



Preparing for Christmas and Advent

This time of year is filled with decorations, shopping, carols, cookies and many family traditions. But what about Advent?

When it comes to Lent, we seem to do a good job of preparing ourselves for the Passion of Christ. When it comes to Advent, do we spend that same time preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ?

With the busyness of the season it can seem like extra time in prayer, attendance at a retreat, time each day to prepare our hearts and our families for the true meaning of Christmas can seem to be the one thing that pushes us over the edge. In reality, it is that extra thing that helps our hearts open to be ready to great Christ in fullness.

This Advent, consider taking some time for just you and the Lord. Spend some time in Scripture, listen to a podcast, whatever kind of faith growing opportunity you enjoy. Formed.org has some great Advent resources. Check out our webpage under [Faith on the Go](#) or [Adult Formation Opportunities](#) to find some great resources.



Did you know...?

December 8~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Did you know... The feast of the Immaculate Conception actually celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother?

When we read in Luke 1:28, we hear Gabriel speak to Mary addressing her as “full of grace”. We know that through the Holy Spirit, Mary will receive all the divine help necessary to fulfill her calling as Jesus’ mother. However, it also shows us Mary’s special involvement of God in her whole life.

For more information about Mary and other saints check out: franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day

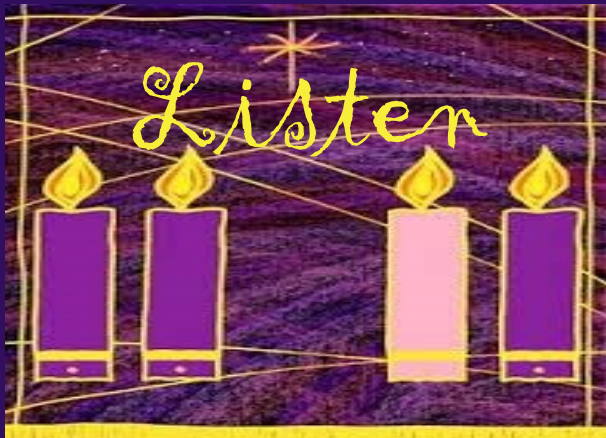
SAVE THE DATE!

- Advent Retreat: December 4
- @Home Middle/High School ~ Meeting December 6 ~7 pm
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception ~Holy Day
- First Reconciliation Retreat ~ December 11
- YES! Session (Saint Reports Due) December 12
- Christmas Caroling ~ December 12
- Matt Maher Concert ~ December 12
- Christmas Play ~ December 15
- Mission Trip ~ July 9
- Totus Tuus ~ July 17-22
- Steubenville ~ July 29-31

GREAT SITES TO BOOKMARK

- Daily Readings ~<https://bible.usccb.org/>
- Catholic Family Support ~ <https://intentionalcatholicparenting.com>
- Resources for all ages (free to our parishioners, contact Jen with trouble registering) ~<https://formed.org/>
- Cluster website, stay up on all things in our cluster! ~ <https://www.northernlakescatholic.org/>
- Faith on the Go! Find digital ways to grow each and every day: <https://www.northernlakescatholic.org/faith-on-the-go->

CLICK ON THE BOX TO GO TO THE WEB PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER.



An Advent Retreat

Join us for a morning of encounter with Jesus through Mass, a talk by Fr. Aaron, Discussion, Prayer, Adoration & Reconciliation

Saturday, December 4, 2021

8:30 am - 12 pm ~ St. Peter the Fisherman

Led by Fr. Aaron Devett

ADVENT BEGINS AT HOME

PROJECT NAZARETH



"Project Nazareth: Faith Begins at Home" delivers weekly resources to families with children ages 5 through 12. These resources give parents suggestions for how to **Ponder, Listen, Pray, and Act** with a given topic throughout the course of each week. Guided by Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, different series within Project Nazareth explore the fundamental Gospel message, the Sunday Mass readings and other special topics such as the Eucharist.

This is not just another lesson to be completed by children at home, but a way to weave their faith formation into the fabric of family life. You can see a sample of a week's resources [here](#).

Click on the picture to be directed to the registration page to receive full access and the Project Nazareth weekly toolkit each week of Advent.



Wednesday, December 15 ~ 6 pm

Please join us for our ALL CLUSTER Christmas Play!

ALL elementary students (@ home also) are welcome to join at 4 pm to begin preparing our play.

Students will be fed dinner prior to the play performance.

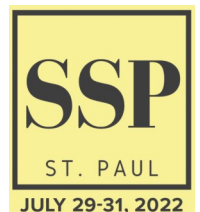
ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS welcome to join us at 6 pm for the play in the main church at St. Peter the Fisherman.

Evening classes will meet following the play.



What is a Steubenville Youth Conference?

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 25 conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Our mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. To learn more: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/nstp/>



We are looking to go to Steubenville St. Paul July 29-31, 2022 at the same time our friends from other parishes that attend Extreme Faith Camp are going. This is open to current high school students.

Please contact Jen ASAP to register. ALSO.. We cannot go without additional chaperones, please pray and let me know if you would be willing to join us for this great conference!