

**Saturday, November 28:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 29:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, November 30: Andrew, apostle

Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22

No Mass today

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Advent Weekday

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

No Mass Today

Wednesday, December 2: Advent Weekday

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

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, December 3: Francis Xavier, priest

Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 4: Advent Weekday, John of Damascus, priest & doctor

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

8:30 a.m. Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:1-6

Saturday, December 5:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 6:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

K/C BREAKFAST

Everyone's invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast hosted by the K/C's next Sunday, December 6 after the Masses. Be sure to enjoy all the festivities.

ROSARY

Please note the Knights of Columbus will be reciting the rosary during Advent on Tuesday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 15 @ 6:00 pm in Church. You are invited to join them as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

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.

REMINDERS

Christian Service will meet Tuesday, December 1 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Parish Council will meet Thursday, December 3 @ 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

CELEBRATE ADVENT

WHEN: Dec. 5 & 6-After each Mass

WHERE: Sacred Heart Parish Center

WHO: Everyone's welcome

WHAT: K/C Auxiliary Cookie Walk, Straw Draw, Poinsettias, Christmas Wreaths, 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!

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 & 6**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Dick Emery

9:00 a.m. Helen Monkowski

11:00 a.m. Gloria Gainforth

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Vandemark*

J.R. Vandemark, Art Rollend

Lynne Petiprin, Paul Langlois

9:00 a.m. Joan Smith*

Rose Putnam, Daniella Babcock

Bob & Pat Chisholm

11:00 a.m. Sue Lasceski*

Jerry Lasceski, Vic Guzman

Rich & Donna Hartman

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Ashley Merz, Caleb Knox

9:00 a.m. Bailey Merz, Kylie Trisch

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

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Jill, Stephanie Brink, Art Rollend Family, Theresa, Marissa Connell, Brad Hartel Family

9:00 a.m. Thomas, Bonnie Braun, Gloria Orban, Vic, Maria Guzman, Dick, Janet Bertrand

11:00 a.m. Jenny, Sandy Noeker, Cindy Jackson, Linda, Matt Strasz, Christine Harbec

USHERS FOR DECEMBER:5:00 p.m. Dave Kolacz*, Kevin Kausch
Kyle Kausch, Logan Kausch9:00 a.m. John Papp Jr.*, Charles Pistro
Bob Kamrad, Floyd Echols11:00 a.m. John Kopko*, Vic Guzman,
Chris Taylor, Mark Ransford**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. 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.

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.

IN APPRECIATION

We are grateful for the many helping hands who worked at the funeral luncheon for Jim Grifka. Thanks to Eleanor Rasmus, Carol Papp, Mary Ann Papp, Doreen Wittbrodt, Sharon Vandenbossche, Sue & Jerry Lasceski, Bill & Maureen Fealko, Jann Gallagher, & Nancy Hornbacher. Also thanks to the K/C's & Norm Daniels, & Bill Putnam for cooking and delivering the ham & chicken.

K/C AUXILIARY DECORATING

Please note the K/C Auxiliary will meet at the K/C Hall on Thursday, December 3 @ 10:00 am to do some fun cookie decorating for the upcoming Cookie Walk.

PARISH SUPPORT-Offering totals not available because of an 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-whenver 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 wreaths, 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

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REST IN PEACE-Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Robert Geib who was buried with Sacred Heart this past week. May he find eternal joy with Jesus the Lord.

CANDLES

Today the Church lights the first of four candles on the Advent wreath. Perhaps you will want to light a candle too.



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 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, December 18. (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.

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.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- 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 after Mass 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
- ***High School Youth**- Please make sure you turn in your slips for the shopping trip by December 1st.

Please come and support the youth who are participating in the March For Life by attending the Soup Supper on December 5th after Mass or the Breakfast on December 6th after Masses. Cost is \$6.00 for either the supper or breakfast. Our parish will be represented by 20 individuals attending the March, supporting the sanctity of life for all.

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.

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GOOD IDEA

Spend some quiet time with the Lord.