Hark! Listen! Be attentive.

Behold. Those verbs express the unique spirituality of Advent, the special season of preparation for Christmas. Through these days when people feel

more stretched than ever, the voice of Advent beckons us to **slow down**, **listen and WATCH FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST.**

You and your family may already have customs or traditions for keeping the season. The "hark" of Advent asks: How can you make the holidays *HOL Y* days for yourself and others?

This flier lists activities and liturgies offered by our parish this Advent and Christmas. Please take a moment now to mark your calendar for special events such as the **Immaculate Conception on**



Dec. 8 and the Communal Penance Service on Dec. 17, to name a few. The Four Sundays of Advent are especially rich for Christians because they steep us in the

mystery of God being born in Christ — and his return at any time.

Pick up an Advent *Magnificat* in the Narthex or download the <u>Hallow app</u>. Place the schedule on your refrigerator or other convenient location.

The best response to "hark" is to pause and listen. Now and wherever you are, set down the screen, turn off the music and let Christ come to you in the silence. Then you will also be able to sense his presence in the bustle and noises of the season. +

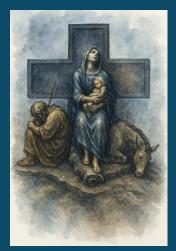


LIVING & LITURGY

Pick up your free 2025 ADVENT COMPANTION at church. Quantities are limited.

The 2026 Liturgical Year begins Nov. 30. Prepare for Mass by praying over the readings beforehand. Pick up a copy of Living Liturgy Sunday

Missal or the St.
Joseph's Sunday
day Missal.



STATIONS OF THE CRECHE 6:30pm Thursday, Dec. 11 Holy Trinity Church

Step into the heart of the Christmas story. Inspired by the Stations of the Cross, this contemplative and immersive experience invites us to walk with the Holy Family through the mystery of the Incarnation.

Open to all families, young adults, and anyone seeking a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ.



Keep Christ in Christmas — and on your cards. USPS Postage Stamps will be available for purchase after Masses Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.

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Worship & Prayer

→ The Four Sundays of Advent

Beginning each week with the Eucharist is essential to a holy life. The readings for Advent prepare us for a richer Christmas season. The violet color for Advent signifies the royalty of the king whose birth we celebrate. The rose or pink color for the Third Sunday of Advent signals "rejoice!" Christmas is almost here.

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21

Masses 5pm Saturday; 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday

→ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, Dec. 8

A Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics in the U.S.

Mass at Noon and 6:30pm

→ Daily Masses for Advent

9am Tuesday and Friday (chapel)

9am Wednesday (church)

→ Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays after 9am Mass until 8pm (chapel)

The Sacrament of Penance

He was given the name Jesus "because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt. 1:21) Open your heart and receive the gift of mercy by confessing your sins.

- → 10-11am every Saturday (except Dec. 20)
- → By appointment with Fr. Chris Rouech

Communal Penance with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

★ 6:30pm Wednesday, Dec. 17

The service includes sacred scripture, Examination of Conscience, silence, song, and priests available for confession and absolution, and conclude with



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Christian Charity

- → Gift Bags for Local Families in Need Take a tag or a bag from the Narthex beginning Nov. 29-30. Return your items to the "give" area of the Narthex no later than Dec. 6-7.
- → Women's Guild Bake Sale after Masses Dec. 6-7 to help fund the Gift Baskets
- → Catholic Charities Child & Youth Gifts Foster parents will have the opportunity to shop for the children at Catholic Charities West Michigan's "Client Christmas Store." Will you help stock the store with gifts? Place your unwrapped gifts in the large bins in the Narthex by Dec. 7.
- → Retirement Fund for the Religious This collection on the third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 14) provides care for elderly religious brothers and sisters who taught in schools, served in heath care, worked in parishes.

Other Events

- → Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 Christmas Postage Stamps for purchase in the Narthex (Knights of Columbus)
- + Dec. 6 & 7 − Meet St. Nicholas after Mass
- → Dec. 11 From the Creche to the Cross: Advent Stations in church. (Details other side)
- → Dec. 13 & 14 Olivewood Carvings by the Christian Families in Bethlehem sale in Narthex
- → Dec. 15 Holy Trinity Catholic School Advent Program in church

