

**Saturday, November 29:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 30:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 1: Advent Weekday

Is 2: 1-5, Mt 8: 5-11

No Mass Today

Tuesday, December 2: Advent Weekday

Is 11: 1-10, Lk 10: 21-24

No Mass today

Wednesday, December 3: Francis Xavier, priest

Is 25: 6-10a, Mt 15: 29-37

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, December 4: Advent Weekday

John of Damascus, priest, doctor

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 5: Advent Weekday

Is 29: 17-24, Mt 9: 27-31

8:30 a.m. Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11, 2 Pt 3: 8-14, Mk 1: 1-8

Saturday, December 6:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 7:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

ADVENT BOOKS

In order for us to prepare for the Coming of Christ during the Advent Season, the diocese has prepared a "little blue book" for all people to read, pray and meditate upon. Take an Advent booklet home and spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

K/C AUXILIARY MEETING

The K/C Auxiliary will meet this Thursday, December 4th. We will be making, baking, and decorating cookies for our annual cookie walk scheduled for December 6 & 7. The cookie decorating will start @ 7:00 pm at the K/C Hall. Questions: Carol Papp @ 673-8002. **K/C Auxiliary Members** are asked to provide **six dozen homemade cookies** for this event. Please bring these to the Parish Center on Saturday, Dec 6th. Someone will be at the Parish Center starting @ 11:00 a.m.

ROSARY

Please note the Knights of Columbus will be reciting the rosary each Tuesday during Advent @ 6:00 p.m. in Church. You are invited to join them (Dec. 2,9,16,23) as we prepare for Advent and the coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmas.

K/C BREAKFAST

Everyone's invited to enjoy a luscious breakfast next Sunday after each Mass, at the Parish Center, sponsored by the K/C's. Our high school youth will help at the breakfast. The proceeds will go toward the March For Life trip to Washington DC.

RCIA

The Rite of Welcome and Acceptance will be presented to our RCIA candidates this Sunday at the 9:00 Mass.

REMINDERS

CHRISTIAN SERVICE will meet this Tuesday, Dec. 2 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Everyone's welcome.

RCIA will meet Wednesday, Dec 3 @ 7:00 pm at the Parish Center.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Thursday, December 4 @ 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 & 7**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche

9:00 a.m. Helen Monkowski

11:00 a.m. Renee Wood

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Dave Klebba*

Donna Klebba, Lilia Kolanowski

Denise Burkey, Theresa Burkey

9:00 a.m. Bruce Mellendorf*

Carol Papp, Joanne Richardson,

Dick Bertrand, Angie Campbell

11:00 a.m. Char Bauerschmidt*

Dolly Aymer, Chris Oakie,

Lee & Carol Starling

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Mallori Adams, Ashley Merz

9:00 a.m. Liz Schlaud, Bailey Merz

11:00 a.m. Crystal Messing, Emily Strasz

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Mandy Knox, Eva Rodriguez, Marge Biebel, Dale, Patty Churchill

9:00 a.m. Thomas, Bonnie Braun, Karen Adams,

Daniella Babcock, Bob, Pat Chisholm

11:00 a.m. Jerry, Sandy Noeker, Doug, Don Prosser,

Linda Krohn, Richard, Donna Hartman,

Jillian Perez, Christine Harbec

USHERS FOR DECEMBER:

5:00 p.m. John Merz*, Dave Luebbert

Kyle Kausch, Logan Kausch

9:00 a.m. Kris Ball*, Dick Bertrand

Tom Braun, Bob DeLorenzo

11:00 a.m. Vic Guzman*, Jon Findlay

Chris Taylor, Doug Prosser

CELEBRATE ADVENT**When:** December 6 & 7-After each Mass**Where:** Sacred Heart Parish Center

Who: Everyone's welcome- **What:** K/C Auxiliary Cookie Walk, Straw Draw, Poinsettias, Sweatshirt Sale, K/C Breakfast (Sunday only). Be sure to join us for this **very festive time**. You'll be supporting our parish and have fun doing it!

ADVENT PROGRAM & RECEPTION

"CAFÉ" presents Bill Richart, (Catholic Evangelist) for an Advent evening on Wednesday, December 10 @ 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church. Bill is a Catholic worship leader and evangelist, traveling through the U.S. proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The focus of this Advent evening will be: apparitions of Mary, music, powerpoint images, teaching. Free will offering available at the reception following his presentation. Info: Parish Center @ 673-2276.

♥PARENTING BY HEART♥

Treat your children to an early Christmas present. Come join other parents as we learn how to love our children unconditionally. We will watch a "Parenting by Heart" video, then discuss many issues we all have as parents.

Who: Parents and Guardians for children of all ages**What:** Parenting by Heart Workshop**When:** Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 2008**Time:** 6:00 pm **Where:** Sacred Heart Parish Center, Caro**Why:** To become better parents **Cost:** No charge

We all make mistakes now and again as parents. This workshop will help us be more confident as parents and better role models for our children. Call Karen 673-2276 to sign up.

WIGILIA

A Polish Christmas Eve dinner will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Center on Sunday, December 14. Dinner served @ 2:00. Donation \$11.00 adults, children \$6.00, under 7 free. Special speaker State Rep Terry Brown to speak on Michigan economy, yesterday, today. Reservations 989-783-2465.

PARISH SUPPORT

Offering totals not available because of early bulletin deadline.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend we begin the joyful season of Advent. This is the time when we are invited to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ. Advent has a "two-fold" character- as the season to prepare for Christmas when we celebrate the "birth" of Christ-His First Coming to earth, and a time to prepare our lives for His second Coming at the end of time- whenever this will be. It is a historical fact that Jesus came to earth in the form of a human babe some two thousand years ago. This First Coming was to herald God's love for His people and usher in a new kingdom here on earth. Christ's second coming is one that we await in anticipation. It is a time of waiting and preparing. We do not know when this "event" will occur. But Jesus in Scripture tells us "BE READY". We know that He has promised to return. Therefore, this time of waiting should not be a time of fear, anxiety or worry, but a time of preparation. Why worry and fret about the end of time? Inevitably it will come!

After reflecting on this Sunday's Gospel, and as we witness the events of nature and human crisis transpiring in our world today, what do these events mean to us? Remember we must remain faithful to the "promises" of Jesus Christ. He will never abandon us. He will see us through whatever happens. We must hold fast and be secure in our belief in Jesus Christ. We must "prepare" for His Coming at Christmas, but how? Is there any joyful anticipation or are we just too tired or too busy to ready ourselves? The season of Advent is one of "longing". The Church music, advent wreath, and readings evoke images of hope, peace, joy, love, reconciliation, and expectation. Do any of these ring true in your life? Are you willing to open your life, heart, and mind, and prepare for Christ's coming this year?

This is a busy time of year. There is shopping, decorating, entertaining and visiting which all needs to be accomplished in the next few weeks. It seems there just aren't enough days to get everything ready or enough energy to keep going. And then, added to this is the call to get ready "spiritually".

Our tasks will fall into place when we take one day at a time and 'slow down' enough to enjoy Advent and anticipate Christmas. This year try to make Advent "a quiet time" in your life. Let it be a time to reflect on Scripture as we are invited to open our lives, minds, and hearts to the real reason we should be preparing for Christmas-the Coming of the Son of God. "Slow down and enjoy" and see if it makes a difference. Keep in mind that "**Jesus is the reason for the season.**"

In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

GIVING TREE

During the weeks of Advent we will once again celebrate the GIVING TREE here at Sacred Heart. Each parish family is asked to take one ornament from the tree. You are asked to purchase what is requested (many not more than a few dollars) and to wrap it. Be sure to label the gift well regarding its contents, or attach the ornament from the Giving Tree. Place the gift under the Giving Tree by Friday, Dec 19. (Human Development needs time to

distribute the gifts). During this time of gift giving we remember the WORD MADE FLESH, JESUS, is the most important gift of the season.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES POINSETTIA SALE

The Christian Services Committee members will be **taking orders** for poinsettias after Mass on **Nov. 29-30**. Poinsettias will be ready for **pick up** at the Parish Center on **Friday, Dec. 5, 3:30-5:00** and after Masses on **Dec. 6 & 7**. Proceeds from the sale will fund scholarships for Sacred Heart High School seniors. Info: Mary Gettel @ 673-8281.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

Nov. 30-No Sunday classes
 Dec. 2-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet @ 7:00 p.m.
 Dec. 6/7-Straw Draw after all Masses
 Dec. 10-Advent Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
 Dec. 13-High School shopping trip to Midland Mall
 Dec. 14-Middle School shopping trip to Bay City Mall
 Dec. 16-S.P.R.E.D. Christmas Party
 Dec. 17-After School Social 3:30-5:00 pm
 Dec. 20/21-After Mass Cookie and Coffee social
 Dec. 21-No Sunday classes
 Dec. 22-Christmas Break
 Jan. 5-Faith Formation classes resume

THANK YOU Christine Kolar and Janelle Merz for helping the disciples with ornaments for the Giving Tree. Also, thank you Kathy Hall for helping with the clean up!

SWEATSHIRTS-The youth group is selling sweatshirts for \$20.00. We have a variety of colors and sizes to choose from. If we do not have your size in the color you want, we can order it for you. These are great Christmas gifts! Stop by the Parish Center to check them out!

MARCH FOR LIFE-Plans are underway for the annual March For Life January 21-January 24 in Washington D.C. All adults and youth, grades 8-12, are encouraged to participate. Transportation will be by Deluxe Motor Coach, with lodging at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. The cost of \$175.00 covers bus transportation to and from D.C., two nights lodging, and 6 meals. Participants will pay for 3 meals, subway fare, and sightseeing. Please call the Parish Center with any questions or for more information.

IT'S "STRAW DRAW" TIME AGAIN-Many of our parishioners have been very generous the past few years in donating items for our popular Straw Draw event. The profit from this event is used for our youth programs. This year it will be part of our "Celebrate Advent" event, which will be held in the Parish Center on December 6/7. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the Parish Center or call Karen @ 673-2276.

Sunday By Sunday meets on Mondays @ 6:15. This is an informal gathering and a fun group to be part of. Join us as we read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings. Info: Lynne Petiprin @ 673-3795.

**CHRISTMAS EVE-4:00 MASS -CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Our Children's Christmas liturgy will take place at the **4:00 Christmas Eve Mass**. There will be songs for the **PRE-SCHOOLERS, KINDERGARTENERS, FIRST AND SECOND GRADERS** to sing before Mass. **ALL THIRD THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS** are invited to sing with the Children's Choir **during** the Mass.

PRACTICE TIMES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Pre-school/Kindergarten on Dec. 13, 9:30-10:00, Dec. 20, and 23, 9:30-10

1st & 2nd Grade on Dec. 13, 9:45-10:15, Dec. 20, and 23, 9:45-10:15 -Parents needed to help w/Pre-school-2nd graders

Third-Eighth Grade:

Thurs. Dec. 4, 3:30-4:30

Thurs. Dec. 11, 3:30-4:30

Thurs. Dec. 18, 3:30-4:30

Tues. Dec. 23, 10:00-11:00

Parents needed to help with Pre-School thru 2nd graders

Call Mary Gettel (673-8281) for info or if you can help.