



Dear Parishioners,

**“Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.” (Psalm 1) Without the Light of Christ we walk aimlessly in the Journey of Life. The hectic schedule of our everyday lives can leave us feeling empty, despondent, searching for inner peace and God’s Plan for us.**

**Advent, a season of hopeful expectation, gives us the opportunity to pause in prayer and meditation and ask the question: “What must I do to let the light of Christ shine in my life?” We might even ask...Where does one begin? It begins with conversation we have with Our Lord in prayer, an open, honest dialogue. It is strengthened by the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. It is sustained by God’s Sacred Word and through acts of charity the Light of Christ is brought into the world. You begin to hear a soft, yet bold, calling in your heart...Come be my Light!**

**This year I am encouraging you to seek out at least one person, who may have distanced themselves from Christ or His Church and invite them to join you at a Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist, maybe even a Christmas Mass. This is no easy task, but allow the Light of Christ to dispel the fears and anxieties that seek to rob you of the joy God intends for you and each of his beloved children.**

**This year, with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day falling on a Tuesday and Wednesday, there is no conflict with the weekend Masses. Thus, I will cover the Masses without assistance of another priest. The schedule is posted on the reversed side of this letter.**

**My hope and prayer for you and your loved ones this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year is that you are always prepared to give a reason for your hope in Jesus Christ. Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**I am thankful for the dedicated staff and volunteers in each of our parishes in carrying out the Mission of the Church in bringing Christ to our brothers and sisters, especially those unable to join us at the Eucharistic Table of Our Lord.**

**Please keep close to your heart the lowly, the poor, the outcast, the less fortunate. Consider how you can be a “light”, a ray of hope for them. To each and everyone of you, a blessed Advent and joy-filled Christmas Season.**

**In Christ,  
Fr. Donald J. Wagner**



## Reconciliation Opportunities

Take a moment to reconcile with Christ and receive him more deeply into your heart this Advent Season!



**December 4th**

**5:30-8:00 PM**

at St. Louis  
in Paynesville

**December 11th**

**5:30-8:00 PM\***

at Assumption  
in Eden Valley

\*All are welcome during these times. 4 Priests total. Faith formation youth/parents will be present at approximately 6:45-7:30PM.

**December 18th “Confestival” 8AM-8PM**

at St Mary’s Help of Christians in St. Augusta

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Join us for Mass this Christmas as we welcome the baby Jesus, God incarnate, into the world!

**Christmas Eve:**

4PM at Assumption

7PM at St. Nicholas



**Christmas Day:**

9:00 AM

at St Anne’s

## Other Holy Days of Obligation

**Immaculate Conception Masses:**

December 9th at 7AM at Assumption

December 9th at 5:30PM at St. Anne’s

**Solemnity of Mary Masses:**

December 31st at 5PM at Assumption

January 1st at 9AM at St. Nicholas



## Other Notable Events:

**Adult Education:** The Truth, Goodness and Beauty of the Catholic Faith, Assumption Church, Sundays (November 17th-December 8th) @ 2:00PM-3:30PM. Topics: Prayer, Human Suffering, Penance & the Eucharist

**33 Days to Eucharistic Glory:** First-Ever Eucharistic Consecration Guide, December 11th-January 12th, books are available at the Assumption & St. Anne church entrances.

**December 21:** Live Nativity, St Anne’s (before & after the 5PM Mass)