2026 Advent by Candlelight: Venite Adoremus

Advent by Candlelight is an enchanting evening as women gather together in joyful anticipation of the birth of Christ.

This year's theme, *Venite Adoremus, Come Let Us Adore*, is inspired by the year of St. Francis. He initiated the simple arrangement of a living nativity to help people ponder the simple, humble, poor entry of Jesus our Savior into this world.

Two nights are being offered, please choose one:
Thursday, December 3 and Saturday, December 5
Doors open at 5:30pm, Welcome at 6:00pm

Hostess Information:

- Your table can seat up to eight people. If your table is not full, additional guests may be seated with your guests. Prior to the event you will be notified of your guest list.
- The theme this year is *Venite Adoremus: Come, Let Us Adore*. You are welcome to decorate your table using a favorite Nativity Scene along with candles.
- Catered dinner, water, and coffee provided. Please bring place settings for eight – china, glassware & silverware, clear dinner and dessert plates will be provided to be placed on top of china for ease of cleanup.
- As a table you have the option to bring: an appetizer for your own table, wine or other beverage. Any items you bring must fit on your own table, no overflow tables permitted, remember to bring a corkscrew if needed.
- As a table, please bring two desserts ready to serve, these will be shared with all of the guests, and will be placed on a dessert buffet table when you arrive.
- Decorating and Set up:
    - If attending Thursday, December 3 the banquet room will be available on Wednesday, December 2 from 5-7 pm or Thursday, December 3 from 8:30-11 am.
    - If attending Saturday, December 5 the banquet room will be available on Friday, December 4 from 5-7 pm or Saturday, December 5 from 8:30-10:30 am.
    - Tables will be dressed with a white linen, or by request a navy blue linen. If you want the blue, please make that request through the parish office in advance of set up. You are welcome to bring an overlay or your own tablecloth.
    - Please, no glitter or glittered decorations! Don't forget the candles. Candles should be on drip plates, in vases, or with a protective doily. Please no taper candles.
- Clean up
    - All place settings and decorations must be cleared and taken home at the end of the evening. You are welcome to leave any of your storage totes or boxes at the Parish Center after your set up to make clean up easier.

If you have more questions on Advent by Candlelight and what it is or anything about the evening, please contact Amy Couri, akcouri@gmail.com.