

*LORD, let us see your
kindness, and grant us
your salvation.*

The false teachers about whom the Second Letter of Peter warns were claiming that the fact that Christ's second coming had not occurred in the lifetime of the apostles showed that no such coming was to be expected. They said that nothing ever changes from one generation to the next; the world goes on without any decisive breaking in by God (2 Peter 3:4). On this basis these teachers were advocating a live-it-up-now lifestyle, one free from any sexual or sensual restraints (2:2-3, 13-14, 18-19). Their reasoning was that if there is to be no decisive day of reckoning, then why discipline oneself instead of grabbing all the gusto one can?

Second Peter responds that God takes a long-range view and does so in order to give people the time to mend their ways and be saved (3:8-9). Thus, the delay in the Second Coming is an opportunity and neither a cause for doubt about judgment nor an encouragement to immoral living. Moreover, our actions have a role in determining the day of this coming: A good life can hasten the coming, which is not only for judgment but also for the creation of "a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (3: 13). Thus, Second Peter claims that the discipline of a life of self-control and virtue cooperates with God's plan of bringing about a new just world of personal integrity.

The language of destruction found in this passage is actually for the purpose of assuring readers that what they do is consequential, is seen by God, has an effect. Thus, at the Second Coming not only will the heavens pass away, but the astral bodies will as well (3:10,12). When this occurs, "the earth and everything done on it will be found" (3:10). These are the best readings of 3:10 and 12, and they indicate that the flaming heavens and the astral bodies at the endtime are means of revealing the secret works of people on the earth. People's lives will be revealed, and so the rigor of virtue matters.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of December 7, 2008

Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Saint Juan Diego, hermit Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Saint Damasus I, pope Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 1; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Saturday	Saint Lucy, virgin, martyr Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

LECTOR SCHEDULE for DECEMBER

5:00 Mass 12/6 - Russ Curley 12/13 - Mary Margerum 12/20 - Jerry McGrath 12/27 - Michelle Wolke	10:30 Mass 12/7 - Matthew Higgins 12/14 - Melody Richmond 12/21 - Carrie Rusche 12/28 - Neal Sackenheim
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8:00 Mass
12/7 - Kenneth Brown
12/14 - Hilda Meyer
12/21 - John Burkart
12/28 - Elizabeth Miller

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE for DECEMBER

5:00 p.m. 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

Monica Brown
Lee Conn
Wanda Day (except 12/20)
Nancy Hazlett
John Keller
Susan McAbee (12/20 only)

8:00 a.m. 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28

Mary Sue Patrick
Gil Schneider
Charlene Von Hagen
Joyce Cepluch
Mark Doty

10:30 a.m. 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28

Stephen Becker
Mary Jo Haizman
Andrew Lampl
Eleanor Nartker
Mataia Von Stein

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Advent season is upon us, and all the students are mindful of this wonderful season daily as they light the Advent candle and pray for the coming of Jesus. Grades 3-8 will participate in an Advent Reconciliation service, and several grades will plan their Mass with an Advent theme. The students are also preparing for the Christmas season in various ways. The Primary classes will present their annual Christmas Program this Tuesday for their parents and guests. Everyone is busy working on Christmas art projects and presents for family and friends. Grades 1 and 2 have written Letters to Santa and are anxiously awaiting his answer. Do you think that he will have time to write back?

BADIN HIGH SCHOOL 1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

First Honors 4.00 – 3.70 GPA
Katelyn Kreke, Jessica Schellenbach, Erin Fontaine, Abigail Wolf, Lindsey Donges.

Second Honors 3.69 – 3.25 GPA
Martin Carter, Andrew Groh, Maria Salerno, Chelsea Schindler, Anna Bowling, Jacqueline Lamb, Sarah Begley, Allison Zettler, Mollie Smith, Shelby Becker, Matthew Carter.

Honorable mention 3.24 – 3.00 GPA
Theresa Salerno, Jacob Spoerl, Jack Bucheit, Morgan Sackenheim, Allison Crossley, Trenton Sackenheim, Brogan Morris, Katelyn Moss, Colin Weeks, Christopher Martin, Stacie Weber.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 7th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 p.m. Primary Christmas program at school

Wednesday, December 10th

7:00 p.m. Basic Catechism Class – Apostles Creed
 7:15 p.m. Choir
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
 8:00 p.m. P.A.C. meeting

Thursday, December 11th

7:00 p.m. Pack 907

Saturday, December 13th

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, December 14th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ST. ANN P.A.C. New Year's Eve Dance will be Wednesday December 31st. The dance will be held in the school cafeteria from 7:00 pm to 1:00am. Happy hour will be from 7:00-8:00. Tickets will be \$40.00 a person which includes appetizers, beer, party favors, and champagne at midnight. For tickets and information call Jim Kreke at 910-0857 or Phil Kreke at 887-0146.

THE GIVING TREE is up in the front of church on the Hooven Avenue side. This is a great way to help someone in need this Christmas. The red tags are for needy Harrison Elementary students, green tags for Jefferson Elementary, and white tags for St. Ann parishioners. Please wrap gifts or put them in a gift bag, cut off the gift description at the bottom and make sure the tag is taped firmly to the package. No bows, please. Please return all gifts to church by Sunday, December 14. Thank you!

PACK 907 WANTS YOU! America is returning to values, come join the Boy Scouts of America, where values never left. Cub Scout Pack 907 is looking for men and women that have benefited from Scouting in their youth or those who want to help mold the boys of today into the men of tomorrow. Scouting provides many exciting opportunities for the boys including, fishing, camping, space derby, the rain gutter regatta, and of course the pine wood derby. Your leadership skills and character will be part of their development. We NEED your help, without adult leadership there can be no Scouting and no Pack. You have so much to offer these boys through your life experiences, pass on your wisdom and memories to our youth. Chartered by St. Ann Catholic Church this 53 year old Pack welcomes boys and their families of all faiths to join and enjoy an established Scouting program. Our Pack is comprised of 1st-5th graders from our local community including St. Ann, Hayes, and Pierce Elementary Schools. The boys will have the opportunity to participate in earning religious emblems, which will be offered for all faiths. Just a note of interest our Priest, Father Mondiek is an Eagle Scout. If you are interested in becoming a Scout Leader or want more information about helping our youth as a volunteer in any capacity, please contact Pack 907 Committee Chair Troy Schwable or Cub Master Kathy Kelley at 896-9858.



Saturday, December 6th Second Sunday of Advent
 5:00 p.m. Alice Fiehrer

Sunday, December 7th Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. William Kirchhoff (Bill)

10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Sunday, December 7th Vigil Immaculate Conception
 6:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Daniel Bell

Monday, December 8th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

10:00 a.m. Dorothy Hunley (Betty Ulm)

Tuesday, December 9th Advent Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Harry W. Brockman (George)

Wednesday, December 10th

7:15 a.m. Jack Huentleman (Robert & Sandy Hensler)

Thursday, December 11th Advent Weekday

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:15 a.m. Mom & Dad (Debbie)

Saturday, December 13th Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant

5:00 p.m. Marguerite Baynes (Merle)

Sunday, December 14th Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Ted & Betty Vidourek (Dick & Claire)

10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
11/23/2008	\$ 7,518.75
Shortfall	\$ (4,553.25)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 253,512.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 194,783.58
Shortfall	\$ (58,728.42)
Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
11/30/2008	\$ 8,901.82
Shortfall	\$ (3,170.18)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 265,584.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 204,470.40
Shortfall	\$ (61,113.60)

ST. ANN GIFT CERTIFICATE FUND RAISER

Still looking for that perfect gift for Christmas? Look no further. The St. Ann Gift Certificate program is your answer. There is a gift card for everyone on your list! Thanks to all who load their Kroger cards. If you shop at Kroger's be sure to get your St. Ann Kroger card!

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Sam, Mary Sue & Nate Patrick would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the entire St. Ann Parish community for their thoughts and prayers for Sam's recovery from his second surgery within 100 days. We are humbled by the outpouring of prayers and kindness during this period.