



WELCOME!

Our Three-Parish Cluster Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Churches Hills, Lone Tree and Nichols

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

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Bulletin deadline: 10:00 am Tuesday. Contact Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324 or Judy Stebral, 319-331-8727

Cluster Mass Intentions November 27 to December 19, 2021

Sat	Nov 27	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Keith Stevens
Sun	Nov 28	8:00am	Nichols	Jack&Helene Salemink
Sun	Nov 28	10:00am	Hills	Schott&Buline Families
Mon	Nov 29	8:00am	Lone Tree	Rosella Attig
Tue	Nov 30	8:00am	Lone Tree	Rosella Attig
Tue	Nov 30	8:30am	Atrium	Beth Murphy
Wed	Dec 1	8:00am	Lone Tree	Carol Ann Bekker
Wed	Dec 1	8:30am	Atrium	Mona Ball
Thur	Dec 2	8:30am	Atrium	Bob&Renita Rummelhart
Thur	Dec 2	10:00am	PP CC	Berneda Schnoebelen
Fri	Dec 3	8:30am	Atrium	Keith Stevens
Sat	Dec 4	9:00am	Hills	Cluster Parishioners
Sat	Dec 4	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Mariei Slutts
Sun	Dec 5	8:00am	Nichols	Mary Steinocher
Sun	Dec 5	10:00am	Hills	Don Draker
Mon	Dec 6	8:00am	Lone Tree	Rosella Attig
Tue	Dec 7	8:00am	Lone Tree	Raymond Herring
Tue	Dec 7	8:30am	Atrium	Judi Droll

Tue	Dec 7	6:30pm	Hills	Cluster Parishioners
Wed	Dec 8	8:30am	Atrium	Bob Falls
Wed	Dec 8	6:30pm	Lone Tree	Harry Attig
Thur	Dec 9	8:30am	Atrium	Alma Funk
Thur	Dec 9	10:00am	PP CC	Berneda Schnoebelen
Fri	Dec 10	8:30am	Atrium	Leonard&Mary Rummelhart
Sat	Dec 11	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Mariei Slutts
Sun	Dec 12	8:00am	Nichols	Jack&Helene Salemink
Sun	Dec 12	10:00am	Hills	Rita Jenn
Mon	Dec 13	8:00am	Lone Tree	Rosella Attig
Tue	Dec 14	8:00am	Lone Tree	Raymond Herring
Tue	Dec 14	8:30am	Atrium	Mahanna Family
Wed	Dec 15	8:00am	Lone Tree	Harry Attig
Wed	Dec 15	8:30am	Atrium	John&Betty Stoukup
Thur	Dec 16	8:30am	Atrium	John&Bess Gorman
Thur	Dec 16	10:00am	PP CC	Berneda Schnoebelen
Fri	Dec 17	8:30am	Atrium	Degenhart Family
Sat	Dec 18	4:00pm	Lone Tree	Keith Stevens
Sun	Dec 18	8:00am	Nichols	Sr. Ramona Kaalberg
Sun	Dec 19	10:00am	Hills	Schott&Buline Families

Music Ministry: St. Joseph, Hills, Lily Westemeyer. Church of St. Mary, Nichols, Jean Mengel. St. Mary, Lone Tree, Steve Moore, Bob and Connie Shaw.

Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Confession Schedule

Father Hai is available to hear confessions before Mass at the below times:

St. Mary, Lone Tree:	3:30 p.m. to 3:50 pm on Saturdays
Church of St. Mary:	7:30 a.m. to 7:50 am on Sundays
St. Joseph, Hills:	9:30 a.m. to 9:50 am on Sundays

Thank you, cluster parishioners

For your donations of nonperishable items to the Food Pantries and monetary donations to the Helping Hand Fund last weekend. We very much appreciate your continued goodness and generosity to our food pantries as we strive to help those in need in our cluster communities during these cold months.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

November 28, 2021



ADVENT SEASON

As the days grow shorter and darker, we are especially ready for Advent wreaths and nativity sets, sparkling lights and singing angels. More than ever, we eagerly anticipate the joyful celebration of Christ's birth. How we make ourselves ready for Christ now, and at the end of time — is the focus of Advent.

It is an opportunity for repentance, and a joyful new beginning in our relationship with God. It is a time to commit ourselves to the covenant he made with us, and the psalm. Pray the psalm from the first Sunday of Advent each morning. Ask God to open your heart to ways you can be more just. He will teach you, guide you and strengthen your heart so that you can stand upright to face whatever challenges come your way.

Psalm: "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your path. Guide me in your truth and teach me for you are my God and Savior and for you I wait all the day!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — 1ST SATURDAY MASS, DECEMBER 4

Saturday, December 4, at St. Joseph, Hills church there will be confessions from 8:00 to 8:45 am, Mass at 9:00 am with Anointing of the Sick — and Eucharistic Adoration with healing prayers after Mass until 12 noon. Let us come to reconcile to God, to worship him and to receive his blessing and peace, especially the Body of Christ. All are invited. There is a sign-up sheet for Adoration at the back of the church.

PRAY FOR ALL VOCATIONS AND ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, LIVING AND DEAD, AND THE SICK!

I would like to encourage one family each week, starting this first weekend of Advent (November 27 and 28), to sign up to take home the statue of the Blessed Virgin or St. Joseph after Mass, and to pray for all vocations and our parishioners, especially those who are sick. At Mass, I will invite a family to come forward to receive the statue, the Vocation Prayer card and a blessing. You will then walk out after Mass in the procession.

At home, in front of the statue of our Blessed Virgin Mother or St. Joseph, you say every day a Vocation Prayer from the prayer card, one our Father, three Hail Mary's and one Glory Be. You will bring the statue back to church when you come to Mass the next weekend, so that another family will take it home and do the same. Thank you for your prayers.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you so much for everything that you and your families have done for our cluster parishes. You are the best! Know that you all are in my daily prayers and thoughts. May God bless you all and your loved ones with peace, good health and protection.

Have a wonderful and grace-filled Advent!

Fr. Hai Dinh

