

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2009

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am  
Monday – Saturday 7:30 am

## **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Saturday after 7:30 am Mass & 3:30-4:00  
Confessions heard in church; other times by appointment

## **EVENING PRAYER DAILY WITH BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAYS**

5:15 *in the Adoration Chapel*

Contact the Parish Office to join the parish, to arrange for a wedding (6 months in advance), and for Baptism 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.

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*Notes from the Pastor:*

All of December is filled with wonderful memorials of saints and Holy Days. The next one for us will be on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a day on which Catholics are obligated to attend Mass.

On December 8, 1854, the Pope solemnly declared that Mary was conceived without sin by a special, prevenient, grace in light of the fact that she would be the mother of Jesus.

When the angel Gabriel addresses Mary as "full of grace" the church takes this to be one of the references to her not having original sin nor the consequence of original sin. You and I, because of the consequences of original sin, tend to do evil more easily than we should. By God's grace we may avoid sin, but we wouldn't be able to on our own. Mary had the grace to avoid all sin from the first moment of her existence. Anticipating that Mary would be the Mother of Christ, Mary was given a special grace by God not to have any sin or even the inclination to sin.

Though Mary is preserved from all sin by a special grace, we, on the other hand, may need to make use of the sacrament of reconciliation to regain inner spiritual life after serious sin. We will have a Parish Reconciliation service for Advent on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. We will have a short service and then time for individual confessions. The Cathedral will also have all day confessions, 9 am to 6 pm, on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Do make use of this Advent season when we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ to prepare well for his arrival.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Olson

**READERS AT DAILY MASS**

A new schedule is being prepared. If you would like to change your date for reading, be dropped or added to the schedule, please call Betty Nelson at 788-6688 ASAP.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**Dec 7 - 13, 2009**

Reader: Tim Hall

Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Ruth Wills

Mon, Dec 7 Ambrose

7:30 **+Fred Hegenbarth (Anniv.)**

Server: Dick Meyer

Tues, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of BVM

7:30 **+Mary Maney (Anniv.)**

Server: Pete Fiorini

10:30 **+Mildred Schlickman**

5:15 **+Richard Dineen**

Servers: Claire Craig, Clare Roop, Gus Wiggert

Wed, Dec 9 Advent Weekday, Juan Diego

7:30 **Special Intention**

Server: Jason Hutzler

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction this week

Server: Emilie Steingraeber

Thurs, Dec 10 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Keith Szymkowiak**

Servers: Isiah Brown, Kellan Doberstein

Fri, Dec 11 Damasus I

7:30 **+Lloyd Herlitzke**

Servers: Isiah Brown, Ryan Dee

Sat, Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 **+Richard Jarrett**

Servers: Maria Franke, Lucy Wiggert

2:00 Nuptials Annie Kolaczowski & Mitch Knutson

Third Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 12

4:30 **+Ralph Clason**

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Patrick & Riley Campbell, Anna Schuttenhelm

Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders

Petitions: Emily Walker

Eucharist: Mary Ann Bradley, Loretta Clarkin, Susan Fukuda,  
Chris Papke, Luci Johnson

Ushers: Wayne Levi, Walt Susdorf, Allan Fukuda, Dave  
Sweeney

Offering family: Brian & Cathy Dorsey family

Sun, Dec 13

8:00 **For the People of the Parish**

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Jacob Dee, Grace & Kate Riley

Readers: Bob Skemp, Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions: Stephanie Koehne

Eucharist: Mike Vanderploeg, Florence Koenig, Dave & Marie  
Allen, Gaylord Perry

Ushers: Bob Peshak, Joe Sweeney, Lloyd Koenig, John  
Gallagher

Offering family: Matt & Jennifer Cambio family

10:00 **+Dick & Sally Pearse**

MC:

Servers: Emilie, Mark & Sam Steingraeber

Readers: Scott Doberstein, Mark Steingraeber

Petitions: Lydia Skemp

Eucharist: Betty Roth, David Coriden, Kathy Curti, Caryl  
Doberstein, Carol Steingraeber

Ushers: John Sullivan, Jim Kroner, Syl Schaub, Tom Richert

Offering family: John & Kathy Reinhart family

## AROUND THE PARISH

### FAMILY RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**Wed, Dec 9, 6:30 pm**

*Bring your whole family to church and make Advent a real time of preparation for Christ by going to Confession. There will be a brief Penance Prayer Service at 6:30 with several priests hearing private Confessions afterward.*

#### PARISH BREAKFAST

Next Sun, Dec 13

**Featuring the best pancakes ever  
AND sausage egg bake and no-calorie, no-  
guilt cheesy potatoes**  
Plan to stay after either Mass and get filled up.  
Sponsored and prepared by the Men's Club.

### SOUP AND BREAD SALE to take home and enjoy

Sat & Sun, Dec 5 & 6

Wild Rice Soup  
Sausage Pasta Bean Soup  
Homemade yeast breads

#### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS Group

Dinner at Schmidty's

Tues, Dec 8, 6 pm

For more info call Barb Schmitz, 788-1667,  
or Loretta Clarkin at 784-7106.

#### WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tues, Dec 15, 5:30

Parish Center

Dinner prepared by the Officers

*If you bring a gal who normally does not come to the meeting, your name will go into a drawing for a fabulous gift. Call 782-2953, ext. 2, to make your reservation.*

*Thanks to all the Women of the Parish who give so generously of their time, resources, and talents!*

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Grades 1-10

Wed, Dec 9, 6:30-7:45

Students in grades 7-10 will have the opportunity for Confession during class time.

## PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Needed each week: \$14,000

Received: November 29 \$10,778

YEAR TO DATE

Needed: \$308,000

Received: \$239,768

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The guy who sings his own praises will probably be a soloist.

### COMING UP

Dec 5 & 6 Soup & Bread sale

Dec 5 & 6 Pick up poinsettias ordered at the Fair

Dec 6 Rite of Welcoming, 10:00 Mass

Dec 8 Holy Day OFFICE CLOSED; no Scrip sales

Dec 8 Widows & Widowers, 6 pm, Schmidty's

Dec 8 Night of Prayer for Life, 7 -12 pm, MMOC

Dec 9 Family Reconciliation Service, 6:30 pm

Dec 13 Parish Breakfast

Dec 15 Women's Club Christmas Dinner

Dec 21-27 Our week for Mobile Meals

Jan 17 Volunteer Appreciation Party, 3-5 pm

Jan 20 – 24 March for Life, Washington DC

Jan 23 Senior Dinner – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

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

**ADULT CHOIR** practice Thurs, 7-8 pm.

### \$scrip News

#### Dec 8, Holy Day, Scrip office CLOSED

Making your list...checking it twice? Now get your Scrip cards for Christmas gift buying.

Volunteers needed. Several of our faithful Scrip office volunteers are going South for the winter. If you have 3 hours/month you can give the parish, call us to set up your office time for Scrip sales. It's easy; you can surf the web or check your email when not busy or read a book; tasty treat, too. Call 782-2953, ext. 6.

Christmas and Jan 1: if you would like to participate by being a reader, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, usher, or petition reader, call Pauline in the Parish

Office, 782-2953, ext. 3.

Mass times: Christmas Eve, 4 and 6 pm

Christmas Day, 8 and 10 am

Dec 31, 5:15 pm (fireworks afterward)

Jan 1, 8 and 10 am.

*A limited number of Pictorial Directories (\$5.00) and 2010 commemorative calendars (\$10.00) are for sale in the parish office.*

## THE GIVING TREE

Please pick up an ornament from the tree in the Narthex and do some generous Christmas shopping for that person.  
All gifts should be returned to church on the weekend of Dec 12 and 13. You may put them in the sanctuary when you come to Mass.  
If you would like to reach out to folks who otherwise would not receive a gift, please consider buying a Scrip gift card. Those cards can be dropped off in the parish office to be taken to Catholic Charities.  
The need is so great, and your generosity is so appreciated!  
If you can help with the distribution of the gifts at Catholic Charities, please call 782-0710. Help will be needed Dec 14-17 & Dec 21 & 22, 9 am to 4 pm.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE** at MMOC Dec 8 beginning with Mass at 7pm and prayers continuing until midnight. If you cannot attend, join in prayer at your home.

**VIGIL FOR ST. JUAN DIEGO AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** at the Shrine  
Fri, Dec 11, 7:30 pm procession from the Pilgrim Center to the Shrine Church, 8:00 Candle lit Spanish, 9:00 Mass in Spanish with Archbishop Burke.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** Dec 12  
7:00 am Las Mananita "Wake up Mary" with songs, Mexican sweet breads and hot beverages in the Pilgrim Center.  
11:00 Solemn Pontifical Mass with Archbishop Burke. Welcoming new members into the St. Juan Diego Guild for Children.

**YOUTH RALLY** Plan to attend the rally at St. Elizabeth's in Holmen on Dec 19, 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. "We Just Can't Wait for our King" will include great music, inspirational speaker, pizza, time for adoration, confession, and Mass. Register by Dec. 16 by calling 526-4424. Cost: \$10.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at the Village on Cass during mealtimes of the weekends. If you can come, 11:00 – 1:00 or 4:30-6:30, please call Jan Pohlman at 392-9578. Cheerful service and enjoying a meal with the residents will surely be rewarded!

### SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Aquinas Middle School Strings and Band Ensemble at Rotary Lights Dec 9, 6-7:30.  
Cathedral School Concert Dec 10, 6:30, Cathedral gym.  
Aquinas High School Concert Dec 13, 2 pm, gym.  
Aquinas Middle School Concert Dec 13, 6:30 pm, gym.  
Blessed Sacrament School band and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Advent Program Mon, Dec 21, 1:00 & 6:30

**\*HOLIDAY HOME TOUR** Sun, Dec 6, noon-4 pm, Holmen. Sponsored by the Holmen Lutheran church & St. Elizabeth's Parish. Cookie Walk and lunch at St. Elizabeth's, 11:30-3 pm. Tickets at 526-4424 for the tour.

**\*HOLY TRINITY HOME TOUR** Sun, Dec 6, noon-5 pm. Tickets \$15 in advance (from the parish office, Quillins or Ambiance); \$20 on the day. Christmas Bazaar & Cookie Walk in Leo Hall, 8 am - 3 pm. Huge raffle, also.

**\*COOKIE WALK** at Mary, Mother of the Church parish Sat, Dec 12, 8:00-noon. Lunch served at noon. Basket raffle, door prizes, and Santa's visit, 10:00-1 pm.

**\*STEAK FRY** Sat, Dec 12, 5-8:00, Retreat Sportsman Club, sponsored by St. Charles Parish

### AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, December 13, noon – 2 pm**

Meet the faculty, take a tour, find out about transportation and financial aid opportunities.