

**Saturday, December 10 :**

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

Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Tuesday, December 13: St. Lucy, Virgin & martyr

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21:28-32

1:30 p.m. Mass @ Medical Care

Wednesday, December 14: St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church

Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25, Lk 7:18b-23

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, December 15: Advent Weekday

Is 56: 1-3A, 6-8, Jn 5:33-36

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 16: Advent Weekday

Is 56: 1-3a, 6-8, Jn 5:33-36

8:30 a.m. Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 17:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 18:

9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass

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. It would be appreciated if you could bring the gift by Dec. 10/11, to give Human Development time to distribute the gifts to needy families. During this time of gift-giving, we remember the WORD MADE FLESH, JESUS is the most important gift of the season.



Hilarious Live Holiday Show! "Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold." Come enjoy the nativity story with Sister's unique presentation. Friday, Dec. 16 & Saturday, Dec. 17, 7:30 pm @ State Theatre, Bay City. Tickets: www.statetheatrebaycity.com or (989) 892-2660.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 & 18**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. MariAnn Saenen
9:00 a.m. Sr. Phyllis Klonowski
11:00 a.m. Wally Kent

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Dave Klebba*
Donna Klebba, Karen Cody
Janell Merz, Lynne Petiprin
9:00 a.m. Bob Chisholm *
Pat Chishom, Ann Reinelt
Al & Dale Rae
11:00 a.m. Sue Lasceski*
Jerry Lasceski, Sharon Vandenbossche
Dakotah Sherman, Dolly Aymer

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Ashley Merz, Arianna Everts
9:00 a.m. Allison Learman, Mahriya Babcock
11:00 a.m. Crystal Messing, Courtney Furst

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Mandy Knox, Eva Rodriguez, Marge Biebel,
Pat Tomaszewski, Dale, Patty Churchill
9:00 a.m. Joan Smith, Karen Adams, Gloria Orban,
Mary Terbush
11:00 a.m. Mark, MaryAnn McKervey. Dick, Sue
Ransford, Lee, Carol Starling Family,
Claude Kolar Family

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

5:00 p.m. Doug Lagos*, Mark McKervey
Blake Hall, Kris Ball
9:00 a.m. Bob Kamrad*, Dave Klebba
Matt Perez, Pat Stapleton
11:00 a.m. Jack Generous*, John Kopko
Doug Prosser, Tim Sabo

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**Tuesday, December 13 @ 12:00 noon—Communal Penance****Thursday, December 15 @ 7:00 pm—Communal Penance****Saturday, December 24 @ 4:00 pm—Children's Mass****Saturday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm—Vigil of Christmas Mass****Sunday, December 25 @ 10:00 am—Christmas Mass**

PRIVATE CONFESSIONS-If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation privately, just call Fr. Dennis (673-2346) for an appointment. Receive the graces and comfort God gives through this sacrament.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY-In a continuing effort to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who are going through difficult times, you are asked to be generous in your gifts of non-perishable food. The baskets will be at the entrances of the church next weekend to receive your food items. God bless you.

PARISH SUPPORT	
Weekly Need.....	\$6800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$5599.00
430 Envelope Holders....	217 Used Last Weekend

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

UPDATE ON FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Bishop has directed each parish to conduct a Feasibility Study which will assist in identifying STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES. When this study is completed the data will be submitted to the diocese. Then the Parish will LINK/PARTNER with another parish or two and begin the process of working together to identify possible areas of sharing ministry, catechesis, sacraments, liturgy (Masses) and staff.

At this time, our parish has put together a FEASIBILITY Team. The members are: Fr. Dennis, Alma Moreno Babcock, Wally Kent, Kyle Nordstrom, and Joanne Richardson.

We have submitted to the diocese our parish's possible LINKAGE/PARTNERSHIP with St. Michael's, Wilmot, and St. Joseph's, Mayville. We are awaiting feedback from the Diocese on this proposal.

Please understand that due to TRENDS, DATA, OCTOBER COUNT, FINANCES, and other criteria, the reality will be EVERY PARISH will experience a CHANGE IN STATUS come JULY, 2013.

What does that mean for Sacred Heart?

- 1). Our parish will be linked/partnered with another parish or two parishes.
- 2.) The pastor/priest at Sacred Heart will be a Sacramental Minister to one or two parishes.
- 3.) The Mass schedule will change-having only two Masses so the pastor/priest can celebrate Masses at other parishes.
- 4). Parishioners will be invited to give of their time, talent, and treasure to support the parish.
- 5.) There will be FEWER parishes in the diocese and our local area.

*We will need to work together to understand and appreciate how this will affect all of us.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

THANK YOU

The Middle School Youth thank all those who supported our Straw Draw Fundraiser last weekend. We raised \$357.00! Thanks to your support we can help others this Christmas season.

Karen Cody, Middle School Youth Ministry

OUR APPRECIATION

Our talented musician Elyse (Meyette) Leach has gifted us with her beautiful voice and piano/organ playing at Mass the past few years. Elyse and her family have moved to another area, and will no longer be part of the music at Sacred Heart. We appreciate and thank her for sharing her special gift of music with us.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS FOR DEC. 10 & 11

- Dec. 11-Shopping trip for middle and high school youth
 - Dec. 13-S.P.R.E.D. Christmas party
 - Dec. 14-After School social grades 4-8 in rectory basement 3:30-5:00
 - Dec. 14-Catechist Christmas Party
 - Dec. 18-Last Sunday class for preschool/kindergarten until Jan. 15
 - Dec. 19-Last Faith Formation class until Jan. 9th
- The Youth attending the March for Life would like to thank all those who supported the Spaghetti Dinner and Breakfast this past weekend. All proceeds will help pay for our trip to Washington, D.C. Also, a special thanks to John Merz, Brad Hartel, Joe Greene, Austin Hessling Sr., Bill Learman, Mike Bauerschmidt, and John Papp Jr. for taking care of all the cooking! Thank you to all who donated supplies and thank you Carolyn Graff for the most delicious rolls. We truly appreciate the kindness and generosity shown by so many.

CAFÉ (Catholic Adult Formation & Education)-Sunday By Sunday meets Monday evenings, 6:15-7:30 pm. Please join us for an informal discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings. All are welcome! **Bible Study**-Led by Sr. Maria Benoit, meets each Tuesday @ 6:30- pm in the Parish Center. Please bring your Bible.

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



All Kindergarten-8th grade children are invited to sing in the Children's Choir for the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass on December 24. Practice times are: **Kindg- 1st/2nd grade:** Saturday, Dec. 17 @ 10:00-10:30, and Thursday, Dec. 23, 10:00-10:30.

Third-Eighth Grade: Thursday, Dec. 15, 3:30-4:30, Friday, Dec. 23, 10:15-11:00. More info please call Mary Gettel 673-8281.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Caro Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Children's Christmas party **this Sunday, December 11 @ 1:00 pm at the K/C Hall on Ryan Rd.** There will be movies, craft projects, prizes, lunch and a visit with Santa. All children 12 and under from Sacred Heart Parish and from the K/C family are invited. We thank the Knights for making this a fun and memorable time for kids and their families.



Tom Thumb 29th Annual Christmas Concert "Who are the Brave" will be held Dec. 10 (7:00 pm) & Dec. 11 (3:00 pm) at Cass City United Methodist Church. Enjoy the beautiful music!. Free will offer-