

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2009

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6



WEEK OF DECEMBER 6th

SUNDAY

RCIA – 8:15 a.m. – Room 100
Boy Scouts' Breakfast – 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. – Cafeteria
Religious Ed – 2nd Grade – 9:00 a.m. - Room 121
Pre-School – 10:30 a.m. – Room 116
Bingo – Crew 2 – Al Bragin's Crew

MONDAY

Athletic Committee – 5:30 p.m. – Room 100
Immaculate Conception Mass – 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY – Holy Day of Obligation

Mass – 7:40 a.m.
Quilting – 8:00 a.m. – Conference Room
Bingo – Crew A – Vic Dorsey's Crew

WEDNESDAY

Adoration Day with Benediction
Mass – 7:40 a.m.
Exposition of the Eucharist – 8:10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Building & Grounds – 6:00 p.m. – Nursery
Health Ministry – 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room
Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Ruth's Circle – 9:00 a.m. – Amanda Lerner's Home
Faith Formation & Education – 5:30 p.m. – Conf Room
Hospitality – 6:30 p.m. – Nursery
Prayer Service – 7:30 p.m. – Church (See insert)

FRIDAY

Open Reconciliation – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Church

SATURDAY

Rosary – 6:00 a.m. – Chapel
Strategic Planning Meeting – 8:00 a.m. - noon

NEXT SUNDAY

RCIA – 8:15
Pre-School – 10:30 a.m. – Room 116

SATURDAY – December 5th

5:30 p.m. FOR THE PARISH
(Died this date) (Leonard Whelan/1967)

SUNDAY – December 6th

7:30 a.m. Ida Neth, Martha Dimmett, Burke Taylor,
Rose & Ralph Wade, Gerry Mangin, John Steiner,
Patricia Deitsch

10:30 a.m. Rita Collignon, Jim Ryan, Frank Papariella
(Charles Dick/2002) (Basil Young/2005)

MONDAY – December 7th

6:30 p.m. FOR THE PARISH

TUESDAY – December 8th

7:40 a.m. Joseph Ubelhor (Michelle Cardarelli/1997)
(Marc Choate/2002)

WEDNESDAY – December 9th

7:40 a.m. Leona Hopf

THURSDAY – December 10th

7:40 a.m. Died this date (Ida Mae Wolf/1996)

FRIDAY – December 11th

7:40 a.m. Raymond Goedde, Alvera & Ivan Walker
(Rita Jean Shirk/1988) (Patricia Wazny/1991)
(Leona Willett/1993)

SATURDAY – December 12th

5:30 p.m. Gene Bays, Billye & Leonard Bauze,
Craig Moore, Harold Wargel, Chester Sitzman
(Raymond Kaiser/1961)

SUNDAY – December 13th

7:30 a.m. FOR THE PARISH
(Died this date) (Charlotte Blankenship/2000)

10:30 a.m. Mildred & Pat Nalin, Charles Heichelbeck,
Patricia Deitsch

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP. . .

WEEKLY REQUIREMENT	\$ 16,981.00
LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION	11,074.04
"YEAR TO DATE" VARIANCE	-\$29,290.16

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 6 – Andi Damin, Kenneth Gray, Jacqueline Heidorn,
Charlie Hirsch, Hao Nguyen, Tim Runyon

December 7 – John Henry, Ashleigh Hernandez, Jason Hertweck,
Anna Marie Loehr, Rosemary Shelton, Austin Svec, Valencia
Tillman, Corinne Weisheit

December 8 – Linda Hamilton, Ashleigh Kormelink, Ron Titzer,
Mary Wiener

December 9 – Mark Altmeyer, Nicolai Baird, Irene Carrow,
Courtney Deem, Lauren Logel, Karen Martin, Maria Steele

December 10 – Tara Gehlhausen, Carly Laufer, Angela Ottmann,
Robin Papariella, Haley Ulrich, Colleen York

December 11 – Cleo Braker, Janet Greer, Henry Monahan, Scott
Oldham, Ross Rickabaugh, David Vella

December 12 – Jon Cross, Logan Mills, Kevin Schuetz,
Benjamin Sermersheim

December 13 – William Hardin, Jordan Lasher, Wendy Peter,
Terry Piatt

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord", and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Please join us today for the scouts breakfast as we celebrate St. Nick's Day at Good Shepherd. Breakfast is served from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.

"Thank you for all your prayers, cards and concern on the death of my mother, **ROBERTA MATTINGLY**. Your kindness is certainly "appreciated".

..... Rocky, Rita & Lily Mattingly

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

FATHER STEVE'S CORNER

Dear Church of Good Shepherd:

Advent is first and foremost a season of joy and expectation in the midst of tribulations and struggle. The readings of Advent call us to prepare for the "Coming of the Lord" at the end of time, at Christmas, and every day into our hearts. The word of God calls us to strengthen our hearts and not to let "our hearts grow drowsy." This is truly a time for all the people of Good Shepherd to come together and not let the anxieties of daily life overwhelm us. This is a time for healing and reconciliation.

Over the last couple of weeks, many of Good Shepherd parishioners are saddened by the leave-taking of Deacon Ed and Father Attila. They have reached out to support Ed and Father Attila in this transition. Some are gathering to pray for strength and wisdom, to pray for all Good Shepherd parishioners and their leadership. To this we are thankful.

Be assured that the Bishop and the Personnel Board of the Diocese are working hard for the people of Good Shepherd. The word of God inspires us with hope: Stand up, hold your head erect, your redemption is at hand. We need to continue to invite all God's people to the table.

Reverend Stephen P. Lintzenich



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Andy & Melissa (Rupp) Zirkelbach
who were married last weekend.
May God bless them in the years ahead.

LITURGICAL PRAYER

Why do we come together to celebrate Liturgy? (We used to call it attending Mass)

- * Because we are all needed there.
- * Because the Body of Christ is not complete without us.
- * Because we can gain strength from the faith witness of others and give encouragement to others through our own faith witness.
- * Because we need to acknowledge our relationship with God and with one another.
- * Because God has called us.



TRADITION LOTTERY TICKETS – It's time to purchase your 2010 annual lottery ticket sponsored by the Memorial and Mater Dei High Schools Friends and Alumni Associations. Tickets are \$100 each with \$13,000 given away each month. You have 48 chances to win during the year. Forms are available on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call the high school alumni associations or the parish office.

Thanks to Knights of Columbus for recently doing trimming around the parish grounds. Your time in sprucing up is certainly appreciated.

NEW YEAR'S DAY BINGO – SPREAD THE WORD – There will be a New Year's Day bingo - doors open at 11:00 a.m., warm ups beginning at noon with regular bingo starting at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER VIGIL OPPOSING DEATH – Regarding the scheduled execution of Eric Wrinkles, convicted murder, on December 11, a prayer service is scheduled for December 10, 8:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE PROGRAM

All gifts are due back to church by December 13. This is when the Youth Ministry will be sorting and delivering the gifts. Please remember – all gifts need to be **WRAPPED** when they are brought back to be put under the tree. And **DO NOT FORGET** to securely attach the gift tag to the outside of the package as well. This is extremely important as we need to see both sides of the tag in order to know where to send the gift. The gift tags also need to be attached to gift cards. The gift cards need to be turned in to the parish office. On December 16 at 3:30 p.m. the Youth Ministry will head to Catholic Charities and help with the distribution of the gifts.



Thanks for everyone who took tags off the tree. Should you have any questions, please call Jonna O'Bryan at 477-5405 ext 126.

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO ALEENE (wife) & DAVID PAPARIELLA (son)

and families on the death of
FRANK PAPARIELLA
and

GLENDY DYSON and family
on the death of her son
DAVID DYSON.

May they rest in peace.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

Friday - December 11 – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Open Reconciliation
Thursday - December 17 – 6:30 p.m. – Penance Service
Friday - December 18 – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Open Reconciliation

CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24th
4:30 p.m. MASS - NATIVITY OF THE LORD
10:00 p.m. MASS – CHRISTMAS VIGIL

CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25th
9:00 a.m. – MASS

NEW YEAR'S MASSES
Thursday – December 31 – 5:30 p.m.
Friday – January 1, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR – Calling all children in Grades 3 through 8 who are interested in singing for Christmas Eve Mass (4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 24). Practices will be held on Thursday, December 17, and Monday, December 21, both from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Please call Mark Schmitz at 618-5986 if interested or if you needed additional information.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – We will again remember deceased loved ones in whose names Christmas flower money is donated. Please **PRINT** names on the "Flower" envelope marked "**Christmas Flowers**". Donations are needed to help pay for church decorations at Christmas and throughout the year. Please turn names in no later than December 19.

RUTH'S CIRCLE is having their Christmas party on Thursday, December 10, 9:00 a.m. at the home of Amanda Larnar. Please call Jean Dollison for directions – 401-0372 or e-mail Jean at jean.dollison5@insightbb.com.

Sunday, December 13, is designated as the collection Sunday for Religious Retirement. Brochures are on the bookcase in the narthex. Please be as generous as possible.