

Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2009



Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a;

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

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, David Dyson, Frank A. Papariella

MONDAY – December 14th

Died this date (Joseph Kahre/1995)

TUESDAY – December 15th

7:40 a.m. Anton Pohl (Victor Baumgart/1984)

WEDNESDAY – December 16th

7:40 a.m. Harold Reker, George Reker, Pat Dietsch,
Frank A. Papariella (Magdalen Hirsch/1962)
(Helen Bender/2006)

THURSDAY – December 17th

7:40 a.m. Leroy Graham, Margaret Lawson, Bernie Hoffman
(Pauline Will/1996)

FRIDAY – December 18th

7:40 a.m. Mary Ann Will, Virginia Ennis,
Mr. & Mrs. B. G. Hoffman (Henry Evans/1977)
(Woodrow Jackson/1997)

SATURDAY – December 19th

5:30 p.m. Theodore Will, Thelma Ubelhor, Shelby Davis,
John Hill, Bill Hahn, Eileen Metz,
Frank A. Papariella (Bertha A. Frakes/1975)
(Brenda Stewart/2000)

SUNDAY – December 20th

7:30 a.m. Florence & Oscar Douglas, Rose & Ralph Wade,
Gerry Mangin, John Steiner, Patricia Dietsch,
Wilburn/Helena/Junior Shelton
(Mildred Hordynski/2007)

10:30 a.m. FOR THE PARISH

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP. . .

WEEKLY REQUIREMENT \$ 16,981.00

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION 15,705.98

"YEAR TO DATE" VARIANCE -\$30,565.18

LITURGICAL PRAYER

Holy Water Fonts

Why are there holy water fonts at the doors of the church building?

We came into the Church through the waters of Baptism. This was the beginning of our initiation process. Each time we come into the church building we remind ourselves of our baptism by blessing ourselves with the holy water "in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Baptisteries used to be near the entrance of the church building or even in a separate building near the front doors. Only after baptism did the person enter into the room of the celebrating assembly



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

December 14 – Jim Clark, Sydnie Hardin, Emily Hayden, Lila
Mullican, Ken Sanders, Julie Wooldridge

December 15 – Jamie Berendt, Diane Hayden, Courtney
Hermann, Anne Holderbaugh, Tim Malone, Martin Riedford

December 16 – Sharon Fesmire, Sarah Gahagen, Kim Haines,
Betty Wade, Jennifer Zenthofer

December 17 – Tara Gillum, Jason Harding, Jeannette Hayes,
Kyle Niemeier, R. Darren Richardson, Don Sauls

December 18 – Henry Backes, Katie Caldwell, Shelly Carey,
Mahika Gonzales, Richard, Koch, Sue Kroupa, Jennifer
Martinez, Greg Naas, Margaret Neu, Aimee Roberts

December 19 – Ainsley Buck, Trevor Calhoun, Elizabeth Hart,
Chris Helms, Vickie Kane, Joe Kroupa

December 20 – Paul Ballard, Tyler Bear, Elise Deeg, Michael
Hansen, Adalyn Holt, Ann Meritt, Alexander Murrell,
Brenton Schulte, Keith Sermersheim, Lori Tenbarge,
Morris Thomas, Bob Titzer

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13th

SUNDAY

RCIA – 8:15 a.m. – Room 100

Religious Ed – 2nd Grade – 9:00 a.m. - Room 121

Pre-School – 10:30 a.m. – Room 116

Bingo – Crew 3 – Tom Bacurin's Crew

MONDAY

Church Cleaning – 7:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd School Christmas Program –

1:00 and 6:30 p.m. – Parish Hall

St. Vincent de Paul – 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room

TUESDAY

Quilting – 8:00 a.m. – Conference Room

Bingo – Crew B – Jeff Pate's Crew

WEDNESDAY

Men's Club – 7:00 p.m. - Cafeteria

Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Children Christmas Choir Practice – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Finance – 6:00 p.m. – Room 100

Penance Service – 6:30 p.m. - Church

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Rosary – 6:00 a.m. – Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY

RCIA – 8:15

Pre-School – 10:30 a.m. – Room 116

Social Support – noon – 4:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Family & Friends,

Thanks to all for your prayers and concerns during Frank's illness. The funeral Mass was edifying and the luncheon was very much appreciated.

. The Papariella Family

GIVE GOD WHAT'S RIGHT... NOT WHAT'S LEFT

FATHER STEVE'S CORNER

Dear Church of Good Shepherd:

Don't you just love the question in the gospel this week, "What should we do?" What should we do to get ready for the coming of the Lord? What should we do in this transition period of losing Deacon Ed and Father Attila? What should we do to prepare for new pastoral leader at the parish? The gospel says we should share, be generous, do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, be satisfied with your wages. In other words, do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, be satisfied with your wages. In other words, be a disciple and preach good news to the people.

This past week, a good number of Good Shepherd parishioners and leaders were able to come together to pray, reflect, and encourage one another to promote healing and reconciliation within our parish family. "Christ be our Light" was chosen as the theme. We are grateful to those who came to share their support, wisdom, and understanding. This is good news.

We are also grateful that this weekend the Strategic Planning Committee met to continue to study and reflect on the strengths, dreams, and concerns voiced by the parishioners. These leaders also continue to work for an action plan to present to the parishioners. Let us all continue to work together and come up with a common plan that all will support. This is good news.

Reverend Stephen P. Lintzenich



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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise. . . ."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. . . please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

St. Vincent de Paul is again collecting canned goods/non perishables for their food pantry. In today's economy, there are more people needing help to feed their families. There is a container in the narthex where you can drop off your food. Monetary donations will be accepted in the parish office.

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.

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.

HEALTH MINISTRY

St. Mary's Digital Mobile Mammogram Unit will be at Good Shepherd on February 3. Routine mammograms will be offered by appointment and a doctor's order is not needed. The results will be sent to you and your physician within 3-5 days. Call Kristi Wahl, Parish Nurse, at 477-5405 to schedule your appointment or with questions. Please note the following:

1. It must be a year and one day since your last mammogram (most insurance companies won't cover it if it has been less than a year).
2. No diagnostic mammograms will be done (if you have a lump or breast problems, you must go to the Breast Center).
3. The age for a baseline mammogram is 35-40 years old.
4. Your insurance or Medicare will be billed. Verify that St. Mary's is a provider with your insurance.
5. There are grants available thru the Susan B. Komen Foundation if you have no insurance.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE PROGRAM

REMINDER – ALL GIFTS ARE DUE BACK TO CHURCH BY NOON TODAY (DECEMBER 13). They need to be wrapped with the tag from the tree visible on the outside of the package.



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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

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.

The special collection today is for the religious retirement fund. Please be as generous as possible to help support the religious who willingly gave their lives to teach and pray with us.

There are several games that were left at one of the fellowship dinners. They are in the parish office. If you're missing one, please stop by to see if they belong to you.