

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am

Weekdays Tues- Fri 6:30 am *in the Adoration Chapel*

Mon-Sat 7:30 am

Thurs 8:15 *check school calendar*

Holy Days 5:15 pm day before

10:30 *if a school day*; 5:15 pm

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 4:00, 7:00, 8:00

*in the Adoration Chapel*

Saturdays 3:45 & 1/2 Hr before

Sun Masses *in church*

Saturdays 7 pm *in Adoration Chapel*

## EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Wednesdays, 5:15 pm

Natural family planning information: 1-800-255-6226

Catholic Radio WKBH 1570 AM

Blessed Sacrament welcomes new parishioners at any time. Contact the rectory to make an appointment.

To arrange for a wedding, contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

To arrange for a baptism, contact the rectory for Baptismal class information.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call the parish office.

**December 17, 2006**

## OFFERING FAMILIES

**Dec 23 & 24**

4:30 Barry & Sheila Schockmel

7:30 Denis Kuennen & Bernice Lansing

9:00 Pat & Jack Scheidt

10:30 Jay & Nancy Soldner family

## SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

December 19 Michael & Terry Coulombe

## BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEK FOR

**MOBILE MEALS**

Dec 25 - 31

**December 17, 2006**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**Dec 18 - 24**

Today the liturgy of the Church tells us we are half-way through Advent. Well, calendars say what they want, we are two-thirds of the way through the season of preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's day of birth. This year, because of the way the moon moves and days fall, we actually have a 3 week period of Advent. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve, so we get cheated out of a week of Advent and relieved of a week of pre-Christmas hype and shopping. So, if you have a thought that Advent went very quickly this year, your thought was correct.

As we go into the final 8 days of Advent we will have many opportunities to celebrate the sacramental moment that sums up Advent time conversion and Advent time waiting for the coming of the Lord. The sacrament of penance, confession will be available many times this week in our parish; the opportunity for confession will be available at the Cathedral from 9:00 to 6:00 on Monday of this week. As usual, 4 priests will be available during all those hours. Confession opportunity at our parish will be available according to the schedule in this bulletin. Feel free to pass this information to people from other parishes because they may not have the same opportunity or the same times at their parish.

Your priests are prepared to spend as much time as it takes to minister to all who wish to make an Advent confession. God bless all penitents and confessions made with faith, patience and courage through the final week of Advent, 2006.

**CONFESSION TIMES**

**Wed, Dec 20      4:00, 7:00, 8:00**  
**Thurs, Dec 21    7:00**  
**Fri, Dec 22      5:00**  
**Sat, Dec 23      3:45, 7:00**

**All Confessions will be heard in the Adoration Chapel confessional except the 3:45 time on Saturday; the confessionals in church will be used at that time.**

**RCIA CORNER**

*This past week our RCIA groups met and continued our discussion of the Church and its mission. One group focused on the Church's sanctifying and healing ministry in the sacraments, specifically the Anointing of the Sick. The other group looked at who makes up the Church. We are the body of Christ, and the challenge this week was to discover what gifts God has given to each of us and how we can give that gift back to God by using it in His service, especially in this season of Advent. Please continue to pray for all who are involved in the process.*

**Mon, Dec 18 Advent Weekday**

7:30      **+Sally Schockmel**  
Servers: Carson Schneider, Chris Cavadini

**Tues, Dec 19 Advent Weekday**

6:30      **+Jerry Heberlein**  
Server: Bill Arnold  
7:30      **+Rose Bakkum**  
Servers: Sam Scheidt, Nathan Bartley

**Wed, Dec 20 Advent Weekday**

6:30      **+Florence Swieciak**  
Servers: Jason Hutzler, Dave Allen  
7:30      **+David Oswalt**  
Servers: Sam Scheidt, Nathan Bartley  
5:15 pm    Evening Prayer & Benediction  
Server: Sam Steingraeber

**Thur, Dec 21 Advent Weekday, Peter Canisius**

6:30      **Intention of Matthew Mader family**  
Server: Dan Skaff  
7:30      **+Virgil Grabinski**  
Servers: Henry Sayner, John Bosshard  
8:15      **+Norbert Schmidt**  
Servers: Dan Bagniefski, Anthony McLean

**Fri, Dec 22 Advent Weekday**

6:30      **Intention of Amy Moriarty Birthday**  
Server: Bill Chamberlain  
7:30      **Intention of Jennifer Nicks**  
Servers: Henry Sayner, John Bosshard

**Sat, Dec 23 Advent Weekday, John of Kanty**

7:30      **+Carol Burkhardt**  
Servers: Hannah Braun, Anna Schuttenhelm  
4:30      **+Judy Larson**  
Servers: Michaela Gores, Jenny Gallagher, Jackie Ebner

**Sun, Dec 24 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

7:30      **+Jack & Phil Knothe**  
Servers: Tim & John Brennan, Colin Lounsborough  
9:00      **+Rich Coaty**  
Servers: Joshua Alexander, Patrick Campbell, Casey Cooper, Nathan Schneider, Kyle Sieck  
10:30      **For the People of the Parish**  
Servers: Nick Guggenbuehl, Matt Kachel, Ryan Rademacher, Bobbie Reinhart, Charlie Soldner

**Sun, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses**

4:30 pm    **+Ellis & Eleanor Crook**  
Servers: Mitchell Degenhardt, Joey Francksen, Andrew Flottmeyer, Tim & Eric Clements  
10:00 pm    **+Gus Bentz**  
Servers: Peter Kieffer, Mike Vanderploeg

**Mon, Dec 25 Christmas Day Masses**

7:30      **+Jerome Rybarczyk & Joann Hutschenreuter**  
Servers:  
10:30      **+Dorothy Kelsey**  
Servers: John Paul & Charlie Soldner

**SERVERS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, USHERS, PETITION READERS**  
**Please note the additional Christmas Mass times. Can you help out at any of the above times? Call the Parish Office at 782-2953 to sign up. Thanks.**

## AROUND THE PARISH

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES

Sat and Sun, Dec 23 & 24 Our regular Mass schedule: 4:30 Sat; 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 Sunday

### MASSES TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Sun, Dec 24, 4:30 and 10:00 pm

Mon, Dec 25, 7:30 and 10:30 am

*Attending a Mass for Sunday or for Christmas does not satisfy the requirement for both days.*

***Come early for Mass and enjoy the beautiful music of the season. Caroling will begin 1/2 hr. before the 4:30 and 10:00 Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30 Mass on Christmas Day.***

### PARISH JAMBALAYA DINNER

200 people enjoyed Tim Hall's cooking (with able helpers) last Sunday. Raffle winners were happy, and the Packers provided the excitement, just as Fr.

Francis predicted.

Thanks to the Men's Club for hosting another delightful Parish function.

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Meetings are held on Mondays at 7 pm in the rectory.

Questions? Call John at 780-5328.

No meetings Dec 25 or Jan 1.

### REST IN PEACE

**William Merfeld**

*Father of Sue Ganschow*

**Geneva Weiss**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10

Wednesday, December 20 **6:30-7:30**

Attendance will be noted, but our plan is different.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE IN CHURCH

6:30 - 7:00

COOKIES & CAROLS IN THE PARISH CENTER

7:00 - 7:30

Families, please join us!

## PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Needed each week: \$ 17,400.00

Received 12/10 \$ 14,624.00

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**If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring, and a sunrise every morning.**

**Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He could live anywhere in the universe, but He chose your heart. What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem, not to mention that Friday at Calvary.**

### COMING UP

Dec 22-Jan 1 School Christmas vacation

Jan 1 Mass times: 7:30 & 9:00 (This is not a holy day this year)

### 🎵 🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵 🎵

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will sing at the 4:30 Mass on Christmas Eve, next Sunday. Caroling will begin at 4:00. Children, please be upstairs and ready to sing at 3:45.

**ADULT CHOIR** will practice on Thursday, 7-8:00, and will sing at the 10:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Caroling will begin at 9:30.

**MUSIC FOR THE 10:30 MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY** will be provided by instrumentalists from the Vach and Lyon family. Prelude music will begin at 10:00.

### \$crip News

**SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP** - Or just come in and buy \$crip cards and certificates. You can also buy a \$crip gift certificate so your special person can choose their own \$crip cards. Nifty!

#### NEW \$CRIP BUSINESSES

**NOELKE'S** Religious Goods, downtown, \$10 cards (A whopping 20% profit is offered by Noelke's - WOW)

**STARBUCKS** New store being built at Losey & State Rd. They offer us a 7% profit.

*The Salvation Army has need of warm blankets for folks who stop in. Drop off your blankets in the barrel in the Narthex.*

### FEEDING THE FLOCK COOKBOOK

Holiday Special

\$10 for I book; \$15 for 2

Don't miss Betty Nelson's "Rum Cake" on page 143.

+The Men's Club did it again. Last Sunday's Packer/Jambalaya party went on flawlessly. The setting was spectacular, the food wonderful, and the Packers excellent. What more could there possibly be on anyone's wish list? Thank you very much, gentlemen of the Men's Club.

+What a wonderful parish, what wonderfully generous people. All 185 Christmas wishes have disappeared from the "Giving Tree." Literally, pick-up loads of gifts have been delivered to the good people who will get the gifts to the proper people in time for Christmas. Thank you.

+As we come close to the end of the year...how are you doing on your Fair Share contributions for the year 2006? And would anyone be so kind as to prepare a special and substantial gift to the parish at Christmas? What is substantial? It differs as income differs, but something that makes a real difference to you would seem to be a good starting point.

+Did you know that the Houses of Formation for young men and women and Aquinas High School have had a total of 13 vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life over the past 4 years. As Fr. Martin says, "The Holy Spirit is hard at work here." Support all those efforts in prayer and with financial gifts, if possible.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH**

*If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a poinsettia over the holidays, you may use a slip from the Narthex or call the parish office to make arrangements. Price: \$18.*

*Candles for the Parish Center Windows are also available at \$20 each. The candles will be used yearly. The poinsettias, probably not.*

*Orders for flowers and candles need to be in the Parish Office by 5 pm on Monday.*

**SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT**, an evening of Reflection will be held Wed, Dec 20, 7-8:00 at Holy Trinity Church. Readings from scripture and music by "Overflow" will be featured.

**FIRST ANNUAL FOOD FIGHT** Bring a load of non-perishable food items and money to the girls and boys basketball games between Aquinas and Logan on Dec 21 and 22. The competition between the schools will benefit 4 local food pantries. Let's help the athletes win the fight against hunger in our area.

**NEW YEAR'S RETREAT** at St. Anthony's Center, Marathon, 7 pm, Dec 31, to 2 pm, Jan 1. With food, fellowship, private and shared prayer, this is a great alternative to the usual New Year's party. 715-443-2236.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER SERVICE** at Maria Angelorum Chapel, St. Rose Convent, 6:00 - 6:45, Dec 31. Use the 901 Franciscan Way entrance. Handicap entrance is at 912 Market St.

**PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE** Jan 19, to Tues, Jan 23, for anyone 13 years and older. \$235 per person includes 5-day motorcoach, 2 night in a hotel, and sweatshirt. Contact Sister Stephanie at 788-4530. Need a gift for a teenager? This is a dandy idea.

**CAUSEWAY** is looking for more volunteers to help folks who are homebound. If you have a bit of extra time and can offer a hand with light household chores, transportation, reading, respite, etc., give Causeway a call at 784-4517, or contact Liz Nutter, our Parish representative at 784-4850

### **AQUINAS MIDDLE SCHOOL NOVEMBER AWARDS**

St. Thomas Aquinas Student of the Month

**Katherine Riley**

St. Cecilia Music Award  
**Natalie Nordeen**

St. Luke Art Award

**Patrick Campbell**

St. Isidore Computers Award  
**Hannah Oney**

St. Sebastian Physical Education Award  
**Jennifer Gallagher & Mary Dolan**