



All mankind
shall see the
**SALVATION
OF GOD.**

Saturday, December 6:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 7:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Gn 3: 9-15, 20, Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12, Lk 1: 26-38

12:00 noon Mass

3:45 pm Mass

6:30 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 9: Advent Weekday, Juan Diego, hermit

Is 40: 1-11, Mt 18: 12-14

1:30 pm Mass @ Medical Care

Wednesday, December 10: Advent Weekday

Is 40: 25-31, Mt 11: 28-30

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, December 11: Advent Weekday, Damasus 1

Is 41: 13-20, Mt 11: 11-15

8:30 am Mass

Friday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2: 14-17, Lk 1: 26-38

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thes 5: 16-24, Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

Saturday, December 13:

5:00 p.m. Service in Absence of Priest

Sunday, December 14:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Next weekend the baskets will once again be at the entrances of the Church to receive your donations of non-perishable food for the needy of our area.

Can I see another's woe and not be in sorrow too? Can I see another's grief and not seek for kind relief? (Wm. Blake)

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. 9,16,23) as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

K/C BREAKFAST

Everyone's invited to enjoy a luscious breakfast this 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.

BAPTISM

We are happy to welcome into our Catholic faith community, Alluryce Noelle Saddler, who was baptized at Sacred Heart recently. May the Light of the Lord always be her guide.

IT'S TIME FOR HOCKEY!

Our parish is once again offering tickets for a Saginaw Spirit/Plymouth Whalers Hockey game. This is fun for people of all ages. **When:** Friday, Jan. 2nd, **Time:** 7:11 pm **Where:** Dow Event Center, Saginaw. **Why:** To gather as a community of faith. **How:** We provide tickets, and you provide transportation. **Cost:** \$8.50 per ticket. Checks payable to Sacred Heart. Tickets - Call Karen @ 673-2276.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 & 14****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Gerard Kolanowski

9:00 a.m. Eva Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. Mark Ransford

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Vandemark*

9:00 a.m. Pete Sayers*

Norma Sayers, Andy Schlaud

Joan Smith, Ann Reinelt

11:00 a.m. Bridget Smith*

Jenny Sabo, Sharon Vandenbossche

Lil Guild, Dakotah Brisette

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Absence of Priest

9:00 a.m. Daniella Babcock, Aradia Bristol

11:00 a.m. Nick Bauerschmidt, Matt Snyder

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Michelle, Brittney, Nicole Quick, Theresa, Marissa Connell, Dorothy Faust, Marilyn Gludovatz

9:00 a.m. Bob, Janet DeLorenzo, Maggie, Floyd

Echols, Tracy LaPratt, Ken, Sally McIntosh

11:00 a.m. Irene Aymer, Pat Gettel, Barb Buckley, LaBerge Family

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

VOLUNTEERS

are asked to serve for the Feast of Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses.

ADVENT PROGRAM & RECEPTION

"CAFÉ" presents Bill Richart, for an Advent evening on Wednesday, December 10 @ 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church. Bill is a Catholic worship leader and evangelist who travels 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. A free will offering will be taken. A reception will follow at the Parish Center.

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. For reservations call 989-783-2465.

GIVING TREE

To help make a happier Christmas for others, each parish family is asked to take one ornament from the Giving Tree. You are asked to purchase what is requested 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). Our greatest gift is JESUS!

OUR HELPERS

We appreciate the kindness of the following persons who did a beautiful job of decorating our church for Christmas: Eva Rodriguez, Joyce Anderson, Carol Stapleton, JoAnn Nordstrom, Kyle Nordstrom, Janell & Ashley Merz. Bless you.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**Tues. Dec. 16 @ 12:00 noon-Communal Penance Service****Thurs. Dec. 18 @ 7:00 pm-Communal Penance Service****Saturday, Dec. 20 @ 5:00 pm-4th Sunday of Advent Mass****Sunday, Dec. 21 @ 9:00 & 11:00 am-4th Sunday of Advent****Wed. Dec. 24 @ 4:00 pm-Children's Mass****Wed. Dec. 24 @ 8:00 pm-Vigil of Christmas Mass****Thurs. Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am-Christmas Mass**

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need.....\$5800.00
 Last Weekend..... \$5713.07
 476 Envelope Holders 212 Envelopes Used Last Weekend

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HAPPY ADVENT-As we begin the second week of Advent, I hope you are doing "something" to make this Advent Season a time of prayer, watching and waiting in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

To help us prepare "spiritually", we have received "Little Blue books" from the diocese, which invites us to spend as little as six minutes a day in prayer. This is not a difficult task. All of us can pray for at least six minutes. Use the Little Blue Book-it is informative and reflective. The bishop and those on the committee that developed this booklet have spent a great deal of time and energy. It is a great "tool" to help our spirituality. For your information, the Little Blue Book is so "popular" that it is translated into a number of different languages and shipped around the world! We are grateful to our former Bishop Ken and those on the committee and the diocese of Saginaw who have compiled these wonderful little booklets. One of the leading figures of the Advent Season is John the Baptist. John was a cousin of Jesus and played an important role introducing Jesus to the people of his time (and to us). He is a voice in the desert calling people to "Prepare for the coming of the Messiah". John was a unique person. He did not follow the traditions and rules of his time. He marched to the beat of his own drum. He was not afraid to voice his concerns and opinions. As a matter of fact many times his preaching was counter to the behavior, attitudes and actions of the people. He had the courage and conviction, as a messenger of God, "to lay it on the line and tell it like it is." I admire John because he had a backbone and did not beat around the bush. He called things as he saw them. He did not mince words!! Thus, he incurred the wrath and displeasure of many. People became upset and angry with him because he called attention to their behavior and attitudes, which were "not godly". Many considered him strange and odd. Therefore, they either ignored or tuned him out and thus paid no attention to his message. During this Advent season, John speaks to us, too. His message is simple -to prepare for the Coming of Jesus Christ. May we not ignore this message, but examine our lives, reflect upon our attitudes and behavior, to see what we have done or failed to do and prepare for the "Coming of Jesus". In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

"Immaculate Conception" refers to the conception of Mary, not of Jesus. It expresses the belief that from the first moment of her existence, Mary was free from original sin. The Immaculate Conception became Church doctrine in 1854, when, after consulting the world's bishops, Pope Pius IX decreed that from the first moment of her conception, Mary was "preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

CELEBRATE ADVENT

When: Dec 6 & 7 -After each Mass **Where:** Parish Center.

What: K/C Auxiliary Cookie Walk, Wreaths (to benefit Homeless Coalition) Poinsettias, Sweatshirt Sale, Straw Draw, K/C Breakfast (Sunday only) This is a **very festive time.**

YOU'RE INVITED TO A CONCERT

The Tom Thumb Singers present "Sing Alleluia"-Saturday, Dec. 13 @ 7:00 pm, & Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 3:00 pm @ the Cass City United Methodist Church. Free will offering.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

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. 2-Spirit Hockey Game
 Jan. 5-Faith Formation classes resume

SWEATSHIRTS-The youth group is selling sweatshirts for \$20.00. We have a variety of colors and sizes to choose from. These are great Christmas gifts! Stop by the Parish Center to check them out!

MARCH FOR LIFE-Sign up soon! 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. 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.

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.

PREPARING FOR THE CHRISTMAS FEAST takes a tremendous amount of time. There is shopping, wrapping, decorating and baking to be done. It is also equally important to prepare ourselves spiritually-so plan on attending the Advent program this Wednesday evening @ 7:00 pm in church. Catholic Evangelist Bill Richart will present music, apparitions of Mary, powerpoint images and teachings. A coffee/cookie reception will follow in the Parish Center. Let this evening be a gift to yourself!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights of Columbus are planning a great Christmas party for the kids of Sacred Heart on Sunday, December 14 @ 1:00 pm at the K/C Hall. There will be prizes, snacks, and just lots of "Santa fun". Don't miss it!

**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.