

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

The mystery of the Incarnation occurred through Mary and yet through the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism and Confirmation we too are called to embody the presence of God. Have we, like Mary, said yes to God? Are we, like Joseph, nurturing and protecting that life within us? As we celebrate this holy season of birth in our lives to the fruits of God's love: justice, peace, kindness, humility and joy?

## **God is with Us: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed.

This is the "Gospel of God" that Paul celebrates in today's Epistle-the good news that "God is with us" in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today's First Reading is given in today's Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David's royal line.

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit, and by the power of the Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God's right hand in the heavens.

He is the "King of Glory" we sing in today's Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end.

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord. In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now "the beloved of God."

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and Kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race-a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean, made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child-God with us-continues until the end of the age.

## **Christmas Schedule**

### **Christmas Eve Midnight:**

*Lector: Caroline Hoelscher  
Gift Bearer: Dennis Stojanik Family*

### **Christmas Day @ 8:00 am**

*Lector: Mark Bartek  
Gift Bearer: Melvin Ranly Family*

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Please sign the form on the table in back of Church if you are having your 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or a 5 year increment wedding anniversary in 2020 and anyone that has been married over 60 years.  
Certificates will be handed out on Sunday 12/29—Feast of the Holy Family.*

## **Piano Lessons**

*Becky Zavodny is offering piano lessons for our community, from ages 8 to adult. If several register, she is willing to come to Westphalia and give the lessons in the RE Bldg.  
Please contact Linda Lorenz 254-715-0573 if you are interested or have questions.*

## **CLEANING CHURCH**

*Reminder----Check the bulletin for your time to clean Church.  
Instructions are in the supply closet between the bathroom and kitchen near the altar.*

## **Dynamic evening with Kevin Dunn**

*Holy Trinity of Corn Hill invites you to a dynamic evening with Kevin Dunn on Saturday January 11 @ 6:30pm  
Details are on fliers at the back of Church and the RE Building.*

## **PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH CHURCH**

Heavenly Father, author and inspirer of all things holy, hear our prayers for our new church. Send forth Your Spirit that we may humbly be guided by Your Divine Will. Touch our hearts with true generosity to raise up a house of God for the inspiration and renewal of all Your faithful. May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
Weekend Mass Intentions	Sat, 12-21 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 12/22 9.00am	Sat, 12-28 6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 12/29 9.00am
	4th Sunday of Advent	4th Sunday of Advent	Feast of the Holy Family	Feast of the Holy Family
	+Herbert F Hoelscher +John & Helen Lingnau	Parishioners	+Erwin & Gladys Kahlig +Ervin Willberg	Greater Respect for Human Life Parishioners
Altar Server	Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters	Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green	Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green	Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon Jr.
Lector	Youth	Renae Willberg	Mary Jane Hubik	Jerry Loden
Gift Bearer		Neal Ryan Family		Doc Savage Family
Ushers	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Brian Wilde Joseph Doskocil	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Calvin Wilde Craig Ordner
	Kerri Meier	Marilyn Rudloff	Amanda Moeller	Cindy Moeller
Rosary Leader	Janet Loden Joyce Wimberley	Terry & Tammy Frenzel	Janet Loden Joyce Wimberley	Terry & Tammy Frenzel
Money Counter	David & Mandy Alexander Paula Niemeyer and Marilyn Rudloff		Neal & Tammy Ryan Charles & Cindy Moeller	
Vocation Cross	Charles and Renae Willberg		Walton & Belinda Hering	
Church Cleaner	12/28 & 1/4- Renae Willberg, Meagan Willberg, Randy Willberg, Linda Willberg, Emily Hering, Dawn Willberg			
Weekday Mass Intentions	Tue 12/24 MIDNIGHT	Wed 12/25 8:00 am	Thu 12/26 8:00am	Fri 12/27 8:00 am
	+Laurie Hoelscher +Bede Hoelscher	Parishioners	NO MASS	NO MASS

**he Sick and the Suffering requesting our prayers:** Gary Locklin, John Macha, Eva-Ann Greger, Rachel Rudloff, Charles Thornton, Annette Hoelscher, Layla Grace Evetts, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Pattie Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Mike Meyer, Bobby Bulls, Charles Ordner, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, Terri Wilheit, Fran Greger, Gary Herzog, Barron Shoemaker, Skylar (Savage) Wolfe & Amy Drake  
**Sanctuary Candle:** In Memory of Herbert & Helen Hoelscher

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building	<b>12-14 &amp; 12-15 OFFERINGS:</b>
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>	Regular 1658.76
Sun 12-22 & 12-29 - NO HS REI Ed	
Wed 12-25 @ NO Youth Meeting	<b>Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:</b>
	12-29 Feast of the Holy Family

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Deacon Bill Smetana (Retired)  
Deacon Charlie Wright  
Deacon Julian Tyboroski (Retired)

MASSSES: Saturday – 6:00 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am  
Tues 8:00am, Wed 7:20am, Thurs 8:00am, Fri 8:00am  
RECONCILIATION: Prior to Weekend Mass

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 22, 2019**