

**Saturday, November 21:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 22:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, November 23: Weekday, Clement 1, pope & martyr, Columban, abbot, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest & martyr

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20, Lk 21:1-4

No Mass today

Tuesday, November 24: Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and martyr, & his companions, martyrs

Dn 2:31-45, Lk 21:5-11

No Mass Today

Wednesday, November 25: Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28, Lk 21:12-19

7:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, November 26: Weekday

Dn 6:12-28, Lk 21:20-28

No Mass Today

Friday, November 27: Weekday

Dn 7:2-14, Lk 21:29-33

No Mass Today

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33: 14-16, 1 Thes 3:12—4:2, Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Saturday, November 28:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 29:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

SENIOR CITIZEN SOUP LUNCHEON

Please note: All senior citizens from Sacred Heart are invited to a FREE soup luncheon at the Parish Center this Sunday, November 22 @ 12:30 pm. Served by our high school youth, it will include soup, dessert, fellowship, entertainment. .

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We are happy to welcome into our Catholic faith community, Sean Michael George Gilbert who received the waters of baptism this past weekend. May he always follow in the path of the Lord.

HANNAH'S SOCKS

In cooperation with the organization "Hannah's Socks" The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center is collecting NEW socks and undergarments to be used at the women's shelter in Caro, along with being distributed locally to families in need. A box for these donations is in the back of church. Info:1-800-292-3666.

ADVENT BOOKS

To help us 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. Please take a booklet home and spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From

Fr. Dennis & the Staff of Sacred Heart

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 & 29**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Vandemark

9:00 a.m. Mario D'Addezio

11:00 a.m. Renee Wood

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll*

Denise Burkey, Theresa Burkey

Lynne Petiprin, Chris Taylor

9:00 a.m.

Bob Chisholm*

Pat Chisholm, Carol Papp

Ann Reinelt, volunteer

11:00 a.m.

Lee Starling*

Carol Starling, Sharon Vandenbossche

Rich & Donna Hartman

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Alex Rollend, Andrew Rollend

9:00 a.m. Daniella Babcock, Liz Schlaud

11:00 a.m.

Daniella Babcock, Josh Jones

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m.

Marilyn Gludovatz, Pat Strozeski

Mandy Knox, Onna Lee LaPratt

9:00 a.m.

Bill Learman Family, Tracy Frent

Cal, Joanne Richardson, Karen Adams

11:00 a.m.

Keith, Linette Baur, Richard, Donna

Hartman, Jillian Perez, Kolar Family

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:

5:00 p.m.

John Merz, Dan Monville,

Austin Hessling, Dale Hasenleder

9:00 a.m.

Matt Perez*, Joe Greene

John Papp Sr., Bob DeLorenzo

11:00 a.m.

Paul Ellsworth*, Doug Prosser

Jack Generous, Bill Blaylock

SCHOLARSHIP POINSETTIA SALE

Poinsettias

The Christian Services committee will be sponsoring a **poinsettia sale**. Members will be **taking orders** for poinsettias after Mass on **Nov. 21-22**, and **Nov. 28-29**.

Poinsettias will be **ready for pick up at the Parish Center on Friday, Dec. 4, 3:30-5:00 and after Masses on Dec. 5 & 6**. Proceeds from the sale will fund scholarships for Sacred Heart High School Seniors. Information: contact Mary Gettel @ 673-8281.

K/C APPRECIATION

Caro Knights of Columbus Council #3224 would like to thank everyone from the parish that donated to the recent Knights Food Drive. According to Event Coordinator Joe Greene, over 950 pounds of non-perishable food was collected during the three-week campaign. All food donated will stay locally to help those in need during these tough economic times. Thank you Sacred Heart!

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend we will have a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD is the Catholic Church's anti-poverty program in the U.S. that supports groups of low-income people as they work to bring long-term change in their lives.. Your generosity is always appreciated.

MANY THANKS

We are grateful to those who helped at the funeral luncheon for Gideon Ngoka Mwiwa: Nancy Hornbacher, Alma Moreno-Babcock, Lisa Bednarski, and Linda Strasz. (Christian Services)

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Caro K/C's would like to help you Keep CHRIST in Christmas. These religious Christmas cards will be available after all Masses on Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 28 & 29, Saturday, Dec. 5 in the back of church, and Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Parish Center.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Need.....\$6800.00
 Last Weekend..... \$5307.72
 478 Envelope Holders...209 Envelopes used last weekend.

*From the
 Pastor's desk*

Q. Can you tell me the Church's current teaching on purgatory? A friend of mine said the Church no longer says there is a purgatory. I have not heard of any change regarding this belief.

A. Your friend is grievously mistaken in thinking the Church no longer teaches the doctrine of purgatory. The Church never casts aside any of her definitive teachings, and the doctrine of purgatory was given definitive expression at the ecumenical Councils of Lyons(1274) and Florence (1439)

Perhaps your friend has been misled by the fact that nowadays in our parishes we so seldom speak of purgatory.

In the Mass, our prayers for the faithful often tend to give the impression the departed have gone directly to heaven. For about eight years I worked in a fairly large parish with many funerals. Every single time a parishioner died, the pastor exclaimed, sometimes publicly, "Gone straight to heaven"!

I once heard a well-known Dominican theologian good-naturedly scold the congregation at Franciscan University in Steubenville, where he was a faculty member. Though he was only middle-aged, he declared: "When I die, don't you dare talk about Father being in heaven"!

"I'll be in purgatory, and I'll need your prayers!"

The Church simply teaches that those who die in a state of grace but are not yet perfectly cleansed from all traces of, all attachments to, sin must undergo a cleansing process "so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (Catechism of the Catholic Church). Whatever may be the suffering involved in this purgation, the souls in purgatory must be very joyful, because their ultimate salvation is assured.

(The Catholic Answer)

CHRIST THE KING

The scene in the parable in today's Gospel reading is the judgment at the end of the world. The parable begins with a reference to the Son of Man coming in his glory. The term "Son of Man" refers to the messiah, the military/political leader through whom God would rule the world and establish his kingdom. The messiah will come in his glory at the end of the world when he will be victorious over all his enemies.

Notice that Jesus does not say judgment will be based on how well known or popular a person is, how much money or power one has, or even where someone worships, but on how the individual responds to those who are in need. By telling us that whenever we do something for others we are really doing it for him. Jesus identifies himself with those who are suffering and is saying that to serve God we have to serve each other. We cannot separate our responsibilities to our neighbor from our responsibilities to God.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- Nov. 22**-Senior citizen soup luncheon
- Nov. 29**-No Sunday classes today
- Dec. 1**-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 pm
- Dec. 5**-High School Shopping Trip
- Dec. 5**-Soup Supper for March for Life Trip
- Dec. 6**-Breakfast after Masses for March for Life Trip
- Dec. 10**-Catechist Advent Party
- Dec. 13**-Middle School shopping trip
- Dec.15**-S.P.R.E.D. Advent Party 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16**-After school social 3:30-5:00
- Dec. 19/20**-Coffee and cookie social after Mass
- Dec. 22-Jan. 3**-No Faith Formation activities

Thank You Ed and Betsy Trisch for the donation of an artificial Christmas tree.

SUNDAY-BY-SUNDAY meets each Monday, 6:15-7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Join us as we meet to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings informally.



TAKE NOTE **IT'S STRAW DRAW TIME!**

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 "Advent Celebration", held in the Parish Center on December 5/6. If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the Parish Center or call Karen 673-2276.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Friends and family of Jenn Kolar, sister of Sacred Heart parishioner Claude Kolar, are organizing a benefit in her honor to help with medical expenses that have incurred due to her fight with breast cancer (her second bout in the past two years.). The breakfast will be held at Uibly Fox Hunter's Club, 8780 Uibly Rd., (M 19), Uibly, November 29, 8:30 am-1:00 pm. Live auction following at 1:00 pm. Raffle, bake sale, more. Info: Christine Kolar @ 989-674-0269.



2009 CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS TUSCOLA COUNTY

Tuscola County DHS Volunteer Services are in need of sponsors and donors for children and families for Christmas. You may sponsor a family with a food and/or gift donation, or you may simply give a monetary donation. Well over 800 families are seeking assistance for the Christmas holidays. For more information contact Laura Nowlen @ 673-9181.



Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Jim Grifka who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May the angels lead him into Paradise where he will find eternal peace with Jesus the Lord.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? (Psalm 118:6)