

Advent begins today, Dec. 3!

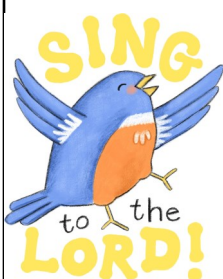
Advent is the liturgical season in the Church year where we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus! The Liturgical Year actually begins this Sunday, Dec. 3, not on January 1 as the regular calendar does. During Advent, we prepare our hearts and homes to remember and rejoice in the Great Gift of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. What special things do you do to prepare?

One thing you can do is attend Mass for the **Immaculate Conception of Mary Holy**

Day of Obligation. Masses at Our Lady of Grace are on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, Dec. 8, at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



All Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st Grade students sing during 10:30 a.m. Mass Dec. 10



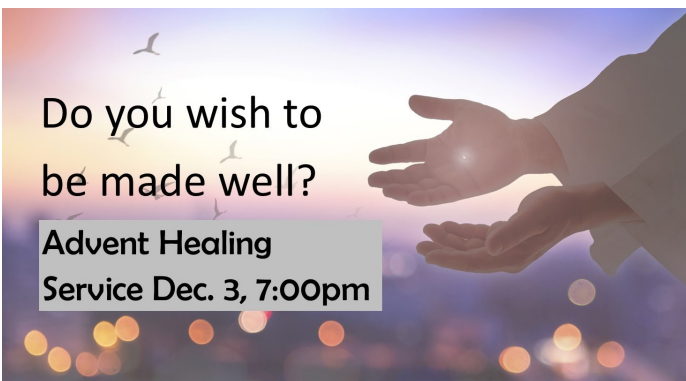
Children who attend Sunday and Wednesday classes for Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st grade will be singing during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 10. All of these children will have a full group rehearsal at 10:05 a.m. in the St. Gianna room that morning (behind the double wooden doors at the end of the dining room.) They will then go upstairs as a group to sit together during Mass. Any parents who would like to help with supervising the children during the Mass should contact Christine in the Faith Formation office.



Christmas Eve Choir: Children in grades 2 and older are invited to sing along with the choir for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the classroom hallway or contact Tanya in the Faith Formation office. Rehearsals are two Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 p.m. — Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 — in the choir area of the church.

Children's Christmas Program

For the children who already signed up to be in our annual Children's Christmas Program, the final rehearsal is Saturday, Dec. 16, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The performance is Sunday, Dec. 17, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass (so approximately 11:45 a.m.) in the parish dining room. All are invited! We just might have a special Saint there, too, who loves to give gifts to children!



Join us Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7:00 p.m.!

Advent Healing Service

All are invited to join us for this encounter with our Lord, the Divine Physician and Doctor of Souls. Every one of us has some form of illness, physical or spiritual. This Healing Service provides us with a time to offer to our Lord those things we hope for Him to heal and to ask Him for strength for the burdens we may be experiencing. See our Facebook page (OurLadyOfGraceMinot) or our website, olgminot.org, for a video by Fr. Brian Gross regarding what to expect at this beautiful event of prayer for healing.

*Several of the children who are preparing for the sacraments this year will receive their **First Reconciliation** (confession) on **Saturday, Dec. 9**. Please pray for them at this grace-filled time in their lives.*



Area Penance Services

One of the best ways to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus is to prepare our hearts by going to confession. In Minot there are four Penance Services from which you may choose:

Tue., Dec. 5, 6:15 p.m., St. John the Apostle

Sun., Dec. 10, 2:00 p.m., St. Therese, Church of the Little Flower

Sun., Dec. 17, 2:00 p.m., St. Leo the Great

Wed., Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Grace

Plan ahead to celebrate the Birth of Jesus!

Christmas Eve: Sunday, Dec. 24

Mass at 4:00 pm & Midnight
(No 5:30 pm Mass)

Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25

Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 am

