

December 21, 2008
Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
December 22 - 28, 2008

This week's reader: Mary Ritter
Communion Minister: Mary Ellen Robertson

Good bye to Fr. Edmund Donkor-Baine

Fr. Edmund had been assigned to assist here at Blessed Sacrament as well as to work at Franciscan Skemp in the Pastoral Care office. This week Bishop Listecky assigned Fr. Edmund to residence in the Diocesan Center pending further assignment.

We wish Fr. Edmund good luck in his future work in the Lord's vineyard.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Wed, Dec 24

4:30 pm +Eleanor & Ellis Crook

MC: Pete Fiorini
Servers: Joe Cambio, Claire & Derek Craig, Mitchell Degenhardt, Nathan & Carson Schneider
Readers: Anna & David Curtis
Petitions: Kami Doberstein
Eucharist: Jeff & Sandy Reinhart, Caryl Doberstein, Marilyn Holland, Andy Brannon
Offering family: Dave and Anna Curtis

10:00 pm +Gus Bentz

MC: Dave Allen
Servers: Tim & Eric Clements, Kate, Grace & Luke Riley
Readers: Tim Hall, Bob Kelemen
Petitions: Maggie Clements
Eucharist: Cheryl Pearse, Mary Ann Brownell, Joe Clements, Bernice Lansing, Karen Perry, Susan Fukuda
Offering family: Ted & Sheila Riley & family

Thurs, Dec 25

8:00 Intention of Harold Martini Birthday

MC: Pete Fiorini
Servers:
Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders
Petitions: Betty Nelson
Eucharist: Mary Ritter, Joe & Carol Melde, Bill Chamberlain
Offering family: Ralph & Pauline Jagodzinski

10:00 +Ralph Clason

MC: Jason Hutzler
Servers: Sam Steingraeber, Charlie, Joe & John Paul Soldner, Taylor Donskey
Readers: Patti Keil, Mark Steingraeber
Petitions: Anna Soldner
Eucharist: Carolyn Steingraeber, Larry Lee, Florence Koenig, Mary Ellen Robertson
Offering family: Tim & Carol Hall

Mon, Dec 22 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Virgil Grabinski**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Tues, Dec 23 Advent Weekday, John Kanty

7:30 **+Carol Burkhardt**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Dec 24 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Josphe Bushek**

Servers: Jason Hutzler

5:15 NO Evening Prayer & Benediction

Thurs, Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord

Fri, Dec 26 Stephen

7:30 **Intention of Lou & Mary Ritter**

57th Wedding Anniversary

Servers: Hannah Nelson, Maria Franke

Sat, Dec 27 John

7:30 **+Tom Noelke**

Servers: Evan Dolan, Eliza Skemp

2:00 Nuptials Beth Reinhart & Jacob Gale

Feast of the Holy Family

Sat, Dec 27

4:30 +Debbie Watunya

MC: Pete Fiorini
Servers: Erin Roop, Grace Riley, Debbie Oney
Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Skemp
Petitions: Caroline Kroner
Eucharist: Nancy Padesky, Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda, Ann Gees
Ushers: Bill Kroner, Tony Flottmeyer, Allan Fukuda, David Sweeney
Offering family: John & Monica Gallagher

Sun, Dec 28

8:00 +Alvin Gerke

MC:
Servers: Derek Craig, Jacob Dee, Carson Schneider
Readers: Tom Kieffer, Steve McGovern
Petitions: Maggie Clements
Eucharist: Carol Melde, Joe Clements, Earl & Lucille Newton, Jean Kachel
Ushers: Gene Hafner, Robert Schaefer, Adolph Szymkowiak, Mark Chamberlain
Offering family: Dr. Joe & Barb Durst

10:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Scott Doberstein
Servers: Fritz Wiggert, Bobby Kachel, Luke Riley, Luke Schuttenhelm
Readers: Jason Hutzler, Bob Kelemen
Petitions: Claire Donskey
Eucharist: Deb Gilkes, Mike Hartley, Larry Lee, Jeff & Sandy Reinhart
Ushers: John Sullivan, Terry Felt, Tom Franke, Joe Dalton
Offering family: John & Katherine Uehling & family

AROUND THE PARISH

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate the cost of a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, please call the parish office, 782-2953, ext. 2. The parish has purchased large plants for \$15 and small plants for \$10.

MASS TIMES

Christmas Masses December 24

4:30 pm (Children's Choir)

Caroling 30 minutes before Mass

10:00 pm (Adult Choir)

Caroling 30 minutes before Mass

December 25

8:00 am (instrumentalists)

Prelude music 15 minutes before Mass

10:00 am (teen choir)

Prelude music 15 minutes before Mass

Mary, Mother of God (January 1) Masses

Dec 31: 5:15 pm

Jan 1: 8:00 & 10:00 am

REST IN PEACE

Pat Peterson
wife of Dean

Lloyd Herlitzke
father of David

REMEMBERING OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

If a family member has recently died and you would like his/her name mentioned in the bulletin, please let us know. Call 782-2953, ext. 2.

**To all who helped cook and serve the Parish Breakfast last Sunday. The pancakes were, as always, the best in town!*

**To Craig Sallander for transporting all the "Giving Tree" gifts to Catholic Charities on Monday. Next year, Craig, we'll plan for a day that's a bit colder.*

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10

Wed, Dec 24 or Dec 31

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 12/14: \$12,769.00

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God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead.
So why should you?

COMING UP

Dec 22 Confessions at Cathedral all day

Dec 22-28 Our week for Mobile Meals

Dec 26 Parish Office Closed

Dec 27/28 Anniversary Weekend

Dec 28 Parish Caroling Party & chili lunch, 11-1:00

Dec 31 5:15 pm Mass for holy day

Jan 1 Masses at 8 & 10 am for holy day

Jan 2 Parish Office Closed

Jan 4 Parish Rosary & potluck brunch, 11 am

Jan 6 Women's Club dinner meeting, 6 pm

Jan 17 Mardi Gras Ball

Jan 26 Men's Club, 7 pm

Feb 15 Enchanted Evening, *something very special*

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve (caroling beginning at 9:30). There will be no choir practice on Dec 25 or Jan 1.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing at the 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve (caroling beginning 30 minutes before Mass).

TEEN CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 am Mass on Christmas day (caroling beginning 15 minutes before Mass).

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STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS – REMEMBER THE MAILMAN, PAPERBOY (GIRL), BABYSITTER, DOG SITTER, GRASS MOWER (YES, VIRGINIA, SPRING IS OUT THERE SOMEWHERE.)

FEEDING THE FLOCK parish Cookbook SALE

\$10/one; \$15/two

On sale in the office and after all Masses

Need a warmer-upper? Try Eenie Francksen's Kielbasa-Cheese Soup on pg. 21.

BAPTISMS

Emily Sue Lepak

daughter of Gerald & Christine

Alex Jon Heidersheit

son of Jon & Katherine

Parish Office Closed
December 26 and January 2

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS To you all

Parish Caroling Party
Sunday, December 28, after 10:00 Mass
Chili lunch in the parish center following caroling
Bring some of your sweet Christmas treats for dessert
Singers of all ages invited. Gather in the Narthex after Mass.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER SERVICE in Maria Angelorum Chapel, St. Rose Convent, Wed, Dec 31, 6 pm. Please use the entrance on Franciscan Way. Handicapped entrance is located on Market St.

MARDI GRAS BALL Jan 17, Stoney Creek. Our school's Lord and Lady, Brian and Dawn Harris, invite everyone to attend. Contact Ahna Clason, 788-6264, to buy your tickets, reserve a table, or be a sponsor.

MEN OF CHRIST CONFERENCE 2009 will be held Sat, Jan 10, Washington County Fair Park Convention Center, West Bend. Marvelous speakers including Archbishop Dolan, Darrell Miller, Fr. Frank Hoffman (Fr. Rocky), and others. Adoration throughout the day, opportunity for Confession, lunch, Mass at 4 pm. Register online at www.MenofChrist.net, or mail to Men of Christ, P.O. Box 212, Hales Corners, WI 53130-0212 . \$40 through Dec 17; \$50 after Dec 18. Students, \$20 discount. Men, don't miss this enriching day! Fathers, bring your sons.

AQUINAS MIDDLE SCHOOL NOVEMBER AWARDS

Students of the Month
Nikki Rink, Samuel Steingraeber

Foreign Language Award
Nicole Watunya, Jacob Dee

Art Award
Nathan Bartley

Music Award
Marissa Dorsey

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS: The Coffee Club meets 2 Wednesday mornings per month at Schumaner Kish. Contact June at 782-1252 for details. "Caring for Each Other" group meets at the First Presbyterian Church, West Ave and Cass. Call 784-4248 for information.

SERENITY RETREAT for recovering alcoholics Jan 2-4, St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon. For information call 715-443-2236 or email info@sarcenter.com.

RETROUVAILLE...a lifeline for troubled marriages, Jan 16-18, St. Anthony's Retreat Center, Marathon. For more information contact the Family Life Office at the Diocese, 791-2673 or email familylife@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

AQUINAS RAFFLE CALENDARS for 2009 are on sale in the parish office at \$20 each. Winners are drawn daily.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

January 20-24, 2009, Washington DC
Open to anyone 13 years and older.

Information and registration forms are available in the parish office.
(FYI The first march, 1974: 20,00 pilgrims; recent year's marches: 225,000 pilgrims)