

Advent greetings and peace,

We are now in the busy season and I'm not talking about shopping. Along with the preparation of the house for Christmas remember to prepare the way of the Lord as the Prophet Isaiah declares.

Here are some Advent opportunities and a few events that are taking place this coming week.

#### HELPFUL WEBSITES:

The Bishops of the US have a good one, [nccbuscc.org](http://nccbuscc.org)  
Then there is the Archdiocese of Detroit, [aodonline.org](http://aodonline.org)

Both sites have very helpful materials for Advent. The Archdiocese has a weekly Advent table prayer that can be used for the week when you light the candles of the wreath.

There is also excellent information on Health Care Reform and what the Catholic Church seeks in the reform bill. The Church has a desire to protect life from conception to natural death because we are created in the image and likeness of God and have a right to life. Because life is a gift from God it cannot be taken away abruptly by anyone. Read and be informed on the Church's position.

PARISH EVENTS - Mark your calendars for these important dates.

Friday, 4 Dec - 6am prayer for strength in economic times

9am mass, then all day adoration and Benediction at 7pm

Saturday, 5 December - Breakfast in Bethlehem for those who purchased tickets

Sunday, 6 December - Ladies Christmas Tea @ 3pm & Christmas Choralaires @ 4pm

Tuesday, 8 December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our National patron.

Masses are at 9am, 5:30 and 7pm.

Wednesday, 9 December, our first communal penance service with individual confession @ 7pm

Take the time to involve your whole family in these prayerful opportunities. Traditions with the family are made by families doing things together.

Advent Thought -

"The Glory of God is Man fully alive. The glory of God gives life; those who see God receive life. For this reason God, who cannot be grasped, comprehended or seen, allows himself to be seen, comprehended and grasped by men, that he may give life to those who see and receive him. It is impossible to live without life, and the actualization of life comes from participation in God, while participation in God is to see God and enjoy his goodness." (St. Irenaeus of Lyons, France)

God bless

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