29.11.2026, First Sunday of Advent

Pfarrei St. Otto Usedom-Anklam-Greifswald

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The **election results** of the committee elections in the parish are posted and can be viewed on the homepage. Objections to the election can, according to §16 paragraph 1 of the election regulations in the Archdiocese for the committee elections, be submitted to the election commission (reachable via the parish office) by November 29, 2026.

For the nationwide **reading day**, our parish once again hosted readings this year. You can find the link for "The Little Owl" by Jill Tomlinson – in german - on our homepage (link).

The **Third Order of Franciscans OFS** invites all interested parties on Saturday, November 28 at 2:00 PM in Salvator, Anklam to the order convention, a meeting for shared prayer and discussions about Franciscan life. The theme of the upcoming assembly is "Making Peace.

Torque – Evenings for Men is an ecumenical event and the counterpart to the breakfast meeting for women. The next Torque will be on 12/04 at 8 PM in the workshop hall CarServicePoint at Bahnhofstraße 44 D in Greifswald – guest speaker Frank Heinrich will talk about "I Wanted to Remain Human." Admission is free, and there will be good grilled food and a variety of drinks available.

The **parish youth** will be traveling to Berlin for the Rorate Mass for Youth on Saturday, 12/05, at St. Hedwig's Cathedral. Please register for the trip by Tuesday, 12/01, with our youth coordinator Thomas Studier.

Singing in the Train, where not only classic Advent and Christmas songs will be sung, will take place on Saturday, 12/05, at 3:33 PM departing with the UBB from Wolgast-Hafen. You only need a ticket or the Deutschlandticket.

Altar server meeting in the parish of Saint Otto during Advent on December 6th, St. Nicholas Day, from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM in the community hall in Greifswald. Please register with Jesper Stahl.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary on Tuesday, December 8th, we will celebrate at Salvator, Anklam at 9:00 AM, with a preceding rosary prayer and coffee gathering afterwards, also at St. Otto, Zinnowitz at 7:00 PM, as well as a solemn mass at St. Joseph, Greifswald at 7:00 PM with an hour of adoration and opportunity for confession beforehand.

First Sunday Mass in Polish for the Third Sunday of Advent on Saturday, December 12th at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph, Greifswald, with confession opportunities in both languages and a praise hour starting at 6:00 PM.

Memorial service for deceased children – on Sunday, December 13 at 3 PM in St. Nikolai Cathedral in Greifswald.

The **Peace Light from Bethlehem** will be brought to Greifswald late in the evening on Sunday, December 13 by our DPSG scout group 'Boddenkieker'. It will then be passed on in the parish. At all church locations, there will be the opportunity to take the Peace Light home with you. Please remember to have a windproof way to transport your light.

The St. Marienstift kindergarten will celebrate the **Lucia Festival with a light service** on Monday, December 14 at 5 PM in Herz Jesu, Wolgast. You are warmly invited!

European Youth Meeting of Taizé in Łódź from December 28, 2026, to January 1, 2027 – information and registration are available on the BDKJ Hamburg homepage and our homepage.

The **young seniors**' meeting "Between the Years" starts on Wednesday, December 30 in Greifswald at 2 PM with a short devotion, followed by gathering in the parish hall. Everyone who just wants to "come and see" is always welcome.

Registration for the **Winter RKJW** (Religious Children and Youth Week) from February 6 to February 12, 2027, during the first week of winter break, is now open and available on the homepage. The poster with the QR code for registration is displayed.

Some of the young people from our parish will be going to **World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul**, South Korea. World Youth Day means outdoor services, encounters that shape you for life, and the experience that your own faith is much bigger than your own parish. The highlights are the big Vigil and the closing Mass with Pope Leo XIV. In short: an adventure you won't forget. The trip to South Korea will be very expensive, and we want to give everyone the chance to go. We appreciate your supportive donation to the account of St. Otto Parish with the reference KKV Donation WJD Seoul 2027. Information is also available on the website. Anyone who still wants to come can contact youth coordinator Thomas Studier soon.

The **parish youth group** always meets during the school term on Thursdays from 5:30 PM to 8 PM and on Saturdays from 5 PM to 8 PM in the youth room in Greifswald. For everyone up to the age of 12, there is also a youth session on Tuesdays from 5 PM to 7 PM in the Greifswald youth room. The contact person is youth coordinator Thomas Studier. More information can be found on the website.

Old mobile phones are valuable! In an initiative by missio, you can donate your old phones in a meaningful way over the next few weeks. Look out for the collection boxes! More information is available in the parish newsletter and on the website.

On the weekend of the First Advent, the "Tag des Herrn," the **church newspaper** of the East German dioceses, will be available at all church locations. You are warmly invited to take a copy home.

The **collections** on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, are designated as a Caritas collection for children affected by poverty and orphans. The collections on Sunday, December 6, and on the feast day, December 8, are intended for the local parish.

Gemeinde Stella Maris - *Heringsdorf & Zinnowitz*

For our **Ecumenical Senior Day**, we will gather on Saturday, November 28th at the St. Otto House in Zinnowitz.

At the Sunday Mass on November 29th for the First Sunday of Advent at 10 a.m. in Stella Maris, Heringsdorf, the child **Jesko Kromwijk** will be baptized, followed by a small Advent introduction for the congregation.

A special **senior breakfast** awaits you on Tuesday, December 1st. By invitation of Dr. Werner Molik, our seniors will once again meet for a breakfast during Advent at the Strandhotel in Heringsdorf this year.
It starts at 9:30 a.m. with the Holy Mass in Stella Maris, Heringsdorf. There are carpool options available from Zinnowitz and from the church to the Strandhotel.
The senior breakfast in January will exceptionally be moved from Tuesday, January 5th to the holiday on Wednesday, January 6th, and will be offered as a Three Kings Day breakfast together.

Rorate Mass on Friday, 04.12 at 7 a.m. in St. Otto, Zinnowitz with Father Maciej Domański from Lublin, Poland – followed by a shared breakfast at the St. Otto house, Zinnowitz

The **kitchen chat** meets in December on Friday, 04.12 for the morning Rorate Mass at 7 a.m. in St. Otto and again on Friday, 18.12 at 10 a.m. for the kitchen chat in the parish room at St. Otto, Zinnowitz

Word of God service in Stella Maris, Heringsdorf on Sunday, 06.12 at 10 a.m.

The newly founded Zinnowitz **Gospel Choir** under the direction of Karsten Voigt will give a concert **"Star of Bethlehem"** on 12.12 at 4 p.m. in the Evangelical Church Zinnowitz. You will hear well-known songs from near and far to get in the mood for Advent and Christmas with gospel feeling, rhythmic energy, and harmonious sounds.

Ecumenical pre-Christmas celebration for the Stella Maris senior center, Heringsdorf on Wednesday, 12/16 at 3 PM.

Advent service at Stella Maris, Heringsdorf on Sunday, 12/20 at 3 PM, followed by Advent coffee.

Gemeinde Salvator - *Anklam & Wolgast*

Rorate Masses in Herz Jesu, Wolgast during Advent are always on Wednesday at 6 a.m. (with Pastor Emeritus N. Illmann), followed by a shared bring-your-own breakfast (so no 9 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays during Advent).

Rorate Masses in Salvator, Anklam every Thursday at 7 a.m., followed by a bring-your-own breakfast in the parish hall.

The **Third Order of Franciscans OFS** invites all interested people on Saturday, 28.11. at 2:00 p.m. in Salvator, Anklam to the chapter meeting, a gathering for prayer and exchange about Franciscan life. The theme of the upcoming chapter is 'Making Peace.' The next chapter meeting will take place on Saturday, 19.12. on the theme 'Poverty' in Salvator, Anklam.

Liturgy of the Word at Salvator, Anklam on Tuesday, 01.12 at 9 a.m. with Deacon Frank van der Hulst, followed by a senior morning – encounters with people of Advent at Salvator, Anklam with Sr. Theresia.

On Wednesday, 02.12, a **festive senior meeting** is invited at Herz Jesu, Wolgast following the Rorate Mass at 6 a.m. Theme: Encounters with people of Advent.

The choir Klangfarben Anklam e.V. will give its **Christmas concert** on Wednesday, 02.12 at 7 p.m. in Salvator, Anklam. Doors open at 6 p.m. Advance tickets are available at Anklam Information, and remaining tickets at the door.
The concert will be performed again on Wednesday, 09.12 at 7 p.m. due to high demand..

In Wolgast, all children and teenagers, and younger children gladly with their parents, are invited to the **ecumenical carol singing preparation** meeting on Thursday, December 3rd at 2:30 PM at the Evangelical School Wolgast, Unterwallstr. 18 A. The contact person is Deacon Frank van der Hulst. **Sternsingeraktion**: Carol singing brings joy and changes the world! The poster is displayed and information flyers and registration forms are available.

Praise and worship hour with adoration in Salvator, Anklam on Saturday, December 5th at 4 PM.

A guest from Greifswald, the **Collegium Musicum Vocale**, will perform an **Advent concert** with organist Benjamin Saupe in Salvator, Anklam on Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 PM. The evening's program features sacred vocal works by old masters, but mainly music for Advent and Christmas. Organ compositions will complement and enrich the program. The evening will be conducted by retired UMD Ekkehard Ochs (Greifswald).
Admission is free. Donations to cover expenses are welcome.

The Third Franciscan Order OFS is offering a **candle workshop** on Saturday, December 12th, in the Advent season starting at 2 PM at Salvator in Anklam. To help us prepare the candle designs well, please register in advance by 08.12 at the parish office.

Community breakfast at Herz Jesu, Wolgast on Sunday, December 13th after the Sunday mass from 9 AM

The St. Marienstift Daycare Center is celebrating the **Lucia festival** with a candlelight service on Monday, December 14th at 5 PM at Herz Jesu, Wolgast. You are warmly invited!

The **Third Order of Franciscans OFS** invites everyone interested on Saturday, December 19th at 2 PM at Salvator, Anklam to the chapter meeting, a gathering for shared prayer and discussion about Franciscan life. The theme of the upcoming chapter is **"Poverty"**.

Gemeinde St. Joseph – *Greifswald*

At the beginning of Advent, the **vigil "Rorate coeli desuper!"** will take place on Saturday, November 28th at 8 PM at St. Joseph.

On the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th, we will have our **Day of Eternal Prayer**. Please check the current notice for details.

Our **ecumenical Advent chapel at the Christmas market** will open its doors again on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th, at 2:30 PM. This year's theme is "**Do not be afraid – Oasis of Confidence**." The Advent chapel is open daily from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Readers' meeting for the lectors and service coordinators on Thursday, 03.12. at 8 PM in the parish hall.

Advent senior breakfast in the parish hall of St. Joseph, Greifswald on Friday, 04.12. after the 9 AM Mass for meetings with people during Advent. Everyone is warmly welcome.

The **Advent concert of the choirs of St. Joseph** will take place on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 6th, at 5 PM in St. Joseph: Advent songs with flowery motifs, the story of Elisabeth and Mary, both joyfully expecting their child, including the Magnificat, the most beautiful movement from Arcangelo Corelli's Christmas concert, and the St. Nicholas song. All this and more can be enjoyed at the Advent concert with the children's choir, the Joseph Choir, and an instrumental group. Admission is free, but a donation for the emergency fund of the local Caritas counseling center is requested.
On this evening, there will be NO Sunday mass at 6 PM.

Rorate – festive liturgy on Thursday, 12/10 at 6 a.m. in St. Joseph, followed by a bring-your-own breakfast.

Sternsinger campaign on Saturday, 12/12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the St. Joseph parish hall for everyone who wants to take part in this year's Sternsinger campaign as a Sternsinger, child or youth, and as a companion. Please register with parish coordinator Beatrice Wahlicht soon.

On the Third Sunday of Advent, 12/13, we will celebrate with a liturgy at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph with a **wish-song sermon** – with songs from the Gotteslob that participants in the service can choose..

Nativity play rehearsal on Sunday, December 13th after the Sunday service. We look forward to everyone who wants to participate. Please register soon with parish assistant Beatrice Wahlicht.

Ecumenical university service on Sunday, December 13th at 6 PM at St. Nikolai Cathedral in Greifswald.

The **Lucia singers** will perform on the Christmas market stage on Monday, December 14th at 6 PM.

Bible discussion group on Tuesday, December 15th at 4:30 PM in the library of the Pastor Wachsmann House, Greifswald.

Living Advent calendar on Tuesday, 15th December at 5:30 PM at the fire pit in front of the community center.

Nativity play by the St. Joseph Kindergarten on Wednesday, 16th December at 4 PM at St. Joseph. Everyone is warmly welcome!

Advent concert by the Tonlust chamber choir on Saturday, 19th December at 7:30 PM at St. Joseph, Greifswald, conducted by Angela Ullwer. Under the title "Laetentur coeli," the choir will sing songs and a cappella works, including pieces by Orlandus Lassus, Hans Leo Hassler, Andreas Hammerschmidt, Anton Bruckner, and Max Reger. As a special feature, the setting of "Unicornis Captivatur" from the Engelberg Codex around 1400 by contemporary composer Ola Gjeilo will be performed.