



Saturday, December 5:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 6:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 7: Ambrose, bishop & doctor

Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26

No Mass today

Tuesday, Dec. 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

1:30 p.m. Mass @ Medical Care

7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 9: St. Juan Diego, hermit

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

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, December 10: Advent Weekday

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

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 11: Damasus 1, Pope

Is 48: 17-19, Mt 11: 16-19

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18

Saturday, December 12:

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

Sunday, December 13:

9:00 a.m. Mass (K/C Corporate Communion)

11:00 a.m. Mass

K/C BREAKFAST

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

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.

THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS

Just a personal thank you from us for all that you did to make the benefit for Jenn a great success. The day was wonderful and went amazingly well. We truly cannot thank our friends, families, and communities enough. Your outpouring of support is completely overwhelming and appreciated. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Love, Claude & Christine Kolar & Family

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!

REMINDER-FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-HOLY DAY DEC. 8. Servers: Volunteer for 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm Masses.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 & 13

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Gerard Kolanowski

9:00 a.m. Norm Daniels

11:00 a.m. Mark Ransford

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll*

9:00 a.m. Pete Sayers*

Norma Sayers, Bruce Mellendorf

Jan Daniels, Carol Papp

11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Szpunar*

Lee & Carol Starling, Sharon

Vandenbossche, Bridget Smith

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Absence of Priest

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

11:00 a.m. Angela Papp, Matt Snyder

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Lynn, Mark Petiprin, Mike, Kathy Fader,

Margaret Cockerill, Eva Rodriguez

9:00 a.m. Bob, Pat Chisholm, Bill, Ann Sochocki,

Daniella Babcock, Joan Smith

11:00 a.m. Sharon Vandenbossche, Vicki, Karlee

Neuville, Doug, Don Prosser, Linda Krohn,

Mary Ann Szpunar

USHERS FOR DECEMBER:

5:00 p.m. Dave Kolacz*, Kevin Kausch

Kyle Kausch, Logan Kausch

9:00 a.m. John Papp Jr.*, Charles Pistro

Bob Kamrad, Floyd Echols

11:00 a.m. John Kopko*, Vic Guzman,

Chris Taylor, Mark Ransford

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tues. Dec. 15 @ 12:00 noon-Communal Penance

Thurs. Dec. 17 @ 7:00 pm-Communal Penance

Sat. Dec. 19 @ 5:00 pm-4th Sunday of Advent Mass

Sun. Dec. 20 @ 9:00 & 11:00 am-4th Sun. of Advent

Thurs. Dec. 24 @ 4:00 pm-Children's Mass

Thurs. Dec. 24 @ 7:00 pm-Vigil of Christmas Mass

Friday, Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am-Christmas Mass

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, Dec. 5 in the back of church, and Sun., Dec. 6 at the Parish Center.

OUR HELPERS

We appreciate the kindness of the following persons who did a beautiful job decorating our church for Advent and Christmas: Jo, Becky, Allison Learman, and Jo Ann Nordstrom. Bless you.

RCIA

Please note the next RCIA class will be held this Wednesday, Dec. 9 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A CONCERT

The Tom Thumb Singers present "Hear the Angels Sing" Saturday, December 12 @ 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 13 @ 3:00 pm at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Beautiful music including some Sacred Heart singers. Free will offering.

ROSARY AT MEDICAL CARE

We have been fortunate to have volunteers to help with praying the rosary each Tuesday at the Medical Care. One of our helpers has retired, and we are looking for another person to help out. Please call Veronica Priestley if you could help with this needed ministry. 673-6693.

PARISH SUPPORT-

Weekly Need.....	\$6800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$5450.50
478 Envelope Holders.....	198 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 the 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

PARISHIONER NEEDS RIDE

A parishioner living in the Hurds Corner, Riley Rd. vicinity would love to have a ride to Mass. If you could help, even occasionally, it would be appreciated. More info contact Dana @ 989-325-1915.

GREAT RESPONSE

The "Gathered in His Name" small group meetings I attended for the last six weeks were well worth the time. Not only do I feel that I have grown in my faith, but I am more aware of God's presence in my life! The small group setting allowed me to get to know some of the people in our parish, which was an extra bonus! I can't wait for the next adventure! Thanks Janet!
(Lynne Petiprin)

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 that JESUS is the most important gift of the season.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- 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 7th.

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 in an informal way!



HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS



The Caro Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 13 @ 1:00 pm. There will be movies, craft projects, lunch and a visit with Santa. All children 12 and under from Sacred Heart parish and from the K/C family are invited. Helpful to RSVP by Dec. 9 to John & Rita Papp 673-0491 or Joe & Beth Greene 673-5103.

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



Practice times will be as follows:
Pre-sch/Kdg on Dec. 12, 9:30-10:00,
Dec. 19 and 23, 9:30-10:00
1st, 2nd Grade on Dec. 12, 9:45-10:15, Dec. 19, and 23, 9:45-10:15
 Parents are needed to help with pre-school-second graders.

Third-Eighth Grade:Thursday, Dec. 3, 3:30-4:30,
Thursday, Dec. 10, 3:30-4:30. Thursday, Dec. 17, 3:30-4:30

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

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

TRY IT

Spend some quiet time with the Lord.