

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 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:

I returned this past weekend from spending time at Mundelein Seminary with the ongoing project of finishing writing the dissertation for my doctorate. Thanks to the very hardworking staff we have the place runs pretty smoothly even when I'm not here.

I was most pleased to see that most of the renovation of the basement restrooms in the church has been completed. We have a wonderful and anonymous parishioner donor who gave money for this needed facelift. Thanks to Joe and Carol Melde, and Carl and Eenie Francksen and Peter Fiorini, for working to make this a reality.

The Mens Club has been very active in this past year and through their hard work we were able to purchase a new snowblower and will be replacing the "blue door" on the school building.

Not to be outdone, of course, the Womens Club, sponsored the annual Christmas Fair this past weekend, headed up by the dynamic Karen Perry, a wonderful event attended by many. I know they served more than 325 excellent lunches. Thanks to all the many people of the parish who donated baked goods, worked to run booths, made crafts etc. etc. From set up to clean up this is a true showing of the wonderful spirit which makes Blessed Sacrament Parish one of the plum parishes in the diocese.

I hope Thanksgiving was enjoyable and safe for all. We prepare now to enter into Advent, the anticipation of the coming of the Lord Jesus as a child. The power of God is displayed most in his love for us by becoming small that we may join in his divine life.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Olson

Stop Abortion and Support Family Life
Mass intention for a novena of Masses on First Saturdays from Oct to June. The Dec Mass will be Sat, Dec 5, 8:00 am, St. Joseph Cathedral. Everyone is invited to participate and pray for these intentions. Sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery DCCW.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Nov 30 – Dec 6, 2009

Reader: Earl Newton

Extr. Minister of Body of Christ: Pete Fiorini

Mon, Nov 30 Andrew

7:30 **+Rudy Horschak**

Server: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Dec 1 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Maxine Cross**

Server: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Dec 2 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Raymond & Laurretta Jahimiak**

Server: Jason Hutzler

9:00 **+James Smith**

5:15 Evening Prayer and Benediction this week

Server: Sam Steingraeber

Thurs, Dec 3 Francis Xavier

7:30 **+Thelma Voiz**

Servers: Timothy Bettis, Joseph Cambio

Fri, Dec 4 Advent Weekday; John of Damascus

7:30 **+Deceased members of the Tom**

Gallagher family

Servers: Isiah Brown, Zachary Snyder

Sat, Dec 5 Advent Weekday

7:30 **+Phil Knothe**

Servers: Joseph Cambio, Dylan English

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 5

4:30 +Dorothy Gazeley

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Courtney Frick, Clare & Erin Roop

Readers: Steve & Marian Pavela

Petitions: Annie Joslyn

Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Ann & Tom Gees,

Marilyn Holland

Ushers: Ron Tuma, Tony Flottmeyer, Harlan Wills,

David Sweeney

Offering family: Doug & Pat Imgrund

Sun, Dec 6

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: John, Mathew, & Tim Brennan

Readers: Joe Durst, LuAnne Kratt

Petitions: Elise Flottmeyer

Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Pat Lyga, Jean Kachel, Kathleen

Hanson, Barb Watunya

Ushers: Adolph Szymkowiak, Bill Chamberlain, Bob Kachel,

Thomas Keil

Offering family: David & Elrita Herlitzke

10:00 +Dorothy Kelsey & Mary Galligan

MC:

Servers: Josh Alexander, Zach & Jason Hutzler

Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke

Petitions: Claire Donskey

Eucharist: Jim Kroner, Gene Kolaczowski, Kathy Hancock,

Craig Sallander, Nick Nicks

Ushers: Tom Oney, Terry Felt, Al Klein, Joe Johnson

Offering family: Scouts

AROUND THE PARISH

SOUP AND BREAD SALE

Sat & Sun, Dec 5 & 6

Wild Rice Soup
Sausage Pasta Bean Soup
Homemade yeast breads

These are the same wonderful recipes served at the Christmas Fair. They will be offered in quarts at \$3.00.

Bakers, thanks for your generous donations to the Bakery Booth at the Fair. Would you be willing to warm up your oven again for this sale? Drop off your homemade breads at the Parish Center Sat pm or Sun am. Thanks from all the busy people who will enjoy a good warm meal.

FILMING TELEVISED MASSES

On Thurs, Dec 3, our parish will be involved in filming 2 Masses to be shown on Channel 19 on Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family. Bishop ListECKI will be the celebrant. Plan to join us at Christ the King Chapel at the Diocesan Center, 5:00-6:45, for the taping. We need readers, servers, and a congregation. Call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 3, if you are going to be coming.

MEN'S CLUB

WOW! The guys voted to replace the blue door at school which is used a cajillion times every day, the one off the parking lot/playground. It will cost \$2200. And for use around school and church they have purchased the "Cadillac" snowblower at \$1900. That's why we support the events & raffles the Men's and Women's Clubs put on. Nice going, guys!!!

GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

Our Sister Parish Committee has produced packs of beautifully blank greeting cards to help raise money for charitable works in Ifakara, Tanzania. Kathleen Hanson of our parish designed the cards with photos from that region. Packs of 10 cards are available in the parish office for \$10.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Grades 1-10

Wed, Dec 2, 6:30-7:45

Students in grades 3-6 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 22 \$10,893

YEAR TO DATE

Needed: \$294,000
Received: \$228,990

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Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repainting.

COMING UP

Dec 3 Taping of televised Masses, 5:00-6:45, Christ the King Chapel, Diocesan Center
Dec 3 Yoga, noon
Dec 5 Blood Drive, 9 am – 1 pm
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 9 Family Reconciliation Service, 6:30 pm
Dec 13 Parish Breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage-egg bake, & cheesy potatoes. Sounds like brunch!
Dec 21-27 Our week for Mobile Meals
Jan 17 Volunteer Appreciation Party, 3-5 pm

MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

ADULT CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 Mass next Sun, Dec 6. There will be NO practice this Thursday because of the taping of Masses for TV.

If you enjoy singing, try the choir during this super music time of Advent and Christmas. Call Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 3, for information.

\$crip News and Notes

It's beginning to look a lot like you-know-what. Don't forget to go shopping with \$crip in hand. For your holiday sweet treats, use \$crip from Finnottes.

Christmas and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, Jan 1, fall on Fridays. 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.

First Saturday at the Shrine
9:30 Presentation on our Lady
Fehler; 10:30 Rosary;
11:00 Mass

by Fr.

**BLOOD DRIVE Saturday, December 5
9 am to 1 pm, Parish Center**

There are still openings. To reserve your time spot call Eagle Scout Eric Clements @ 782-5777. If you are not able to give - donate a gently worn pair of boots you no longer need. They will be distributed to the needy at Catholic Charities and Salvation Army. Thanks for your generosity! It will ensure the success of "Operation Have A Heart" and touch the lives of the many people the project reaches!

Eric is preparing chili for those who donate blood. If you'd like to donate the fixings – kidney beans, tomato sauce - bars, cookies, trail mix, juice/water, give him a call

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY at St. Patrick's, 9:30-11:30 am, Sat, Dec 5. Crafts, games, singing, and a visitor from the North Pole (bring your camera). \$10/child; \$30/family. Contact Cathie at 783-5535, ext.8, or email Cathie@stpatz.com to register your youngsters. Sponsored by the Youth Group.

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!

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER at St. Anthony's Retreat Center, Marathon Sun, Dec 6, 10 am to 3:30 pm. Offering of \$40 includes noon meal.

HOST FAMILY NEEDED Alejandra, age 17, from Colombia, would like to attend Aquinas for the second semester, and needs a family to be her host. She is active in a youth group, loves animals, but not birds, likes sports and music. She will bring her own spending money and has health insurance. If you are interested in helping her call Jodi Root at 608-387-6114.

CATHEDRAL FORUM topic for Sat, Dec 5, 9-10 am: The Rite of Ordination. Presenter is Father Gorman. Refreshments will be served. Open to all.

***ANNUAL WINTER CRAFT SHOW** Sat, Dec 5, 7:30am-2 pm, Coon Valley Village Hall. To benefit St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley.

***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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR
Gingerbread Raffle Winners**

Quillins: Caryina Benson	Consumer's: Mrs. Olson	FS Bakery: Bernadine Colling
Linda's Bakery: Marie Allen	Festival Foods: Emma Roberts	Waterfront: Jo Stelmach
Nell's City Grill: Carol Melde	Tree & Cookies: Yvonne Caplan	Tree & Cookies: Nancy Ziebell

Basket Raffle Winners

Gourmet: Jonella Radamacher	Dining Out: Steph Steiner	Spa: Douglas/Peggy Herlitzke
Tea: Joan Knothe	Plant Lovers: Ellen Cavadini	Wine: Marie Allen
Tanzania: Don Roetter	Kids Arts & Crafts: Zachary Penley	Family Game Night: Luke Tepp
Wild Birds Unlimited: Lucia Brenengen	Thanks to everyone who participated!	