

DECEMBER 10TH, 2023

**2nd Sunday
of Advent**

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ST. BONIFACE -GOODSOIL ST. ANTONINUS-PIERCELAND SACRED HEART -LOON LAKE

	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Dec. 11			No Mass Scheduled	
Tues. Dec. 12	7:00pm	Pierceland	+Rosalie Ritchie	Susan Logan
Wed. Dec. 13	9:00am**	Goodsoil	+Anna Marie Piecharka	Dave and Joan Hill
Thur Dec. 14	9:00am	Goodsoil	+Ann van den Hoogen	Bertha Hinger
Fri. Dec. 15	9:00am	Goodsoil	+Robert Lange	Leo and Louise Hetlinger
Sat. Dec. 16	5:00pm	Loon Lake	+John Greschner	Linda Fettes
Sun Dec. 17	9:00am	Goodsoil	+Gisella Greschner	Ted and Carmen Stremick
	11:00am	Pierceland	For All Parishioners	

ST. BONIFACE	MINISTERS	LIST— DEC. 17TH	ST. ANTONINUS
Commentator- Barb N.			Eucharistic Minister- Trisha
Readers- Yvonne R. Bob R.			Readers - Janna Chris
Greeters - Joe & Nadyne G.			Music- Aguilar Mono- Leona
Gift Bearers - Josh & Nadine K.			Gifts - Dean & Angie
Eucharistic Minister- Lorraine D.			Servers- Brian
Servers— Ted Henry Mary			Greeters- Gail
Rosary- Adam & Regina F.			Rosary - Theresia

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES	LOON LAKE	PIERCELAND	GOODSOIL
Sat. Dec 23rd 4th Sun. Advent	5:00 pm	7:30 pm	
Sun. Dec 24th 4th Sun. Advent Christmas Eve	5:00 pm	7:30 pm	9:00 am 9:30 pm
Mon Dec 25th Nativity of Our Lord			9:00 am
Sat Dec 30th Feast of the Holy Family	5:00 pm		
Sun Dec 31st Feast of the Holy Family New Year's Eve	5:00 pm	11:00 am	9:00 am
Mon. Jan 1st New Year's Day		11:00 am	9:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent

A Vocation View: The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness". Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

Prayer: For all those especially chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Action: IN THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT, Catholic men meet to prayer about their lives, listen for God's voice, and get serious about answering His call. The Project's handbook, "To Save a Thousand Souls" by Father Brett Brannen, is the ultimate guidebook for discerning a vocation to the Catholic priesthood. Buy the book and read it!




GOODSOIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Parish Council**—Thank you kindly for volunteering to become a **NEW** committee member on Parish Council
Education—Barb Nachbaur, **Social**— Sylvia Jones, **Maintenance**—Ian Sonntag, James Degenhardt,
Liturgy— Joan Hill. We are still looking for **Finance** and **Adult Youth Rep** members
- CWL Appreciation Night Tues. Dec 12 at 6:00 pm**, at Senior's Hall. CWL memberships \$40 can be paid that night or put into an envelope in collection at church.
- Goodsoil Christmas Festival** will be held at the church on **Sun. Dec. 17th at 6:00pm**. We are looking for singers, actors, dancers, comedians. Contact Sylvia at (306) 230-4848
- Advent Penitential Service**—**Wednesday December 20th** at 7:00 pm St. Boniface Church
- Knights of Columbus**—**Door of Hope collection** during the month of December. Please donate non-perishable items and place them in the boxes at the back of the church. **Shopping List**—all sizes and types of Pasta, Rice, Soup, Crackers, and Cookies -Canned Fruit -Canned Veggies-Boxed Cereal-Oatmeal
- One Warm Coat Drive** —Clean gently used items .. **Jackets .. Mitts .. Toques .. Scarves ..**
Drop off at the church or Larry's Place
- 2023 Bishop Annual Appeal**—St. Boniface Parish pledges as of **Dec 4th** - 30 pledges totalling **\$10,180!!**
- Dec. Cleaners**—Ian & Raquelle Sonntag, Pat & Rita Sonntag, Tony & Joanne Stoebich Nick & Kristie Stoebich
Cleaning duties are posted on the back bulletin board by the ministers lists



PIERCELAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christmas CWL Raffle** tickets are available. Proceeds will go to youth retreat and other CWL activities. Thanks to all who donated. If you would like to sell or buy tickets, they are available on the back table, please write down your ticket book number on the paper. Thanks! Youth are our future!
-  **Nominations** will start on Sunday November 12th. Positions that need to be filled are: **Maintenance and Education**. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with us.
- Cleaners for December**—**Pam Johnson 306-839-2167** Colleen Nault, Angie Gelowitz, Susy Hetlinger, Sharon Rawlake

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. (Mark 1:1)

Beginnings are important, and the beginning of Mark's Gospel is no exception. His very first sentence reads like a summary of the entire book: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God" (Mark 1:1).

So where does Mark start the story? He takes us to the Judean desert, where John the Baptist is preparing the way for the Christ, the Messiah.

Contrary to expectations that the Messiah would bring Israel military liberation, John proclaims that Jesus will baptize his people in the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8).

He will open the way for God himself to dwell in them!

That's why John offered baptism for the forgiveness of sins. He knew that Jesus had come to do something new, something astonishing. Repentance was the key that would help the Jews—and us—to receive this surprising good news.

In order to be ready, we need to empty ourselves of our old ways of thinking. That's where repentance comes in.

It clears out the sin that clouds our vision of God. It removes our shame and guilt and delivers us from whatever blocks God's life from taking root in us. It makes us ready to receive God's forgiveness and helps us to become more aware of his abiding presence within us.

Are there ways that you need a change of attitude or a new hope this Advent? As you prepare the way for Jesus during this holy season, go back to "the beginning" and listen to John the Baptist's message.

Repentance is good news because it opens your heart to Jesus. So take advantage of opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this season. Let God expand your capacity to receive him at Christmas.

As Mark shows us in his Gospel, that's where it all begins.

"Jesus, help me to open my heart to you as I await your coming!"

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