

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

**Reconciliation will be held at St. John
this Saturday from 3 to 3:30 pm.**

Advent Mass Schedule

Mondays:	7 pm ~St. John
Tuesdays:	8 am ~St. Peter 9:30 am & 7 pm ~St. John
Wednesdays:	8 am ~St. Peter 9:30 am ~St. John
Thursdays:	8 am ~St. Peter 9:30 am ~St. John

~ Immaculate Conception Masses ~

St. Peter: 8 am & 6 pm
St. John: 9:30 am & 7:15 pm

God of our waiting time,
with the holy ones who have gone before us,
we long once more for the coming of Jesus,
Your word made flesh.

Utter Your Word anew in our world
at once beautiful and wounded.

Open our hearts to listen for Your voice
as the human family cries out
for justice and hungers for meaning.

Wait with us, accompany us,
work and pray through us for the unfolding
of Your promise, for the fullness
of Your dream this Advent and always.

OFFERINGS

	Offertory	Human Dev.
St. John:	\$1,927	\$621
Holy Family:	581	140
St. Peter:	1,497	599

Don't forget 2015 Bishop's Appeal pledges
are accepted thru March 5, 2016.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

At this time of year we are very conscious
of our family as we make preparations for
Christmas. The Gospel warns us not to be
consumed by all the consumer activity. This
Advent appreciate the gift of people in your
life. The best gift this season might be your
appreciation of others.

Walton Food Bank

The Food Bank would appreciate the
following vital items, thank you:

spaghetti & sauces, tuna fish, egg
noodles, pasta; soups: vegetable,
tomato, chicken noodle, cream of
mushroom, Ramen noodles, etc.;
saltines, canned fruit (peaches, fruit
cocktail, applesauce); mac 'n cheese;
peanut butter; cold & hot cereal;
canned vegetables: corn, peas, green
beans, pork 'n beans; Jell-O, pud-
ding; Knorr rice/noodles; cake and
cookie mixes; tea, cocoa, and coffee.

Over 320 Christmas baskets will be
distributed next month. Would you like to
help? Make your check out to 'Walton
Ministerial Association,' place in an envelope
marked 'Christmas Baskets' and drop in the
offertory basket.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

St. Nick's Day is December 6. It is a nice
custom to put a treat in your child's shoe
the night before. *But* also remember
there are children in our world without
shoes. If your child is old enough tell them
about Soles4Souls (soles4souls.org), may-
be your child will offer to give an extra pair
of shoes this Advent.

Free Year of Mercy App

Pope Francis has announced a Jubilee
Year of Mercy starting December 8 thru
November 20, 2016. During this year, we
are all called to focus on mercy: God's
mercy toward us and how we can live more
merciful lives as Christians.

Our Sunday Visitor has offered a free
app called **365 Days to Mercy** for your
mobile device. It includes daily reflections
on mercy, Scripture reflections, Pope
Francis' tweets, the Divine Mercy Chaplet,
and other things you will find helpful in this
Year of Mercy. It's not complicated or time
consuming - in just a minute or two a day
you can read a little about mercy.

Go to OSV.com/YOM to learn more.

Book Group Meeting This Thursday

Anyone interested in joining the book
group, please come this Thursday,
December 3, 4 pm at Hilda's Place. Call
the office for directions.

Wanted: Deposit Bottles

Don't forget to drop your deposit bottles
in Father Willis Hall and St. Peter's
conference room ~ all proceeds go toward
the 2016 March for Life trip in 2 months.

Make This Advent Radically Different

This is a very busy time of year: shop-
ping, baking, social commitments at work
and with family and friend, decorating,
special events but as Jesus reminds us in
the Gospel, the Son of Man is coming.
There is no date set in stone. We have to
live like we are ready, all of the time. *Be on
guard so that your hearts are not weighed
down with ... the worries of this life, and that
day does not catch you unexpectedly.* Luke 21:34

Running from commitment to obligation
does not leave much room for joy and
praise, peace and prayer. So this Advent,
start planning with a blank slate. Will
Christmas still come even if you don't
exchange presents with your siblings? Who
says you have to have a tree? What ARE
your Advent essentials?

Then, with great deliberation, write in
only those activities and traditions that are
most precious ~ the things that make your
heart feel full of love for God and for your
neighbor. Do only these, and do them with
joy. During Advent live as if you were going
to meet Jesus each and every day.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

As we enter this holy season of Advent,
the rest of the world often knows this as
the holiday and party season. Who does
most of the decorating, buying, cooking,
and cleaning up around your home? Is it
shared? Is it hectic? Is it too much?
Simplify (for ideas see SusanVogt.net ~
'Advent Waiting')!

For You I wait all day long.