

Keep the reason for Christmas before us by using the Advent Wreath: a circle of evergreens, three purple candles and one pink candle.

WEEK 1 CANDLE OF HOPE

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus. **All:** Come live in my heart.

Reader: Today we light the Candle of Hope. (light one purple candle) Hope is believing that the light is there even though we cannot see it. For many years, the people who believed were waiting for God to come. They believed even though they could not see God.

Suggestion: Talk about the things for which you are hopeful. What hopes does each member of the family have?

Leader: Help our family (me) to have hope today and every day; to hear your word, and to follow Jesus by sharing your hope with others, especially the people of our parish, St. Brigid of Kildare. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen!

WEEK 2. CANDLE OF PEACE

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus. **All:** Come live in my heart.

Reader: We light the Candle of Peace. (light two purple candles) Jesus was a man of peace and tried to show people how to live in peace with each other.

Suggestion: Talk about where you find peace (maybe where there is unrest). What does peace mean? Throughout the week broaden peace to be city, country, world, Church.

Leader: Help us to know peace in our heart today and every day; to hear your word, and to follow Jesus by bringing peace to others, especially the people of our parish, St. Brigid of Kildare. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen!

WEEK 3. CANDLE OF JOY

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus. **All:** Come live in my heart.

Reader: Today we add the Candle of Joy. (light two purple candles and the pink candle) As we wait for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, we look forward to the joyful celebrations we will share with those we love.

Suggestion: What will we do to bring “joy” to those who will have a hard time this Christmas?

Leader: - Thank you, God, for the gift of joy. Help us to recognize the moments of joy in our lives, and to live joyfully so that others may be filled with the joy that comes from knowing Jesus Christ. Amen!

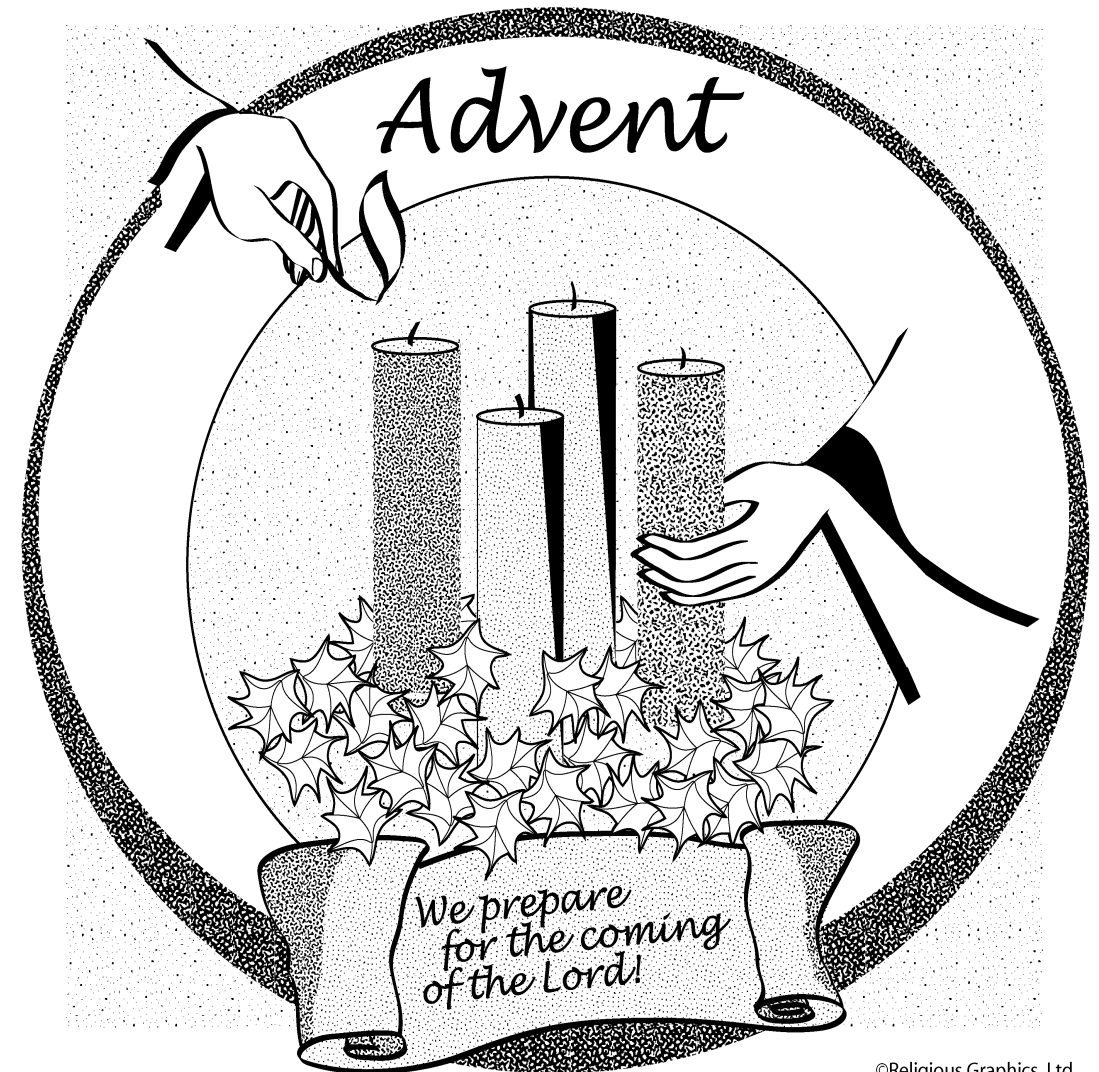
WEEK 4. CANDLE OF LOVE

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus. **All:** Come live in my heart.

Reader: Today we add the Candle of Love. (light all the candles) The time to celebrate the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem is very close. Jesus is God’s gift of Love to us. Is there anything we still need to do to prepare our heart for his coming?

Suggestion: What does Jesus mean to each one of us?

Leader: - Thank you, God, for the gift of love. Help us to recognize the moments of love in our lives, and to live as true followers of Jesus bringing his hope, peace, joy and love to others. Amen!



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ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE CHURCH 2017 ADVENT BOOKLET



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Trees will be displayed in the Gathering Area of the Church.

Your gifts will benefit the:

Kentucky Mission
St. Vincent Family Center
Heinzerling Foundation
St. Stephen's Community House
Holy Family Soup Kitchen
St. Lawrence Haven
Gladden Community House
St. Brigid of Kildare Emergency Fund

By taking an ornament from the tree, you are making a commitment to provide that gift for someone in need this Christmas season.

Gifts represented by the decorative ornaments on the Christmas Giving Trees are to be returned to Hendricks Hall no later than Sunday, December 3 at NOON to ensure delivery to the organizations.

Both of the donation drives listed below will be held at the same time and are sponsored by the Religious Education Program. It is our hope that every family will be able to be a blessing to someone in need this Christmas!

JOSEPH'S COAT (gently used coats, clothes, etc.)

MID-OHIO FOOD BANK (food collection)

(Collection runs throughout the Advent Season – all grade levels)



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Times:

Saturday, January 6: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 7: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

PROJECT MAGI

January 6/7

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is requesting new or gently used warm outerwear: gloves, hats, socks, coats and blankets to benefit the homeless and less fortunate.

Donated items can be placed in the Collection Bins in the Immke Room of Hendricks Hall before and after all weekend Masses.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Times

Saturday, December 23, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m.



VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 24

Mass Schedule: 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Choir/String Quartet Music Prelude starts 9:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25

Mass Schedule: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Monday, January 1, 11:00 a.m.

Happy 1st week of Advent!



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 3

R.C.I.A. - Rite of Acceptance

12:15 p.m. Mass & 1st Dismissal

DUBLIN SINGER'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 3, 3:00 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare Church

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE GIFTS

Gifts/Monetary Gifts are to be returned no later than Sunday, December 3 at NOON to ensure delivery to the organizations. Return all gifts to the tables in Hendricks Hall before or after weekend Masses with the ornament tags attached, wrapped or unwrapped according to the directions on the tag.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Sunday, December 3, 5:00 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel

URBAN MINISTRY

Wednesday, December 6, 5:30 p.m., Massey Room

St. Brigid High School Youth Ministry and the Knights of Columbus will deliver Christmas care backpacks filled with clothing and personal-care items from our parishioners who participated in Sent to Serve. These backpacks have been filled with clothing and personal-care items that will ease life outdoors this Winter for our homeless neighbors.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare Church

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7, Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8, 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mass

COOKIES WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9, in School Cafeteria & Enke Hall

Session 1: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Session 2: 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

No Walk-ins/Prior Reservations Required



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 10

ST. BRIGID SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 10, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This is the perfect opportunity to explore our two-time Blue Ribbon School. Take a guided tour to see first hand how St. Brigid of Kildare School provides a quality Catholic Education in a warm environment.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Sunday, December 10, 5:00 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE SCHOOL
LESSON AND CAROLS**

Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

Robert D. Walter Family Gym



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 17

**SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER
AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Sunday, December 17, 5:00 p.m. in the Church
Visiting Diocesan Priests will serve as confessors.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 18

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NATIVITY PROGRAMS

Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, December 18 at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19, at 5:00 p.m.

ST. BRIGID SCHOOL ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, December 20, 12:45 p.m.

St. Brigid of Kildare Church