



LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR
DECEMBER 9/10, 2017

	Ministers of Altar	Ministers of Hospitality	Ministers of Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	Ryan Ludwick	Tom Moran	John Nehrbuss	Cherri Grasso
				Rose Lushek
				Volunteer
8:00 a.m.	Sophia Michael	Mike Moses	Jeff Bedard	Denise Battistine
		John Turner		Jim Lehn
				Shannon Tise
10:00 a.m.	Brogen Priest	Kathryn Hapner	Abby Kelly	Jill Hopper
	Allison Gillespie	Sharon Bick		Patty Reinholz
				Volunteer



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 3

- 7:40 a.m. **WLRU ROSARY BROADCAST**
- 8:00 a.m. Charles & Jane Eddenfield, Larry & Robert Eddenfield, Edwin & Rita Hunt, John & Don Hunt, Jim Landsom (Joe & Mary Hunt)
- 10:00 a.m. Theresa Hirtz (Debbie Koehl)
WLRU BROADCAST

Monday, December 4

- 10:00 a.m. **WLRU ROSARY BROADCAST**

Tuesday, December 5

- 9:15 a.m. Joyce Whealand (George Thelen)

Thursday, December 7

- 7:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
Mary Moran (Margaret Hudson)

Friday, December 8

- 9:30 p.m. **MASS FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
Michael Otworth (Dean Otworth)

Saturday, December 9

- 5:30 p.m. Elizabeth McCarty (Dean Otworth)

Sunday, December 10

- 7:40 a.m. **WLRU ROSARY BROADCAST**
- 8:00 a.m. Jerome & Velma Winner; Ann & Frank Rehark; Lu & Lee Beauchamp (Jim & Joan Winner)
- 10:00 a.m. Terrence & Maureen Palmer; Wade & Ruby Quakenbush; Jacob Quakenbush, Desmon Palmer, Ashley Reid, Yoland Neshet (Sam & Natalie Quakenbush)
WLRU BROADCAST



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly Need	\$ 5,000.00	YTD NEED STARTING 7/2/2017	\$ 104,500.00
Collection for November 25/26		YTD COLLECTED	\$ 104,167.00
Envelopes & Loose	\$ 4,487.00	VARIANCE	-\$ 333.00
Variance	-\$ 513.00	(3 ☹☹☹)	
(5 ☹☹☹☹☹)			

School Support: \$474.00, Building Fund: \$55.00, St. Vincent de Paul: \$190.00
Votives: \$32.00, Buck-a-Month: \$7.00, Cemetery: \$72.00



\$252,747.60

Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall



**BENEDICTION EVERY
THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.**



- December 3 Katie Boden
- December 5 Ann Lerch
- December 7 Christian Gunderman
- December 9 Katherine Boden, Allison Florek, David Hopper
- December 10 Nancy Bushelman, Ronnie Ludwick



LAUGHTER IS GOOD

Sitting by the window of her convent, Sister Barbara opened a letter from home one evening.

Inside the letter was a \$100.00 bill her parents had sent. Sister Barbara smiled at the gesture.

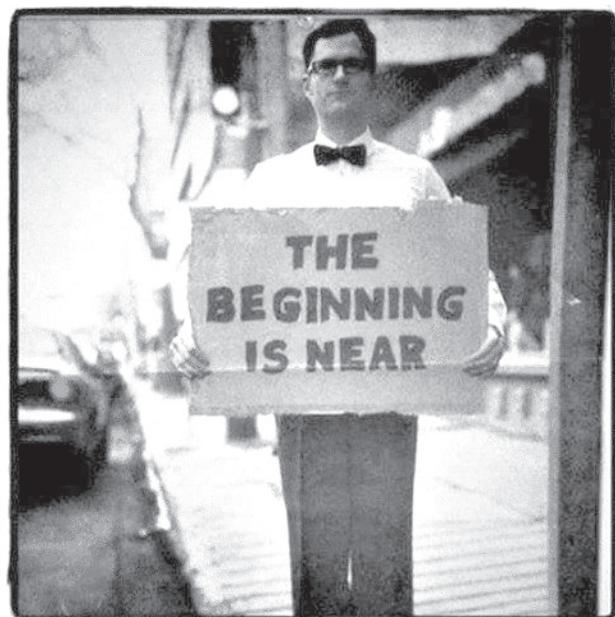
As she read the letter by the window, she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamp post below.

Quickly, she wrote, "Don't despair. – Sister Barbara," on a piece of paper, wrapped the \$100.00 bill in it, got the man's attention and tossed it out the window to him.

The stranger picked it up, and with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street.

The next day, Sister Barbara was told that a man was at her door, insisting on seeing her. She went down, and found the stranger waiting. Without a word, he handed her a huge wad of \$100.00 bills.

"What's this?" she asked. "That's the \$8,000.00 you have coming Sister," he replied. "Don't Despair paid 80-to-1."



An Advent Message.



SERMON FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The most famous picture of Earth was taken on February 14, 1990. As the Voyager 1 spacecraft was about to leave our solar system, astronomer Carl Sagan suggested that mission engineers have Voyager 1 turn their camera around to take one last picture of Earth from 4 billion miles away. Our planet appears as a tiny point, a speck of dust, just a dot of light in the center of a solar light ray (the picture is in the bulletin).

Astronomer Carl Sagan wrote: “From this distant point, Earth might not seem of particular interest. But for us, it’s different. Consider again that dot. That’s here, that’s home, that’s us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives... Every saint and sinner in the history of humans lived there – on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.”

God has taken a keen interest in this “mote of dust.” Though He created it like everything else in the universe, yet God chose to visit Earth. God came to us not as an alien but as a human, one like us, in the person of Jesus. In Jesus God did everything humans do – He walked on dusty roads, He took a bath, combed His hair and cleaned His clothes. He talked with all types of people. Some He loved more than others but He still loved them all. Jesus joked like us, laughed like us, cried like us, shared ideas like us, sometimes got angry like us but always forgave. He loved His mom and grieved when His human father died. He liked to eat at other people’s houses, especially with those who were outcasts. After these dinners Jesus went to the bathroom just like all humans do. It seems incredible to say that God who is all powerful, all knowing, all magnificent, all Holy, the Creator of everything would subject Himself to the call of nature. Jesus could have fun, like at a wedding where He probably danced and drank some wine but not too much. He hugged children, healed sick bodies, mended broken hearts and made humans feel good about themselves. Jesus went to church, prayed and taught us that we have a Father in Heaven who wants to be so close to us that it’s OK to call Him “Daddy.”

Jesus was one of us. He lived on Earth so we can live forever in Heaven. Jesus died to lead us home, not this speck of dust called Earth but our true home in the glorious Light of Heaven that is brighter than all the sunbeams in the universe. Like one young man told me as he was leaving for Heaven, “Look at the people of the Light. They are so beautiful!”

Jesus tells us today to watch, be alert, don’t fall asleep, don’t get complacent. Jesus is coming back. We got work to do before He returns. We need to prepare. But how do we do that? Abraham Lincoln wrote, “Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.” We need to sharpen our attention to those things in our lives that are not of God. How have I been selfish? How have I been prideful? How have I failed to love and forgive? Put away your iPhone. Take an honest look at yourself. With the sharpened axe of honesty, cut those things out of your life.

There is a verse in the Christmas song, “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” that goes like this – “Christmas Eve will find me where the love light gleams.” Jesus is coming back. May He find a bright “love light” shining from your heart on this Earthly home to light the path to your Heavenly home. Have yourself a Happy Advent and a Merry Christmas.