

# First Sunday of Advent

Four purple candles are arranged in a row, slightly overlapping. The top candle is lit, with a bright yellow flame. The background is a textured, mottled orange and yellow, with a large, dark blue, curved shape on the left side.

To you, I lift up my soul,  
O my God.  
Entrance Antiphon

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**St. Patrick:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Reese Baird, Carl Bialeschki, Nancy Brown-Smith, Floyd Debolt, Vida Freidlein, Betty Harden, Mary Humer, Paula Ingram, Patty Kirby, Barbara Kleiss, Henry Kocher, Frank Norton, Margaret Ostrum, Cathryn Pfeffer, Barbara Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Nancy Henry, Jim and Audrey Sheehan and requested prayer intentions.

**Saturday, November 26th@ 4:00pm Mass**

Lector: Randy Wojan

Gifts: Offer Assistance

Ushers: Jeff Ping, Jared Ping

EMHC: Annette Wishall, Gerard Kocher, Gerald Kocher

Servers: Volunteers

**Sunday, November 27th@ 10:00am Mass**

Lector: John Baker

Gifts: Winters Family

Ushers: Alan Schwenk, Kevin Wilhelm

EMHC: Beth Hewing, Christine Schwenk, Teresa Kleiss

Servers: Joey Ott, Joe Schwenk, Austin Winters

**Saturday, December 3rd@ 4:00pm Mass**

Lector: Heather Baird

Gifts: Offer Assistance

Ushers: Allen Burwell, Jim Hand

EMHC: Annette Wishall, Gerard Kocher, Gerald Kocher

Servers: Volunteers

**Sunday, December 4th@ 10:00am Mass**

Lector: Charlie Huber

Gifts: Kleiss Family

Ushers: Gary Ducey, Allen Schwenk

EMHC: Michele Ducey, Gina Battaglia, Rick Bates

Servers: Joe Schwenk, Caden Stierwalt

*The first Sunday of Advent begins the new liturgical year. The Lectionary cycle are as follows: Year A: Sunday cycle and Cycle I: Week-day cycle (Ordinary Time)*



# MASS SCHEDULE EJOICE

**Saturday, November 26th**

4:00pm/Tolono Lena Wilhelm

**Sunday, November 27th**

7:30am/Ivesdale Confessions

8:00am/Ivesdale Jack Cain

10:00am/Tolono Margaret Schwenk

**Monday, November 28th**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, November 29th**

8:00/Tolono Dennis Bates

**Wednesday, November 30th**

4:00 /Adoration

5:00 /Ivesdale Mary Loftus

**Thursday, December 1st**

8:00/Tolono Helen and Elisabeth Westjohn

**Friday, December 2nd**

8:00/Ivesdale Tom Loftus

**Saturday, December 3rd**

4:00pm/Tolono Marjorie Campbell

**Sunday, December 4th**

7:30am/Ivesdale Confessions

8:00am/Ivesdale Steve Rutan

10:00am/Tolono Rich Gallivan

*Let us rejoice in  
the Lord's peace;  
let us live honorably  
as we await  
his return.*



Due to the early deadline for the bulletin, there is no collection report for the week-end of November 20th. The collection for November 20th and November 27th will appear in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support to God and Parish!



## COLLECTION

**Server Sign Up**

The sign up sheet for mass servers is in the back of the church for the month of **December**. Your schedule will be in the bulletin and on the website. Thank you!

**Penance Service**

Advent Penance Services will be held on Monday December 12th at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas in Philo, Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm at St. Philomena in Monticello and Thursday December 15th at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick in Tolono.

**Religious Education News**

This Advent season, the Religious Education Classes will be taking donations for youth winter clothing for the Giving Place. They are in great need of young girl and young boy winter clothing. If you are interested in helping out this worthy cause, you may place clean, gently used items in the boxes located in the entrances to the church. Donations may also be made on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:15 in the Parish Hall. The deadline for Donations is December 20th. For more information you may contact Heather Baird at 867-1007. Thank you for supporting this vital organization! God Bless!

**Symbolism of the Advent Wreath**

The circular wreath represents the fact that God has no beginning and no end. The ever-green branches stand for everlasting life. Four candles-representing Christ as the light of the world-adorn the wreath. Traditionally, three of the candles are purple, a sign of penance. These candles are lit on the first, second and fourth weeks of Advent.

On the third week a rose (pink) candle is lit. This week is known as "Gaudete" Sunday Latin for "rejoice". The rose candle symbolizes joy. The vestments at Mass typically match.

In addition to these four candles, many people place a white candle in the center of their Advent wreath. This candle is called the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Day to represent the birth of Christ.

**Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate**

Do you wonder if you have a vocation to be a Permanent Deacon? Come to an information meeting at St. Patrick Parish Center in Urbana on November 16th at 6:30 pm. There will be an overview of this vocation and an opportunity to ask deacons and their wives questions concerning the Permanent Diaconate in the Peoria Diocese. Wives are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Deacon Brewer at 898-9111.

**Financial Peace**

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University is coming to St. Patrick parish on January 16, 2017 in the parish center. It is a nine week class that teaches people how to dump debt, spend wisely, save for the future, and give generously. Any adult wanting to attend this event may find more information on our website at [www.stpatricktolono.com](http://www.stpatricktolono.com) Please join us for this informative class!

**Caring Companions Program for Seniors**

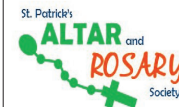
The Good Samaritan Program of Champaign and Piatt Counties is working to expand its Caring Companions Program for seniors. The program provides friendly visiting, assistance with shopping, transportation to appointments, and help with other needs by matching volunteers with seniors. We are also looking for adults of all ages who can spare a little time to volunteer. Contact Kim McAvooy at 637-2395 or [kmcavoy@accdop.org](mailto:kmcavoy@accdop.org) to request assistance or to volunteer.

**December Liturgical Schedule**

The new Liturgical Schedule for December is available in the information sections of the church. It is also available on the website. Please remember if you are not available to fulfill your duties, to find a replacement. Thank you!

**Ecumenical Service**

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On January 19th, we will host the prayer service. Come join us for worship as a community of faith!

**Time for Pecans!!!**

Altar & Rosary will be selling pecans again this year. The pecans are available in halves & pieces for \$10.00 per 1 lb bag. If interested call Marlene Breen at 485-6500.

**Website Sponsorship Available**

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JESUS  
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