

His Light is On this Advent Season



Rejoice!

Make it Special

Eat dinner by candlelight

Commit to a daily meal as a family

Enjoy the sounds of the season at the Parish Advent Concert on Sunday, December 5th at 2:30pm in the Church

Have an Advent Sunday Ritual

Attend Breakfast-in-Bethlehem on Sunday, December 12th from 9am-1pm in the Activity Center

Choose an Advent Devotional and read/listen everyday! Some suggestions:

Advent Gospel Reflections by Bishop Barren

Rejoice! Finding Your place in the Advent Story by Fr. Mark Toups

Best Advent Ever Daily Videos from Dynamic Catholic

In the Manger by Max Lucado

Add Mary on the Mantle or the Shepherd on a Search to your Advent fun as they wait for the coming of Jesus

Donut Worry, Be Happy: Come for donuts after Mass every Friday of Advent at 9am with the Pastoral Care Ministry Team

Giving with Purpose

Adopt-a-Family off of the St. Nicholas Giving Tree

Buy a Toy for the Abide Better Together Christmas Store and drop it off between December 5th -10th

Go Christmas Caroling

Write letters or send a Christmas card to those who you haven't seen recently

Send a Christmas Card to a Parish Senior

Leave a thank you note for your postal worker, garbage man or delivery driver

Pay for the person's order behind you in the drive-thru

Donate food or volunteer to serve at to the December Stephen Center or Least of My Brethren Meals

Deliver Christmas Food Baskets for the Douglas County Food Bank

"Light the Way" - Thursdays at 7pm in the Church

Thursday, December 2nd - George Butterfield on our Father's delight in us

Thursday, December 9th - Charlie Hoover on Baptism, Confirmation and Baptism in the Spirit

Thursday, December 16th - Fr. Stack on our Blessed Mother

Prayer

Commit to 5 minutes more daily prayer than your normal prayer time

Come and Adore Him: Eucharistic Adoration daily from 12:15-1:15pm or Tuesdays from 9am-9pm

Go to Confession: Cookies & Confession will be held Wednesday, December 1st from 4-7pm

Pray at the Holy Angels Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetary each Wednesday at 6pm for peace and healing for those who have lost loved ones

Pray the Rosary

Go to Mass during the week

Pray the St. Joseph Novena everyday at 9am in the Church beginning on Monday, November 29th through December 7th to end the Year of St. Joseph

Read a Chapter of Luke's Gospel everyday in December and prayerfully meditate on its words (there are 24 Chapters)

Set-up a Jesse Tree and read the daily scripture and pray together as a family

Jesse Tree Ornaments & Prayer Books are available in the back of the Narthex

**The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior,
Who will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you with his love,
Who will sing joyfully because of you
Zephaniah 3:17**



Advent Traditions

Across St. Patrick's

How will your family celebrate this year?



Each year we look forward to helping deliver poinsettias to Parish Seniors as part of the Human Needs Season of Giving.

The Benjamin Family



We celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas (and make the connection with Santa) and Feast of St. Lucy ! Who doesn't love wearing a crown of "candles" and eating sweet rolls in bed?

The Zimmermann Family



We use a calendar of service and/or activities to do as a family. Each day is an act of kindness toward a friend, family member, stranger, or an activity we do together as a family.

The Klapperich Family



We place a giving manger on the table, anytime someone does a kind deed they can put straw in the manger to make a soft place for baby Jesus to lay on Christmas morning.

The Christensen Family



We have an Advent wreath on the dining room table and it stays there all Advent. We do daily scripture readings, and Christmas cookies with three generations of families.

Jim & Lori Sperry



We do not celebrate Christmas until the 25th, then we turn on all the lights on our Christmas tree and celebrate it liturgically.

John & Toni Schroeder



We have a Jesse Tree and ornaments. Every night of Advent we read the scripture, hang the ornament and reflect upon the history of our faith. We close each night in prayer.

The Pfeifer Family



We pick a Friday or Saturday night where we put Christmas ornaments on the tree together as a family while listening to Christmas carols. Each year the kids get an ornament that reminds them of that year.

The Olson Family