

**Saturday, December 30:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 31:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Monday, January 1: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6: 22-27, Gal 4: 407, Lk 2: 16-21

Tuesday, January 2: Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

1 Jn 2: 22-28, Jn 1: 19-28

No Mass today

Wednesday, January 3: Weekday, Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2: 29-3: 6, Jn 1: 29-34

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, January 4: Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

1 Jn 3: 7-10, Jn 1: 35-42

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 5: John Neumann, bishop

1 Jn 3: 11-21, Jn 1: 43-51

8:30 a.m. Mass

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12

Saturday, January 6:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 7:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Your Church contributions may be tax deductible. If you wish to have a copy of your contributions mailed to you, to be used in preparing your income tax returns for 2006, please call the office @ 673-2346. Please make your request known by January 26 so we can have your tax information by the end of January.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING

Please note the next Christian Service Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Everyone's welcome to offer their service/ideas for the betterment of our parish.

IN APPRECIATION

Al Gorleski & family wish to thank the members of Sacred Heart and also the children of the school for their concern during his recent hospitalization. Your prayers and the concern you expressed deeply touched our hearts and are greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous response to our Christmas collection. The amount received was \$5450.17. This will help support the fund for priest's retirement of the diocese. May God bless you for your support and generosity.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Eleanor Razmus

9:00 a.m. Becky Learman

11:00 a.m. Renee Wood

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Vandemark*

J.R. Vandemark, Mary Knoll

Irv & Ginny DeRoche

9:00 a.m. Bob Chisholm*

Pat Chisholm, Ann Reinelt

Angie Campbell, Deb Albin

11:00 a.m. Jerry Lasceski*

Sue Lasceski, Sharon Vandenbossche

Irene Aymer, Chris Creguer

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Taylor Everts, Elleni Everts

9:00 a.m. Evan Smith, Guy Sommerville

11:00 a.m. Nick Bauerschmidt, Tim Sabo

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Michele, Brittney, Nicole Quick, Connie, Becky Albrecht, Dennis, Theresa & Marissa Connell, Dorothy Faust

9:00 a.m. Thomas, Bonnie Braun, Daniella Babcock, Norma, Bob Berry, Bob, Janet DeLorenzo

11:00 a.m. Doug, Don Prosser, Linda Krohn, Karlee, Vicki Neuville, Lee, Carol Starling & Family, Cindy Jackson

USHERS FOR JANUARY:5:00 p.m. Mark Petiprin*, Kyle Nordstrom
Pat Hepfer, John Merz9:00 a.m. C.J. Bednarski*, James LaPratt
John Papp Jr., Jason Kappen11:00 a.m. Jon Findlay*, Jack Generous
Pete O'Brien, Chris Taylor**TAX CONTRIBUTION CHANGES**

Due to recent changes in the tax laws, beginning with contributions made in 2007, parishioners (those who itemize their tax returns) will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or written contribution statement from the parish. If you wish to ensure deductibility of your contributions to the parish, please use a check, direct deposit from your bank account, or your parish envelopes. The parish will track contributions made using parish envelopes, and will, upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during 2007. Canceled checks and other bank records are

also sufficient documentation. The parish cannot track cash contributions not in parish envelopes

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

As we begin the New Year I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! May God bless us as a people, nation, community and parish as we greet the new year of 2007! I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks for all the wonderful things that happened in our parish this past year. I am proud of the parish and people here, and I look forward to the new year as we turn to God and the Holy Spirit to guide us to where He wants us to be in the year 2007. May God bless our journey.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need:	\$5800.00
Last Weekend:	\$6314.00
Envelopes Used Last Weekend:	247

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A BIG THANK YOU-It takes many people working "behind the scenes" to make the Church look beautiful for Advent & Christmas. Therefore, we must thank, and are most appreciative, to those who spent hours in church-decorating, putting up trees and lights, climbing ladders, changing panels on the altar-it all culminated with our church looking very beautiful for the celebrations of Advent and Christmas. For all those who helped decorate-a **BIG THANK YOU** for your time and efforts!!

A BIG THANK YOU-also goes to the many people who provided music for our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Many hours of practice were done to shape the children and their voices into a musical that praised God for Christmas. Their singing praised God in their unique ways. Thanks to Mary Gettel, John Gettel, and the volunteers who helped in making all this possible. We also were delighted to have "St. Nicholas" join us!

WE ALSO MUST THANK the fine members of our musical choirs who provided beautiful music for Christmas-Leonard Ford and the choir. Also to the Sacred Heart Men's Choir for their music and program. We also thank our Handbell Choir as they rang their bells in praise of God. Thanks also to Janet Markham and Kaye Zurek for their music during this holy season. All of you did an excellent job and we are most appreciative of your hard work and the music that enhanced our liturgies.

A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

If Mary's life had been a script, she might have written it differently.

For example, when Joseph and Mary got engaged, they probably planned on having a big family. Just having *one* child wasn't the script they had in mind.

Then Joseph found Mary was with child and the baby wasn't his. He was going to divorce her. If you're going to write the perfect script, you wouldn't have included that.

And imagine how badly Joseph felt when Mary, in her ninth month, had to go to Bethlehem with him. Imagine how Joseph felt that Jesus was born in a cave. It was not the way Joseph intended that their first child be born.

We don't know when Joseph died, or how he died, but apparently Joseph died as Jesus was growing up. As he was dying, imagine how he felt about leaving Mary and the boy alone. Imagine how hard it was for Mary. She thought the marriage would go a lot longer than that.

There are things in my life that shouldn't have been, and it's too bad that they did happen that way. None of us would have written the script quite the way it is. There were some things that shouldn't have been. Maybe they are our fault, or somebody else's, or it's just too bad.

But Mary and Joseph, even though they lived a script with parts that shouldn't have been, lived a beautiful life.

My life can be a beautiful life, even though things don't all fit together and some things shouldn't have been. The lives of Mary and Joseph were beautiful because God was part of their lives, both in the person of Jesus, and because of their relationship to the Father. Never was there a day when Jesus wasn't with them.

Never is there a day when Jesus isn't with me. Not one.
(From the Little Blue Book)

**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†**

Jan. 6-Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for March for Life

Jan. 7-Faith Formation classes resume

Jan. 10-R.C.I.A. @ 7:00 pm

Jan. 14-Confirmation Inscription Service @ 9:00 am

Jan. 14-After School Social 3:30-5:00

Jan. 17-Sacramental session 6:30 pm

Jan. 18-Names of God 7:00-9:00 pm

Jan. 20-22-March for Life Trip/Washington D.C.

SPAGHETTI DINNER-Mark your calendar for January 6. The youth from the parish who will be attending the March For Life Rally in Washington D.C. will be hosting a fundraiser dinner. The dinner will be held from 5:00-7:00 pm. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, children 6-12 \$3.00, and five and under free. Please join us for spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert & beverages and support our youth.

SACRED HEART CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

2006-2007 College Scholarship applications are available at the Parish Center. The scholarship is for any area high school seniors who are members of Sacred Heart Parish. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize student parishioners who have demonstrated Christian Service during their high school years and to encourage them to continue service in their future lives.



Look for the new winter 2007 CAFÉ brochure soon!

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY-If you would like to better prepare yourself to receive the Word of God, why not participate in one of the Sunday by Sunday groups? The scripture sharing is offered on three different days at three locations, **Monday at Sacred Heart, from 6:15-7:30**, Wednesday @ 9:00 @ St. Elizabeth's Reese, and on Tuesday @ 6:30 @ St. Norbert's, Munger.

**SKI TRIP TO TREETOPS**

Who: All youth 7th thru 12th grade

What: Skiing, snowboarding, tubing & swimming

When: Sunday, February 18th-Monday, February 19th

Where: Treetops Resort, Gaylord, MI

Time: Meet at the Parish Center @ 8:30 am

Return: Monday around 3:00 pm

Cost: \$55.00 includes room, 1 dinner and lift ticket

Extra \$ for: Meals, ski or snowboard rental is \$20.00 tubing is \$8.00.

We will have a refrigerator so you may bring snacks. Youth will be sleeping 4 to a room. If you want to be in a room with your friends please let us know.

Forms (Medical Release, Student Agreement and Permission Slip) need to be turned in by:

JANUARY 16TH – NO EXCEPTIONS

Call Ann Reinelt or Karen Cody with any questions or sign up @ 673-2276.