

Be vigilant  
at all times  
and pray  
that you have  
the strength  
to escape the  
tribulations  
that are  
imminent  
and to stand  
before the  
Son of Man.

*Luke 21:36*



*The Last Judgment, from The Suffering Passion*  
Albrecht Dürer (German, 1471-1528), c. 1510  
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*First*  
Sunday of

*Advent*

November 28, 2021

How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity." People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

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## PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES

In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end. How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand."

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14;  
1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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 Tue Nov 30: 8:00 am +Charles Mertens  
 Thu Dec 2: 8:00 am +Bob Hoffman  
 Fri Dec 3: 8:00 am +LaDonna Herman  
 Sat Dec 4: 8:00 am All Seminarians  
 5:00 pm +John Lichtenhan  
 Sun Dec 5: 7:00 am +Genevieve Cassity & Sharon Krause  
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+deceased

**Confession:** Fr Mike will be having confessions inside St. Bernard's at below times.

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Saturday (Dec 4)- 3:30-4:30 pm

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**Stewardship last Sunday:** \$2,097 *Thank you*

**Lector Workbooks:** Are located in the sacristy. Please stop by to pick up your book.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development:** Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

**Altar Society Christmas Party:** Will be held Saturday, December 4 at 1:00 pm in the parish hall. Enjoy fellowship, bingo, and snacks. Bring a \$10 gift, if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. All women are invited!

**Christmas Flower Fund:** If you would like to contribute to the flower fund, in memory of a loved one, you may place your donation in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Please mark the envelope "Flowers" and include the name of your loved one(s).

**Senior Christmas Celebration:** Thursday, December 9 the Flush Seniors(55+) would like to invite you to an evening of fun and food beginning at 6:00 pm. If you can join us, please put your name and the number of people in your party on one of the sign up sheets that will be located at the front and back of the church, or contact Mary Siderewicz or Barbara Siebert. We hope to see you there!

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sun. Dec 5: St. Joseph 8:45 am	Karol Fike		Kurt Roberts	Avery Adams Alexis Adams	Gary Fike	
Sat. Dec 4: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Deacon Jody Madden		John Streeter	Volunteers	Barbara Lippman	
Sun. Dec 5: St. Bernard 7:00 am	Deacon Jody Madden		Teresa Wells	Brayden Fulton Logan Fulton	Greg Dekat Nancy Dekat	
Sun. Dec 5: St. Bernard 10:45 am	Deacon Jody Madden		Volunteer	Tony Shea Kate Cahoj	Janet Vance	

**BOTH PARISHES**

**First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021**

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the  
land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalms** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

**WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE**

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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**Feast of the Immaculate Conception is December 8 and a holy day of obligation!** Masses will be held at following times.

- Dec 7-7:00 PM St Bernard
- Dec 8-7:00 AM St. Bernard
- Dec 8-12:00 PM St Bernard
- Dec 8-7:00 PM St Joseph

**ST BERNARD**

**Rosary For Our Country:** Monday, November 29 at 6:30 pm.

**Lector Workbooks:** Are located in the workroom. Please stop by to pick up your book.

**Food Pantry:** Twice a year, St. Bernard is asked to help replenish the food pantry. Rather than asking for food items, we will be collecting donations. Please write on the envelope Food Pantry, and feel free to put in the collection basket. Thanks!

**March For Life:** Any high school youth wanting to attend the March for Life in Washington DC, Jan 19-23, should talk to Deacon Jody ASAP. Registration is due at the end of this month.

**Christmas Flower Fund:** If you would like to contribute to the flower fund, in memory of a loved one, you may place your donation in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Please mark the envelope "Flowers" and include the name of your loved one(s).

**Parish Wide Bible Study:** St. Bernard's is planning a parish wide Bible Study, Biblical Walk Through the Mass. It is a 5 week study that will be held on Sundays at 9:00 am starting January 23-February 27 (off week of Feb 20 due to Auction). This Bible Study is open to adults & teens! Continental breakfast provided at 8:30 am. Daycare provided! If wanting to participate, please drop off payment of \$29 (for study set) to the parish office by Monday, November 29. If you prefer to order your own study book, here is the link to order... <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass>

Also no one will be turned away because of cost. If cost is an issue please talk to Jamie at parish office.

**St. Bernards Giving Tree:** Ornaments are placed on the giving tree! Choose an ornament. Purchase a NEW item. Attach the ornament to the outside of the wrapped gift. Return wrapped gift under the tree by noon on December 11. Thanks!



**BOTH PARISHES**

**Advent Penance Services:**

**December 12-Sunday**  
3 pm-St. Bernard, Wamego  
7 pm-Sacred Heart, Paxico

**December 19-Sunday**  
3 pm-Immaculate Conception, St. Marys  
7 pm-St. Stanislaus, Rossville

**The Wamego Council of Churches Christmas Bureau:** is again accepting applications for assistance through area churches and agencies. The Christmas Bureau will be accepting applications from November 3, through December 8. You may pick up an application at any church office, library, or city office. If you would like to adopt a family for Christmas, call 456-7495 or 236-1710 for more information. If you are unable to adopt a family but would like to make a donation, mail it to: Christmas Bureau, 1703 4th Street, Wamego KS 66547.

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**Kansas Knights of Columbus Chaplin Speaking on Value Them Both:** The Kansas Knights of Columbus Chaplin, Fr. Bernie Gorges will offer Mass on December 1 at 6:15 pm at Immaculate Conception Church in St. Marys. Following mass Fr. Bernie will be speaking on the "Value Them Both" Amendment in the Centennial Hall. We invite all Knights, as well as all parishioners & members of the communities to attend. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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