



Weekly NEWS

December 7th , 2025

Important Dates

- **Dec 7 and 14th PSR is in session**
- **Dec 13th Reconciliation all grades 1:50 -3pm**
- **Dec 21 and 28 No PSR**
- **Jan 4 PSR Begins again**

Reminders

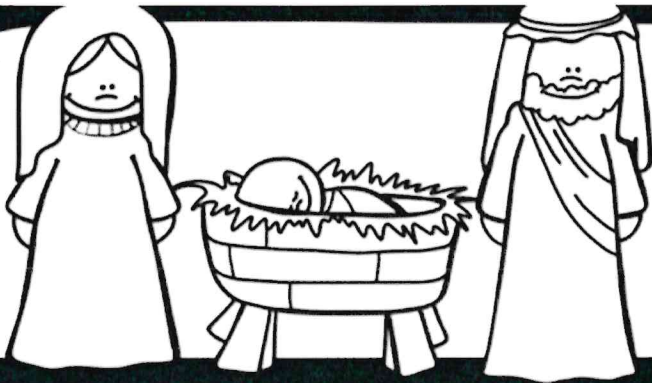
Welcome Back!
Advent is a time to prepare
for Christ's Coming.

What Are We Learning?

My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change. Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus, come!
I love You, Jesus.



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Faith Reflection

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis.

Good News

A TRADITION CONTINUES, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 FROM 6:30-8:30PM:

Advent By Candlelight FOR WOMEN

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT is an opportunity for the women of our parish and their guests to focus minds and hearts on the Advent season—the joyful anticipation of our Messiah's incarnation—setting aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation.

In fellowship, and fortified by music and delicious desserts, we will explore the theme

"Magnifying Presence: The Visitation" with our guest Sr. Janet McCann, ASC.

All women are welcome, Friday, Dec. 5, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Garden Level.

We encourage parish ladies to host a table of 8-10, and provide dessert and decor for your table.

(Coffee, tea and water will be provided, avon is optional.)

To host a table or come as a guest, please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space, or contact

Beth Pembrey at beth.s.pembrey@gmail.com or 636-328-6556.

Parish Mass of Thanksgiving

♦ NEW: Wednesday evening, November 26, 6pm

Additional Advent Opportunities

♦ Sacrament of Reconciliation: Advent Saturdays, for everyone, 3:30-4:30pm. RC's Student Services: Dec. 4 at 1pm, PSR Family Services: Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2pm.

♦ NEW: Fr. Brian's Advent Music & Reflection, Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6:30pm

♦ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Masses on Monday, Dec. 8, morning & evening (check bulletin)

♦ Decorate for Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 21, after 11am Mass

What Are We Learning?

ALL Future Hawks are invited to attend Future Hawks Night at the Girls' Basketball Game Monday, December 8th. Help us Cheer on our Lady Hawks as they battle against Staunton! The 2026-27 New Student Application deadline to be included in our January 16 Acceptance Day event is Monday, January 5, 2026. Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "APPLY" to apply. All 7th and 8th graders can schedule a shadow visit and spend the day with one of our Student Ambassadors. Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "INQUIRE" to request more information. Questions can also be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.