

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

St. Patrick's, Enderlin - Holy Trinity, Fingal - Our Lady of the Scapular, Sheldon



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## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Please inform the parish 3 months before the birth of your child so that a Sacramental preparation may be scheduled. Thank you.

**RECONCILIATION:** 30 minutes before every Mass and by appointment; 15 minutes after last Sunday Mass.

**MATRIMONY:** Please inform the parish 7 months before any desired date for this Sacrament so that the Sacramental classes may be scheduled. See wedding policy handbook on the website under Sacraments tab.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please do not wait until you are on your death bed to be Anointed. Please plan ahead, if you are able, as the priest isn't always immediately available. If you are in doubt as to whether you should be Anointed, please contact Fr. Chris using the emergency number above.

## MASS INTENTIONS December 23 – December 31

Sun Vigil: 5:00pm Sheldon – Tom Spiekermeier *by OLS Altar Society*

Sun: 8:30am Enderlin – *Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)*

Sun: 10:30am Fingal – Joshua Ertelt+ *by C Rolph*

**Christmas Eve: 5:00pm Sheldon** – Thanksgiving for Jesus' Birth

**Christmas: 8:30am Enderlin** – *Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)*

**Christmas: 10:30am Fingal** – Lawrence Petrowitz+ *by K Aarseth*

**Tue: No Mass**

**Wed: No Mass**

Thu: 10:30am Maryhill – Bernard Cole+ *by R Cole*

Fri: 7:00am Enderlin – Rose & John Gilbert+ *by M & J Gilbert*

Sun Vigil: 5:00pm Sheldon – Connie Spiekermeier *by OLS Altar Society*

Sun: 8:30am Enderlin – *Pro Populo (For the people of the parish)*

Sun: 10:30am Fingal – Amanda Leininger+ *by Kathy Aarseth*

## Holy Mass Schedule – Christmas Day

**Sunday, Dec. 24 5:00pm in Sheldon**

**Monday, Dec. 25 8:30am in Enderlin**

**Monday, Dec. 25 10:30am in Fingal**

## Holy Mass Schedule – December

**Saturday 5:00pm in Sheldon**

**Sunday 8:30am in Enderlin**

**Sunday 10:30am in Fingal**

## Prayer for Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came. It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.

Amen.

\*\*\*Please email Fr. Chris any bulletin items by Wednesday\*\*\*

**Prayer Box:** Please pray for the following: Bishop Folda, Sara Walker+, Nathan Gossett+, Melrose Lulay, Bernard Cole+, Georgiana Maack+, Rosalie Buchholz, Sharon Spiekermeier, Fr. Robert Cronin, SOLT+, Marion Everhard, Darlene Offerman+, Fr. Wenceslaus Katanga, Jeanette Fitterer, Peggy Buchholz, Harlyn Kraft, Calvin and Brooke Kraft, Susan Dalos Vanyo, Fr. James Jeffrey+, Christopher Olason+, Brooke Michaelson, Josh Utke, Joe Utke, Spencer Pfaff, Marshall Bartholomay, Kelsey Marschke, Allison Bartholomay, all those in our families and everywhere far from the Mercy and Life of the Living God.



## Ministers for Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>-Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

**Sheldon** **SAT. VIGIL 5:00pm**  
Proclaimer: Sandy Bartholomay  
EMHC: Glen Bartholomay  
Money Counters: Mindy & Kent Bartholomay

**Sheldon Church Cleaning Families**  
12/30/2017 Judy Oland & Julie Kaspari

**Enderlin** **SUNDAY 8:30am**  
Proclaimer: Lauren Lemnus  
Money Counters: Marthanna Gilbert & Karen Schimming

**Fingal** **SUNDAY 10:30am**  
Server: Mikanna Christl  
Proclaimer: Tim Holland  
Greeters: Terri Haugtvedt  
EMHC: John Dimmer & Helen Carpenter

**Fingal Church Cleaning Families**  
All of Dec: Bob & Mary Gruman, Lee & Karen Steidl, Sandra Christl



## Christmas Reflection

A sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope (~440-460AD)  
*Christian, remember your dignity*

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest*, and they proclaim *peace to his people on earth* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, *and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ*, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

## What does the *Catechism* say about...?

### Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday *Catechism of the Catholic Church!*

#### “55. What is divine Providence?”

Divine Providence consists in the dispositions with which God leads his creatures toward their ultimate end. God is the sovereign Master of his own plan. To carry it out, however, he also makes use of the cooperation of his creatures. For God grants his creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other.

#### 56. How do we collaborate with divine Providence?

While respecting our freedom, God asks us to cooperate with him and gives us the ability to do so through actions, prayers and sufferings, thus awakening in us the desire ‘to will and to work for his good pleasure’ (Philippians 2:13).”

Summary of paragraphs 302-308, 321 and 323 of the *Catechism* as found in the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

## Parish Info

### Thank you and Merry Christmas!!! & Fr. Chris Away

Fr. Chris says thank you to all for the cards, gifts and goodies he's received and prays for a blessed Christmas for all of you and your families! Also, Fr. Chris will be gone **Dec. 25-27**, no weekday Masses during that time.

### St. Patrick's Christmas Food Drive

Please bring non-perishable food items to the gathering space of St. Patrick's **by or on Dec. 25** to be taken to the Food Pantry in Lisbon.

### Holy Trinity St. Anne's Christian Mother's Food Drive

St. Anne's will be collecting food items for the Barnes County Food Pantry until **Dec. 31**. Please leave non-perishable items in the box in the back of the church.

### Saint Patrick's Epiphany Pizza Party

St. Patrick's Altar Society is hosting a pizza party after Mass on **Jan. 6** in the social hall. Please join us!

## Diocesan Info

### Priests/Seminarians Basketball Game

**Dec. 27 @ 7pm** at Shanley High School in Fargo. Come and cheer on Fr. Chris and the priests, they need the help!

### Upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends

- **Jan. 5** in Mandan, ND
- **Feb. 2** in Hermantown, MN

Give the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Marriage Encounter. Info: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

### MISA EN ESPAÑOL (Mass in Spanish)

En la Iglesia de St. Anthony en Fairmount, N.D. (204 2nd St. N.): una vez en la mes celebramos la misa en español. La próxima misa será el **7 de enero**, a las tres y media de la tarde (3:30 PM). Por mas info: Padre Bill al 701-742-2418.

### Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples

A program to help couples heal and renew their marriages. Info: <http://retrouvaille.org/>. Other upcoming weekends: in St. Cloud – **Jan. 26-28 & Sep. 21-23**, 2018, in Bismarck – **Jan. 19-21**, 2018, in Sioux Falls – **Mar. 16-18**, 2018.