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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 3, 2006

OFFERING FAMILIES

Dec 9 & 10

4:30 Bernadine & Joseph Colling

7:30 Lucille & Earl Newton

9:00 Lori & Tom Nigon family

10:30 Deborah & Andrew Brannon family

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

December 5 Dick & Nancy Meyer

BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEK FOR MOBILE MEALS

**December 3, 2006
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The first Sunday of Advent inspires these thoughts. What do you do when you are stumped about how to reset your clock-radio or you can't get the DVD player to work? You remember the manual. The manual has the answer. It can restore order to the out-of-order. Why? Because no one knows how a thing works as well as the one who made it.

To be human is to face a world of problems every day. How can we make sense of it all? By returning to our Maker. Our Maker holds the answer to what is going wrong in our life. Just as we go looking for the manual when a machine of ours malfunctions, the trials of life send us in search of our Maker. But not in the form of a manual. Rather the Word made Flesh and dwelling among us.

This is what Advent is all about. Pope Benedict writes that, when we say the word "Advent" we mean that God "has not withdrawn from the world. He has not left us alone." Thanks to that unfailing presence we are not defeated when the troubles of life descend. Advent invites us, as the Holy Father says, "to undertake the risk of stepping toward God's mysterious presence, which alone can make us free."

St Therese of Lisieux expressed all this beautifully in a poem to Christ:

*When my youthful heart was afire
with the flame we call love,*

*You alone, O Jesus, could satisfy my soul,
for boundless was my need of loving You.*

At this opening of the new Church year let us flee to our Maker in prayer, in penance, and in sacrament, begging He show us the way to make us work to our optimum, but as the adopted daughters and sons set apart as God's people, His holy and priestly people in a confused and confusing world.

RCIA CORNER

This past week our RCIA groups focused on the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. The Holy Spirit is always at work in the Church drawing us closer to Christ through the sacraments. In the Eucharist the Holy Spirit transforms ordinary bread and wine into the

Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Spirit will transform us into the likeness of Christ if we ask Him to.

Please pray that we may open our lives to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in this season of Advent.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Dec 4 - 10**

Mon, Dec 4 Advent Weekday, John of Damascus

7:30 **+Ruth Cook**
Servers: Colin Lounsborough, Jacob Dee

Tues, Dec 5 Advent Weekday

6:30 **+Patrick Connelly**
Server: Bill Arnold
7:30 **+Phil Knothe**
Servers: Alyssa Pintz, Elizabeth Schultz

Wed, Dec 6 Advent Weekday, Nicholas

6:30 **+Frances Schildknecht**
Servers: Jason Hutzler, Dave Allen
7:30 **+Emily Townsend**
Servers: Alyssa Pintz, Elizabeth Schultz
5:15 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction
Server: John Brennan

Thurs, Dec 7 Ambrose

6:30 **+Fred Hegenbarth (Anniv.)**
Server: Dan Skaff
7:30 **+Joseph Bushek**
Servers: Dana Thill, Elle Reinhart
5:15 **+Norbert Schmidt**

Fri, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception

6:30 **+Joseph Sierzant (Mass in Church)**
Server: Dick Meyer
7:30 **+Mary Maney (Anniv.)**
Servers: Dana Thill, Elle Reinhart
10:30 **Intention of Robert & Carol Hackner family**
Servers: Sam Steingraeber, Dan Bagniefski
5:15 **Special Intention**

Sat, Dec 9 Advent Weekday, Juan Diego

7:30 **Special Intention**
Servers: Katie Kachel, Anna Schuttenhelm
4:30 **+Margaret Degenhardt**
Servers: Monica Kachel, Mary Dolan, Anna Schuttenhelm

Sun, Dec 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 **+Dorothy Kelsey & Mary Galligan**
Servers: Dan Bagniefski, Collin Lounsborough
9:00 **For the People of the Parish**
Servers: Alex Ness, Gus & Fritz Wiggert, Eric Clements
10:30 **+Don Hefti**
Servers: David Linhart, Michael Oney, Joel Reinhart, Michael Hanson, Bobby Kachel

LOOKING AHEAD Saturday, Dec 16

7:30 Lizzy Knothe, Hannah Johnson
4:30 Cassandra Steele, Helen Kirch, Emily Walker

Sunday, Dec 17

7:30 Joe, Eric & Tim Clements
9:00 Joshua Lenth, Peter Coppola, John Paul Soldner, Michael Guggenbuehl, Mitchell Degenhardt
10:30 Mark Vach, Dan Chamberlain, Alex Wettstein, Benjamin Kolter, Luke Riley

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon Isaiah 2:1-5; Matt 8:5-11
Tues Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wed Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matt 15:29-37
Thurs Isaiah 26:1-6; Matt 7:21,24-27
Fri Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Sat Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Matt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
Sun Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH JAMBALAYA DINNER

Sunday, Dec 10

Advance tickets: \$5; \$7 at the door.

Big screen T.V. in the Parish Center to enjoy (we hope) the Packer game at 3:15 pm. Carry-outs will be available, but come and socialize a bit. We'll do the dishes.

FAMILY ROSARY

Sunday, Dec 3, School basement

4:00 fun in the gym; 5:00 potluck, Rosary afterward

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sun, Dec 24: 4:30 with Children's Choir

10:00 pm with Adult Choir

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

Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Readers, please call the Office at 782-2953 to sign up to help out at a Christmas Mass. Thanks!

November Calendar Raffle Winners

Nov 26	Tom Gallagher	\$25
27	Laurence Berg	25
28	Lucky Joe Sweeney	25
29	Edith Szymkowiak	25
30	Tom Kieffer	25

Winners can pick up their prizes in the Parish Office.
Thanks for participating.

Taping Masses for T.V.

Our Parish will be involved in taping 2 Masses on Tues, Dec 5, 6:30-8:30 pm, Christ the King Chapel in the Diocesan Center.

We need folks to help out as readers, servers, singers, and congregation. Call us at 782-2953 if you can come.
We need more helpers!

GIVING TREE GIFTS

*There are only 30 tags left from the 180 on the tree. Perhaps a couple families or groups of folks (coffee or bridge clubs) could go together to purchase the larger items requested. Let's try to be 100% givers.

*The retired priests and sisters declined our offer to give them gifts. They said they have all they need and only ask for prayers. We can handle that!

*Return your wrapped AND TAGGED gifts to the office or Narthex by Dec. 8.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10

Wednesday, December 6 6:30-7:45

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Needed each week: \$ 17,400.00

Received 11/26 \$ 11,299.00

Christmas is just plain weird. What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree in the living room and eat candy out of your socks?

COMING UP

- Dec 3 Donut Sunday, Nicks family, hosts
- Dec 3 Family Rosary, 4-6:00 pm, school basement
- Dec 4 Men's Club Meeting, 7 pm
- Dec 5 Filming Masses for T.V., 6:30 - 8:30
- Dec 5 Baptism Class, 6:30
- Dec 10 Parish Jambalaya dinner, Packer party
- Dec 12 Widows & Widowers, 6:00, Piggy's

MUSIC NOTES

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at 9:00 Mass next Sunday and will practice Sat, 9:30-10:15.

ADULT CHOIR will practice on Thursday, 7-8:00.

'Tis the season

The Salvation Army has need of warm blankets for folks who stop in. Drop off your blankets in the barrel in the Narthex. Our Helper Marcia said one day someone had to be covered with 3 baby blankets for lack of anything else.

CHRISTMAS IDEAS

*An Offering of Words by Msgr. Hundt

*Feeding the Flock Parish Cookbook

*Parish Spirit shirt (denims, polo's, lots of colors and styles for both men and women)

*Building of the Parish Center DVD

*\$crip, \$crip, and (oh, did I say it?) \$crip

GREAT IDEA: GENERIC \$CRIP CARDS (Just like a \$crip gift certificate. Any denomination.)

Business Owners, how about giving \$crip to your employees instead of that box of chocolates?

All available at the Parish Office

WELCOME

William BarthMargo & Maggie Prom
Diane Schulze & sons Steven & Nicholas

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP

Tuesday, December 12, 6:00

Piggy's restaurant

Questions? Call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta Clarkin, 784-9917.

+It's always a pleasure to extend thanks, and this week gratitude is expressed and thanks extended for three beautiful, hand-crafted oak tables. They grace the Parish Center, a matching set in the foyer of the Parish Hall and one in the foyer of the Adoration Chapel. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Those tables will be where they are for a very long time. Thank you to the donor builders.

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. All orders must be received by December 17. Prices: \$12, \$18, \$30.

Calling All Parishioners: We are looking for those interested in investigating the possibility of establishing a sister parish relationship with a large parish in Tanzania, Africa. If you'd like to be on our committee, please call the parish office at 782-2953.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE is planned for Fri, Dec 8, 9 pm, to Sat, Dec 9, 1 am. Join in praying for the innocent unborn children devastated by abortion and embryonic stem cell research.

ROSARY FOR PEACE at Maria Angelorum Chapel, St. Rose Convent, Dec 8, 3:30 pm. Use the entrance at 901 Franciscan Way (formerly Winnebago St.). All are invited.

MARIAN CATECHIST GATHERING on Dec 9 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 and will include the enrollment of children in the Juan Diego Guild. Archbishop Burke will be celebrant.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS special collection will be held next weekend. There is special urgency for us to reach out financially to the elderly sisters and brothers who have worked for years to bring God's word to us.

CHRISTMAS GIFT AND BAKE SALE at the Cathedral after all Masses next weekend in the Undercroft. Books and other items will also be on sale in the RCIA office.

BUTTER BRAID PASTRIES are available to order for the holidays by calling 784-6800 by Dec. 12. Catholic Order of Foresters fundraiser. The pastries are delicious!

NEW YEAR'S RETREAT at St. Anthony Retreat 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.

ST. CLARE HEALTH MISSION is looking for a volunteers to help out at the free clinic for the uninsured poor. Flexible daytime and evening hours are available. Contact Sandy, 791-9546, for more information.

PRO-LIFE BUMPER STICKERS can be ordered from the St. Catherine of Siena Company in Memphis at a cost of \$2 each. Go to www.SaintCatherineOfSienaCompany.com.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE Fri, Jan 19, to Tues, Jan 23, for anyone 13 years and older. \$235 per person (\$175 due Dec 1) includes 5-day motorcoach, 2 night at a hotel, and sweatshirt. Contact Sister Stephania at 788-4530.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS:

*Advent, a time for giving, finds a giving tree in the lobby. Gifts for Gerard Hall and New Horizons, purchased by the students, will be delivered for Christmas.

*Christmas Concert is Thurs, Dec 14, 6:30 pm.

*2nd graders are planning Advent services for Mondays at 8:45. Mass is celebrated weekly.

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - Join a really worthwhile group:

Big Brother, Big Sisters: 782-2227 Knights of Columbus: 784-7235

Causeway: 784-4517 Birthright: 782-0373

Packer Fan Club: no phone number available

We found some nifty battery-operated candles to put in the 30 windows along Losey Blvd. Would you like to help us purchase them at \$20 each, perhaps in memory of someone or in honor of someone or an event. They will be used yearly.