Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 2:1–5 / Romans 13:11–14 / Matthew 24:37–44

Waiting, but Quick!

MIGUEL DULICK

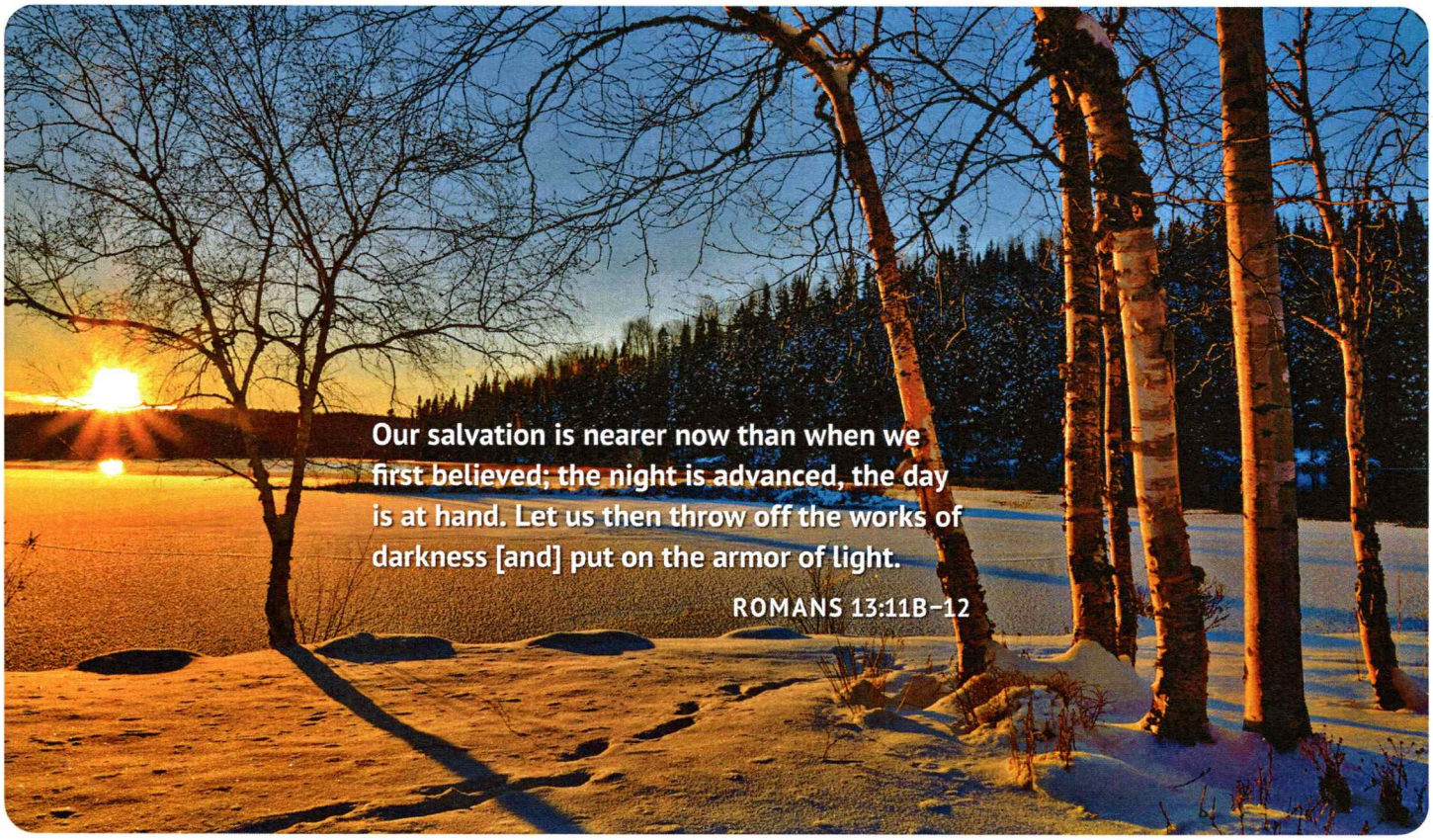
This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." The psalmist announces we are already there: "And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem." Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of "revelation" yet to come "on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: "Be watchful! Be alert!" The Lord "is coming," but he's not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not "sleep," lest we miss him!

SCAN TO LEARN ABOUT AUTHOR MIGUEL DULICK

How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the "Merry Christmas!" / "Happy Holidays!" debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there's no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let's keep waiting; let's hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let's not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately "anticipate" Christmas. Let's cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●

Reflect

What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?



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First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2025

Day	Time	Feast	Intention
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Advent Weekday	Berna Mae Stegman
Wednesday	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Diocesan Seminarians
Thursday	8:00 am	Advent Weekday	Joan Mages
Friday	8:00 am	Advent Weekday	Rawlin Smith
Saturday	8:00 am	Advent Weekday	June Sliger
Sunday	9:00 am	Second Sunday of Advent	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

Ministers for Next Sunday, December 7, 2025

Greeters: Betty Burkhart & Janice Askew
Collection: Reegan Kliesen & Tanner Rumbaugh
Cantor: Karen Herrington
Servers: Maggie Cornitius & Hadley Birney
Lectors: Becca Durler & Logan Lix
E.M.C.'s: Jim Burke, Elaine Slattery, Ruth Morton
Gifts: George Hertel
Rosary: Maurice Bleumer

Giving Report: 11-23-25

Envelopes: $2,840.00
Loose: $393.00
Electronic: $622.44
Alms for Renovation Project: $51,113.69

The altar society is meeting Monday, December 1 at 7 pm in the parish center. We are collecting donations for Fort Dodge for the activities program instead of gifts. The hostesses are Diane Lix and Jennifer Lix.

Parish School of Religion classes this week. Altar Society prepares the meal.

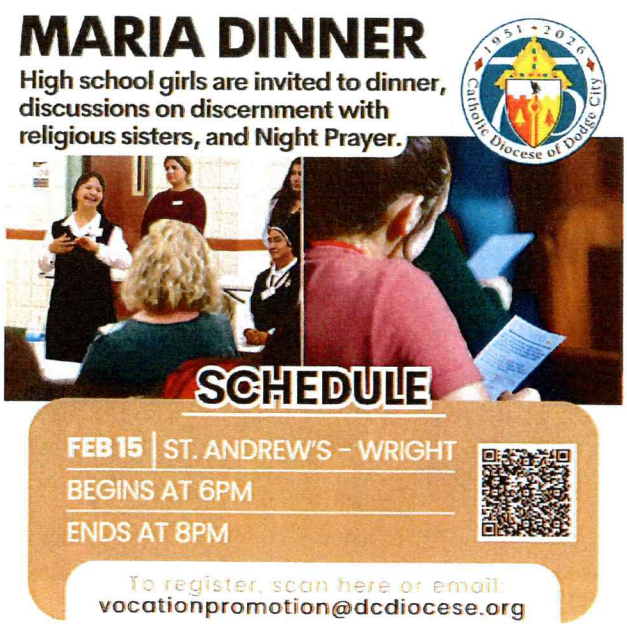
The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on **Tuesday**, December 9 at 6:45 pm.

The Youth Social Committee invites all K-12 students to attend the animated movie, *David*, at B & B Theaters in Dodge City on December 21st at 1:45 pm. Reservations are required since tickets will be purchased in advance (St. Andrew's will cover the cost of the ticket). Please RSVP to Deena Hamilton at 620-255-2551 by December 1st to reserve your spot!

The Youth Social Committee will be collecting toy donations for Angel Tree! If you would like to donate, please bring a new toy for a boy or girl to Religious Formation on December 3rd or 10th.

Saint Andrew Parish DECEMBER Activities

1	6:30 pm	Altar Society
3	6:30 pm	PSR – Altar Society provides the meal
5	6:30 pm	First Friday Adoration and Confessions
8	7:00 pm	Mass – Immaculate Conception
9	6:45 pm	Knights of Columbus
10	6:30 pm	PSR – Knights of Columbus provides the meal
14	10:00 am	K of C Exemplification
17	6:30 pm	PSR – Vocations Commission provides the meal (Adults decorate for Christmas)
21	10:00 am	Coffee and Rolls (St. Nicholas might visit)
21	1:45 pm	"David" - at B & B Theaters in Dodge City
21	7:00 pm	Penance Service
24	4:30 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
28	6:00-8:00 pm	College/Post-College Andrew Dinner



Dear Padre,

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Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are "every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent" (*Code of Canon Law*, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ's First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar,* 39.) While Advent is more anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas." Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord's coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior's Incarnation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7
Advent Weekday	*Advent Weekday*	*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*	*Advent Weekday*	*Advent Weekday*	*Advent Weekday*	*Second Sunday of Advent*
Is 4:2–6	Is 11:1–10	Is 25:6–10a	Is 26:1–6	Is 29:17–24	Is 30:19–21, 23–26	Is 11:1–10
Mt 8:5–11	Lk 10:21–24	Mt 15:29–37	Mt 7:21, 24–27	Mt 9:27–31	Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8	Rom 15:4–9
						Mt 3:1–12

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.

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