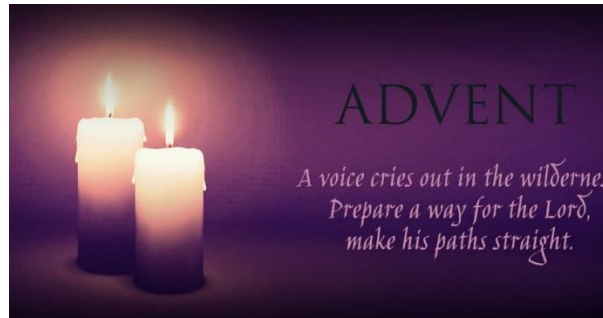


THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS...



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

An Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols
with The Holy Eucharist: Rite One - 10:30 a.m.
The Rev. David W. Hodnett, Celebrant/Preacher

Adult Christian Education - 9:00 a.m. in the library

Children's Chapel - 10:30 a.m. downstairs in the Sister House

Childcare will be available downstairs in the Sister House from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Following the postlude, please make your way to Lagarde Hall for Coffee Hour.



The Collect of the Day:

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; II Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

Visit <https://www.lectionarypage.net/> to access this week's readings.



Prelude

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming (Johannes Brahms)

Hymns

*Savior of the nations, come!
O heavenly Word, eternal Light
Prepare the way, O Zion*

Offertory Anthem

People Look East (Malcom Archer)

Postlude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Ralph Vaughan-Williams)

Serving Sunday

Nursery: Conya Morris and Lanah Stephens
Children's Chapel: Jessica Akridge and Sandra Adams
Carpool Coordinator/Driver: Danny Williams
ECW Sunshine: Audrey Vander Yacht
Altar Guild: Will and Dottie Thornton
Greeters/Ushers: David Marshall and Danny Williams
Crucifer: Brooke Thorton
Priest's Cross Bearer: Blake Thornton
Liturgist and Eucharistic Minister: David Ford
Lectors: Bette White, Jacob Womack, Christopher Douglas, Donna LePrell,
Abbie Roper, Garrett Liles, and Susan Thompson
Offering Counter: Hope Marshall
Coffee Hour Hosts: David and Jo Rhea Ford and Jimmy and Sarah Sloan

We wish the following special birthday blessings!

December 6 – Jana Garcia
December 12 – Donovan Mackenzie and Lauren Sundstrom
December 15 – Alexander Marshall
December 16 – Lily Grace Draper



POINSETTIA ORDERS

It is time to place orders for poinsettias to adorn the altar at Christmas in honor and/or in memory of loved ones. Each year, our beautiful poinsettias come from Rainbow Omega, a faith-based, non-profit organization that provides vocational and residential programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The cost is \$12 for each poinsettia. Order forms with envelopes are available in the narthex and parish office. The deadline for ordering is **Monday, December 18.**

PARISH NOTICES

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN AND YEAR-END GIVING: **If you have not already done so,** please return your pledge card/estimate of giving as soon as possible. The work of planning and budgeting for 2024 will begin soon, and we need **everyone's participation** for us to have a truly exciting and meaningful year of ministry and mission.

Additional pledge cards and envelopes are available in the narthex and parish office.

If you would like a reminder of your 2023 giving-to-date, please contact the parish office. As the current year draws to a close, we once again thank you for your faithful, generous support of our shared ministry.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKS: *Living Well Through Advent 2023: Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* are available in the narthex and parish office. If you prefer to download a copy, please visit the Living Compass website: <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>. We hope this gift from Father John and Jan Carliso will deepen your experience of this holy season.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Adult Sunday School class is journeying toward Christmas with author Rachel Billups's "An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story." This DVD/book series explores the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. The class gathers at 9:00am in the library, and those interested are invited to attend.

CURSILLO REUNION GROUP: Cursillo 4th Day Reunion Groups are meeting on the second Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and on the fourth Sundays at 12:00 p.m. each month in the Sister House reception room. All who have been to a Cursillo weekend and any others with an interest are invited to attend.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Members of the Parish: James Adams; Byron and Sheila Bransom, Rebecca Burt; Mike, Denise and Michael Dodd; Marian Freeman; Kathi Harrelson; Judy Heathcoe; Philip Laminack; Larry LePrell; Bodine McKay; David Marshall; Charles Moffett; Ken and Dot Perry; Lanah Stephens; Jim and Susie Ulrey; Jimmy Ulrey; Donna Williams; and Gail Wilson

Friends and Relatives: Ann Angel (Cuneo); Martha Brackett (Haynes); Jesse Davenport (Cuneo); Jason Frazier; Bill Harrington; Greg Harrington; Sherlyn Jackson (Smith); Diane Kimberly (Hollingsworth); Jerry Pruitt (Glass); Tony Pugh (Potter); Richard Rinehart (Sundstrom-Rinehart); Lauren Sundstrom Rissler (Sundstrom-Rinehart); Pat Roberson (Zeimet); Joe and Pat Romero (Harris); Beth Smith (Harrington); John Triplett (Ferguson); Sam Watson; and Kelley Whirley (Zeimet)

Active Duty Military: Brad Konermann (Harris); Kalan McKinney (Marshall); Parker Moore; Clifford "CJ" Roberts (Harris); Brittney Smith (Harris); Andrew Walker (Adams); and Eryn Wolfe (Marshall)



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Mission Statement:

*We will serve the Lord and the needs of the community
while extending hospitality to all people with our gifts, to the glory of God.*

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Church Office Hours:

Mondays – Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(Closed for lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)
Closed Fridays

SAINT MICHAEL'S CLINIC – (256) 236-6060

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.