

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG
WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE
FRUIT OF thy womb.

**Saturday, December 19:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 20:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 21: Late Advent Weekday, Peter Canisius, priest & doctor

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27

No Mass today

Tuesday, December 22: Late Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1 24-28, Lk 1 46-56

No Mass today

Wednesday, December 23: Late Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25

No Mass today

Thursday, December 24: Vigil of Christmas

Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25, Mt 1: 1-25

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, December 25: Nativity of the Lord/Christmas

Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18

10:00 a.m. Mass

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24, Lk 2:41-52

Saturday, December 26:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 27:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

PRIVATE CONFESSION

If you would like to receive the sacrament of Penance privately, just call Fr. Dennis (673-2346) or come to the Rectory. Fr. Dennis will be happy to celebrate the sacrament with you.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Once again the baskets are at the entrances of the church this weekend to receive your donations of non-perishable food for the less fortunate. Thank you for all you do to help others in need.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

Sacred Heart will celebrate evenings of prayer and song on December 20, 21, 22 @ 6:00 pm. Mariann Saenen will lead these short, but inspiring celebrations with music by Janet Markham. Please plan to attend as we await the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

K/C SENIORS

Our Christmas party will be held Monday, Dec. 21 @ noon at the K/C Hall. We will be serving meat with our usual potluck luncheon. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, you may bring a \$5.00 gift to pass. Please mark it "man" or "woman". Reservations are not required, so join us in celebrating the Christmas season! Also keep in mind this will be our last get-together until spring. No meetings in Jan., Feb., March. See you in April! (Sharon, Secretary)

REST IN PEACE

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Louis Short Sr., whom the Lord has called home this past week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed find eternal peace with Jesus the Lord.

Christmas Blessings

Fr. Dennis and the staff of Sacred Heart wish all of you a very happy and holy Christmas season.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 & 27**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Vandemark

9:00 a.m. Mario D'Addezio

11:00 a.m. MariAnn Saenen

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Karen Cody*

Theresa Burkey, Jared Burkey

Paul Langlois, Lynne Petiprin

9:00 a.m. Bruce Mellendorf*

Al & Dale Rae

Ann Reinelt, Andy Schlaud

11:00 a.m. Jerry Lasceski*

Sue Lasceski, Dakotah Sherman

Rich & Donna Hartman

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Bryan Cody, Justine Putnam

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

11:00 a.m. Emily Strasz, Josh Jones

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Marilyn Gludovatz, Pat Strozeski

Onna Lee LaPratt, Cheree Szidik

9:00 a.m. Mary Terbush, Daniella Babcock, Rick,

Ann Reinelt, Joan Smith

11:00 a.m. Christine Harbec, Mark, Mary Ann

McKervey, Lanny LaDonna LaFave,

Dick, Sue Ransford

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**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****FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE**

Our Sacred Heart Men's Choir will begin singing their beautiful Christmas music for the Christmas Eve service @ 6:30 pm Thursday, December 24. Mass begins @ 7:00 pm.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful poinsettia plant on the altar this weekend was donated by Sharon LaPratt & family in memory of husband and father, Jim. God bless you for sharing this memory with your church family.

IT'S TIME FOR HOCKEY!

Once again our parish is offering tickets for a Saginaw Spirit/Sarnia Sting hockey game. It's fun for people of all ages. **When:** Saturday, January 30, 2010. **Time:** 7:11 pm. **Where:** Dow Event Center, Saginaw. **Why:** To gather as a community of faith. **How:** We order the tickets, and you provide transportation. **Cost:** \$8.50 per ticket. Checks payable to Sacred Heart. For tickets call Karen @ 673-2276.

THANK YOU

The K/C Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank those who made our Cookie Walk a success by purchasing cookies at the Advent Celebration. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year. (Carol Papp, President K/C Auxiliary)

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Need.....	\$6800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$5545.11
478 Envelope Holders.....	195 used last weekend.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As you read this letter I extend to you and your family a very joyous and Merry Christmas. It is incredible that Christmas is already here. All the planning, decorating, and preparation that has taken place culminates in the celebration of this special feast. I say this is a special feast because the heart of Christmas is the welcoming of Jesus Christ, our Savior, into our lives and world. What a celebration and miracle this is-that God loves His people so much that He would send to us His only Son. Over the years I have read some very moving verses on Christmas cards and have heard many slogans associated with Christmas, but the verses that sticks in my mind most is "Christ is the reason for the season". This is very true. We may have witnessed our society moving toward the commercial and material aspects of Christmas, but what we should really be remembering and celebrating is the spiritual nature of this season. We witness this spiritual aspect of the season when we see people taking on a "more generous spirit". You and I have seen this. During the month that leads up to Christmas there is a different attitude among people. They are, for the most part, in a different mood. A mood that brings out very giving and caring qualities. During this season we have also witnessed the increase in giving to the poor and needy. Many families have given to our "Giving Tree". We must not overlook the fact that our community and some very generous people have spent many hours seeing to it that needy children, families and individuals have a special Christmas. They have been serviced with clothes, toys and food. These presents will truly help them to have a brighter Christmas. We are very grateful for this outpouring, showing goodness with us. Christmas is a time for both giving and receiving. It is a special time of the year when we are invited to open ourselves to the many possibilities that come our way. It is a time when we give of ourselves in a more "selfless" way to those around us. This could be through a gift, a generous attitude, or words of caring and support. I truly hope that you have a very happy Christmas. May the Lord bless you in many ways.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Your Church contributions may be tax deductible. If you wish to have a copy of your contributions mailed to you, to be used in preparing your income tax returns for 2009, please call the office @ 673-2346. Please make your request known by January 27, so we can have your tax information by the end of January.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous response to last weekend's Religious Retirement collection. The amount collected was \$1927.00 which will be sent to our Diocesan Mission office.

REMINDER

Please be reminded that during the winter season when the Caro schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Parish Center activities and Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled for the day, as well as weekday Mass.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- Dec. 19/20**-Coffee and cookie social after Mass
 - Dec. 22-Jan. 3**-No Faith Formation activities
 - Jan. 4**-Faith Formation classes resume
 - Jan. 10**-Inscription Service @ 9:00 Mass
 - Jan. 10**-No 7/8 grade class today
 - Jan. 13**-Sacramental meeting @ 6:30
 - Jan. 20**-After school social 3:30-5:00
 - Jan. 21-23**-March For Life-Washington D.C.
- Christmas cookies and coffee will be served after all Masses this weekend. The Faith Formation Disciples have decorated lots and lots of cookies so please come and enjoy!**

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!



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

Practice times will be as follows:

Pre-sch/Kdg on Dec. 23, 9:30-10:00

1st, 2nd Grade Dec. 23, 9:45-10:15

Parents are needed to help with pre-school-second graders.

Third-Eighth Grade: Wednesday, Dec. 23, 10:00-11:00. Call Mary 673-8281 for info or if you can help.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS



In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too, went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.**" (Luke 2:1-14).