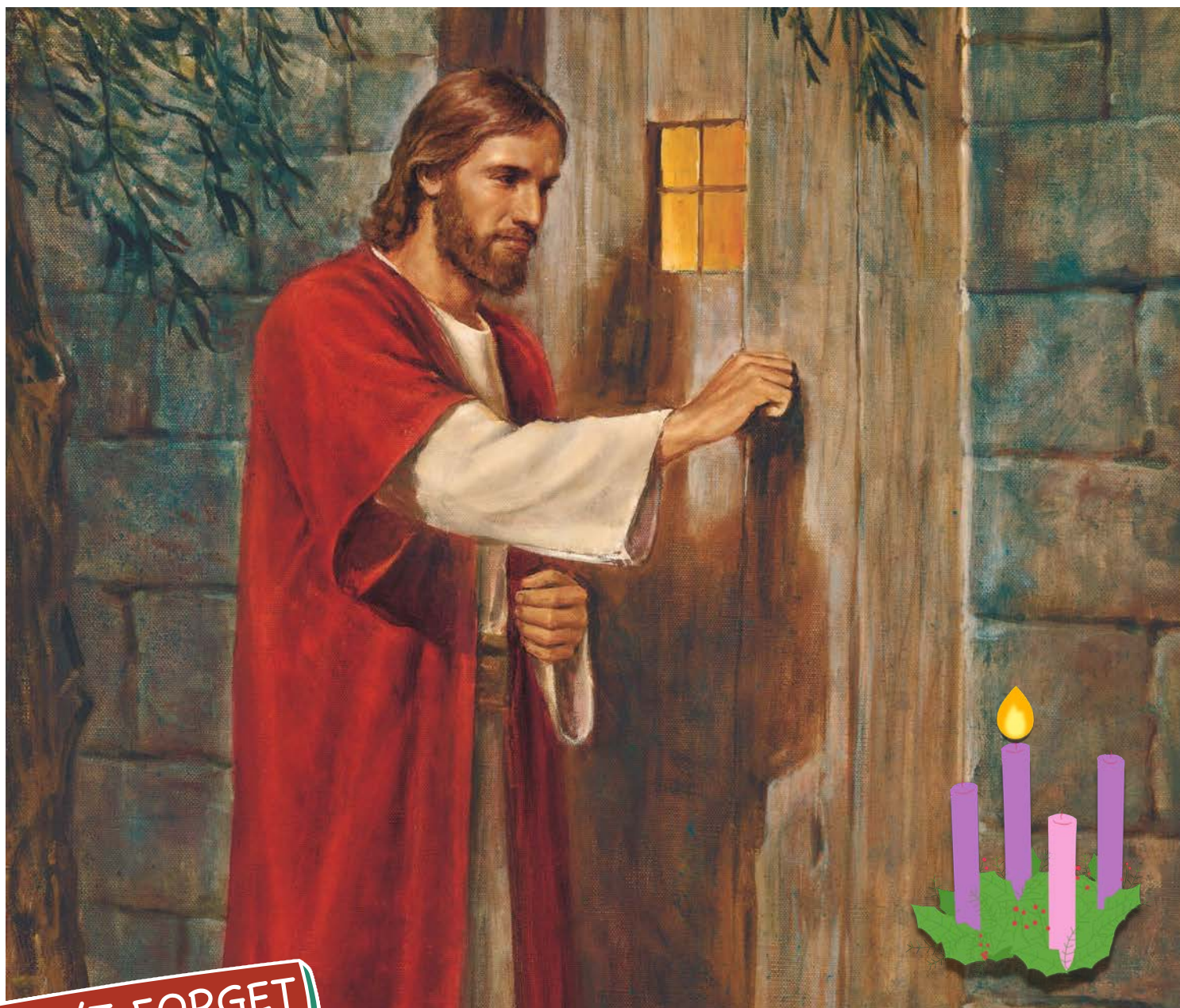


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WELCOME! We're so happy you're here today. God delights in you, and He desires to draw close to you in this Holy Mass. If you're visiting St. Catharine for the first time, thank you for praying with us—we're honored by your presence. Please silence your phones and help us keep a spirit of reverence in the church. **Restrooms can be found in the Undercroft and the Parish Center.** If you need help, just look for someone wearing a green lanyard. We hope you'll join us again soon!

TO THE PARENTS of LITTLE ONES... Thank you for your courage and love in bringing your children to Mass. Even when it feels chaotic, your efforts matter more than you know. God sees every sacrifice, and your children's presence is a powerful witness of faith.

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TO OUR PARISH FAMILY... Children remind us that the Church is alive and growing. Their joyful noises are music to God's ears. Let's welcome them with kindness and support their parents with a smile of encouragement.

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Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour
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Confession

Wednesday 6:30pm
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ADORE Night

✙ Every Wednesday at 6:30pm ✙

A candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

Sunday, November 30th: First Sunday of Advent

8:30am Holy Mass (Mary & Walter Plank)
11:00am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm Holy Mass (Mary Kay Boerner) 🕯️

Monday, December 1st: Monday of the First Week of Advent

8:00am Holy Mass (Robert Knapp)
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 2nd: Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

8:00am Holy Mass (Courtney Caudill)
7:00pm Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Wednesday, December 3rd: Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

12p-2p Parish Offices Closed
6:00pm Holy Mass (Dr. Joseph Gallen)
6:30pm ADORE Night (Confession/Adoration)

Thursday, December 4th: Thursday of the First Week of Advent

8:00am Holy Mass (Murphy Family)
6:00pm Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist

Friday, December 5th: Friday of the First Week of Advent

8:00am Holy Mass (Dorothy Lehman)

Saturday, December 6th: Saturday of the First Week of Advent

6:30am Women at the Well
7:00am That Man Is You!
8:30am Holy Mass (The Poor Souls in Purgatory)
9:00am Confessions
10:00am Giving Tree Drive-Thru Drop off

Sunday, December 7th: Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am Holy Mass (Charles and Elizabeth Sahr)
9:30am Baptism Class
11:00am Holy Mass (Mary & Walter Plank) 🕯️
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm Holy Mass (People of the Parish)

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November 16, 2025

Weekly Offertory (Envelopes, Loose, Online)	\$16,244
Weekly Budgeted Offertory	\$20,000
Difference	(\$3,756)

Year-to-Date (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)

Weekly Offertory (Envelopes, Loose, Online)	\$350,394
Weekly Budgeted Offertory	\$400,000
Difference	(\$49,605)

SCAN TO GIVE



LESSONS AND CAROLS

Wednesday, December 17th
6:30pm

Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture lessons and hymns which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission.

At St. Catharine, Lessons and Carols occurs during our weekly ADORE Night with Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.



May They Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Mary McGinty Bourke
Oke Mora
Patricia Strominger

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Paulette Ann Bennett
Billy Greene
Patricia J. Moriarty
Louise T. Mussio
And all the faithful departed...

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 4 months or until they are asked to be removed.

Tish	Joe	Patti	Fermin
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Spencer	Vanessa	Annette	Anne
Patti	Barb	Monica	Emy
Katie	Peggy	Tom	Michael

Thank God for Seasons—All of Them

By Rachel Green

Thank God we have seasons. I don't know how people live in places without them. I'm not sure about you but every time a season changes I am ready to receive it. Don't get me wrong, I love Summer, but when Fall hits I'm ready for sweater weather. And when Winter comes, I'm honestly ready for the snow. I grew up in upstate NY, I don't hate winter like some of you Ohioans!



Mother Church is so beautiful in that it has seasons as well and I am ready for a change in seasons! I'm ready to put the green prayer cloth away and pull out the purple. A related activity I mostly enjoy in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium is the liturgical calendar. It depicts our Church's liturgical calendar, beautifully and colorfully illustrating the different feasts, seasons and Sundays of the year. The work of the child is to move all of the pieces from the board to the control chart and then restore the work back to its original board. Lots of little pieces = time & attention.

In my level 1 training, I avoided this work. I thought that I understood it and it seemed too monotonous to inspire thoughtful meditation, but the Lord kept prompting me to try it. Once I sat down and slowly moved each piece, I realized something. The Lord has good things in store for me in every single moment. Each little piece of our lives matter. I'm one of those people that can daydream or worry about the next thing in life. But the Lord, through this work, was calling me back to the present.

When Sofia Cavaletti designed the CGS liturgical calendar work she felt like it ought to be counterclockwise as a sign that the church's calendar is meant to be counter-cultural. Advent can be one of those countercultural seasons that if we don't slow down we might just miss it. If we keep our eyes on anywhere but the Lord during this time we might just roll away with our Amazon cart.



For me, I have eyes right now on the building and opening of our Level 2 Atrium in early 2026. I have a lot of internal questions like, "How will I have the energy after the Christmas season to set this space up?", "What will this space look like when it is done?" "Am I ready for this expansion?" Much like a kid, waiting in anticipation for Christmas morning—I am waiting with mostly hopeful thoughts.

Pray for me this Advent that I can slow down and not worry about the next season yet. All we have to move is the small piece in front of us that the Lord is asking us to move. What is that piece for you? The good news is that He alone will provide the grace to move it.

Rachel Green • Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator
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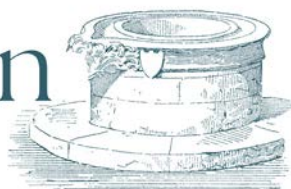


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Join us this Saturday December 6th!

Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee, prayer, and small groups.

Questions? Elyse Salisbury • ehueckel@gmail.com

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Sun, December 7th 11:00am	Yvonne Moyer	Chuck Burkhardt (1) Brandon Scherer (2)	Mary Ginn Ryan, Mike Heskamp, Laura Scherer, *1 Needed* Pam Rice, Grant Roberts, Bob Ryan, Megan Ryan	*1 Needed*	Bethany Mosteller Louis Scherer Larry D Scurlock	Carol Lannan - West Nicole Angle - North Chuck Burkhardt - NE Rita Pearson - SE *1 Needed*	Group 2 Linda Wolfe
Sun, December 7th 5:00pm	Chuck Burkhardt	Liz Evans (2) *1 Needed*	Jenni Remeis - North Mark Savino - North *2 Needed*	Jack Goodwin	Theresa Murphy Miguel Zamaripa *1 Needed*	John Page - West Scott Remeis - North Megan VanLandingham - S Jenni Remeis - NE Johnean Goodwin - SE	Bickford Eric VanBuskirk

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5 | Rom 13:11-14 | Mt 24:37-44

Written by
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For many in the upper latitudes of the northern hemisphere, this is the darkest time of the year, the time when the duration of daylight is at its lowest. It's providential, then, that our first reading calls us to "walk in the light of the Lord!" Paul tells us that we do this by "throw[ing] off the works of darkness" and "put[ing] on the armor of light." While we might not struggle with the vices listed in Paul's Letter to the Romans, each of us has our own struggles against sin. As we begin this Advent season, let us take time to do a thorough examination of conscience to discern areas of weakness and sin – those "works of darkness" Paul talks about – in our own lives. Then, consider taking up practices that help you to foster the opposing virtues to arm yourself against these temptations. As you grow in these virtues, you'll certainly be on your way up the mountain of the Lord and walking in his light!

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel calls us to vigilance. Jesus tells us, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." While he is speaking about our need to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes at the end of our lives, it's also an invitation for us to always be ready to share our faith with others whenever the opportunity presents itself. As Scripture says, we should "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15) We never know the moment when someone will come to us in need of prayer, a word of encouragement, or with questions related to their own spiritual hunger. We must always be ready to meet them where they are and offer a word of hope.

PRAY

Take a moment to pray this week for those "divine appointments" – those individuals who might come your way – seeking encouragement or insight into the spiritual questions in their lives. Ask for the grace to be "awake" so that you're ready to meet them when they come. We can't always predict when these encounters will happen, but we can prepare ourselves to receive these persons as Christ and offer them our full attention and love.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is in danger of death from sickness or old age and wishes to receive the sacraments, please call our main number, 614-231-4509, and ask for a priest to be dispatched to your location.

If you call after hours, please use the same number and follow the prompts to reach a priest.

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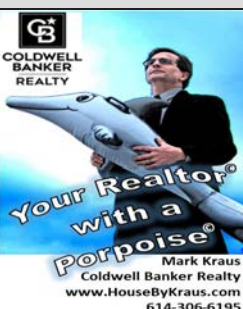
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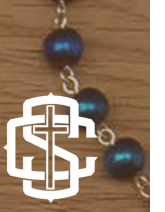
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