CHRISTMAS HAMPER CAMPAIGN

Knights of Columbus

Hamper applications for families in need of food support are available at the Bonnyville Canadian Friendship Centre until **Wednesday Dec. 2.**

Donations towards a food hamper can be made by cheque to the **Knights of Columbus** or via e-transfer to the Knights of Columbus at bonnyvillekofc@gmail.com.

The cost of Christmas food hamper is $110.00

2027

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officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca

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AT St. Louis Catholic Church



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Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Parish Council Elected Members

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Members ----------

Leona Bonneau	Wayne Marks
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Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.to 1 p.m.
First Friday -After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm

Weekday Mass Times:
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge
Friday: 6 pm
Last Friday: 10:30 am Extendicare
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent



'Stay Awake!'

By Michael McCabe, SMA

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent, four weeks of preparation for the celebration of a birth that changed the course of human history. Advent is designed to help us appreciate more fully the significance of Christ's first coming among us, and to make more room for him in our hearts now, as we await his second coming. Its purpose is aptly expressed in the following Advent prayer 'Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth.' Advent is a time to wake up from our slumber, and embrace the dawn of a new day.

Three times in today's gospel reading Jesus urges his disciples to 'stay awake' (Mk 13:33,35,37). Staying awake means being alert, paying attention to the presence and action of God in the world around us, and thus allow our hearts to come alive with wonder. In the words of the English poet, Gerard Manly Hopkins: 'The world is charged with the grandeur of God'. The fingerprints of God are all around us, but we must open our eyes and look. The Welsh poet, William Davies challenges to be still and notice the beauty that is all around us: 'What is life if, full of care, we have no time to stop and stare/no time to stand beneath the boughs, and stare as long as sheep or cows.' This is also what Jesus tells to do: 'Look at the birds in the sky… Think of the flowers growing in the fields. Not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these' (Mt 6: 26, 28, 30).

Source: https://sma.ie/homily-first-sunday-advent/

Advent is a grace-filled, precious time for us to try and recover our childhood sense of wonder at the ordinary miracles of life that surround us – basic elemental things, like the smile of a child, the most natural and spontaneous sacrament of the divine, or the warmth of the Sun as it summons a new day into being, or the changing colours of an autumnal landscape. So, let us begin this season by tuning into the simple things, the things we take for-granted, the things that, in the words of the American poet, E. E. Cummings, 'I cannot touch because they are too near.'

We easily forget that it is the quality of our experiences that enrich us, not the quantity. We become seduced by the myth that the more we experience, and the more we have, the happier we will be. The world of Advertising feeds on and nurtures this myth. But, of course, it is never enough, as the words of the hit song from the 2017 movie, The Greatest Showman, reminds us:

'All the shine of a thousand spotlights
All the stars we steal from the night sky
Will never be enough
Never be enough
Towers of gold are still too little
These hands could hold the world but it'll
Never be enough
Never be enough.'

"What I say to you, I say to all: Be on guard." ***Mark 13:37***

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It is the insatiable desire for more that kills wonder. It deadens our capacity to appreciate and enjoy the quality things in life. Even the most beautiful things eventually lose their wonder for us and leave our hearts, in the words of the poet John Keats, 'high sorrowful and cloyed'. Taming the desire for more is the key to recovering our sense of wonder. When we resist this destructive desire of the ego, we become more alert to the inner beauty in things and in people. We become open to the mystery all around us and begin to see things as we never saw them before. We will find ourselves enthralled by a myriad of little things we hardly ever noticed before, like the changing colours of a winter sunset, the sound the wind rustling through the trees, or the singing of the birds at dawn.

These days there's a lot of talk about economic inflation. But there is another kind of inflation with more devastating effects – the inflation of information. Through the media, especially TV, computers and iPhones, we are pummelled by information and images hitting us from every part of the world. Wonder had been sucked from our hearts. In the words of the Monaghan poet, Patrick Kavanagh, 'Through a chink too wide there come in no wonder. We may even get to the stage where we do not feel anything except confusion, hostility, boredom. How could it be otherwise? Our senses were made for our hearts, not the other way round. We need to pull ourselves back from the forces launching themselves at our senses, and give our hearts time to cope, to focus, to filter and assimilate the multitude of impressions hitting us. Advent is a time for such screening and focusing, taking in less, but learning to appreciate more, waking up from our slumber and becoming alive to God's presence all around us.

So let us pray 'Lord, you are our Father; we are your creatures. You are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. You are not yet finished with us. Remold us and make us new again. Amen. (cf. Is 64:8).

Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

2026	Dec 6 English	Dec 13 French	Dec 20 English
2027	Jan 3 English	Jan 10 French	

Mass Schedule Christmas

December 24 (Thurs)

5:00 PM English (Youth Choir)

7:00 PM French (French Choir)

9:00 PM English (10am Choir)

December 25 (Fri)

10:00 AM English (Sat Choir)

December 27 (Sat)

5:00 PM English (Sat Choir)

December 28 (Sun)

10:00 AM French (French Choir)

December 31 (Thurs)

5:00 PM English (10 am Choir)

January 1 (Fri)

10:00 AM French (French Choir)

Confirmation Preparation

Held at St Louis Parish Church **(2:00-4:00pm)**
Session 1 - Sunday, **Jan 10**
Session 2 - Sunday, **Jan 24**
Confirmation Celebration – Tuesday, Feb 23

Feel free to reach out if you have any further questions or to register. 780.815.0144
Mel Poulin - Sacramental Preparation Coordinator

*If you are interested in being initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at 780-826-3010 to enquire about the **RCIA** / OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)*

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Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Nov 28	5:00 pm	Church	Souls in Despair	S & J	
Sunday dimanche Nov 29	10:00 am	Church	+Lionel & Marie Lafond	Rebecca Paquette	
Monday Lundi Nov 30			No Mass		Saint André
Tuesday mardi Dec 1	9:00 am		No Mass		
Wednesday Mercredi Dec 2	10:30 am	Hospital	+Claire Fortier	Leo & Pat Michaud	
Thursday jeudi Dec 3	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	+Bert Bordeleau +Helena Kozak	Real Croteau Millie Pietrusik	Saint Francis Xavier
Friday Vendredi Dec 4	9:00 am	Church	+Leo Ducharme Souls in Despair	Bérengèr Ducharme	Saint John Damascene
Saturday samedi Dec 5	5:00 pm	Church	+Marion Pasloski	Grace & George Lambert	
Sunday Dimanche Dec 6	10:00 am	Church	All Parishioners		

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November 2026
Pope 's Prayer Intention / Intention de prière du Saint-Père

For the Proper Use of Wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Pour le bon usage de la richesse
Prions pour un bon usage de la richesse afin que, ne cédant pas à la tentation de l'égoïsme, elle soit toujours au service du bien commun et de la solidarité avec les plus démunis.

Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.

Next Week's Reading Dec 7

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:8ab+9, 10-11, 12-13

R: *Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.*

2nd Reading: 1Peter 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.