



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2009

Schedule of Masses

Monday	St. Andrew 7:00 a.m.	Int. Caroline Hare
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	+Kay Oster
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	+Rheta Schutz Living & Deceased Altar Society
Thursday	St. Francis Xavier 8:15 a.m.	+Rick Glau
Friday	St. John of Damascus – First Friday 7:00 a.m.	+Brad Peterson
Saturday	8:15 a.m.	+Ella Smith

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Willis Wanner
Sunday	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	+Lea Zacher +Marie May For Our Parish

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of	Dec. 5 th and Dec. 6 th	
Saturday 5:00 pm	Brenda Hanson	See Schedule
Sunday 7:30 am.	Paul Hoerner	See Schedule
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Barry Eske	See Schedule
Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Randy Holsing	See Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of	Dec. 5 th and Dec. 6 th
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Teagan Hughes, Skya Jandt, Levi Kessler
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Austin Bierle, Joseph Crompton, Bridget White
9:30 a.m.	Kate/Nathan/Grace Allen
11:30 a.m.	Seleucia Heintzman, Lindsay Hughes, Dominic King

GREETERS

For the weekend of	Dec. 5 th and Dec. 6 th
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Kathy Lovaas, Pat Derzab
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Chris/Cindy Mitchell, Don/Dot Meyer, Andy/Mary Raile
9:30 a.m.	Darin/Tamera Kucker, Tom Werlinger, Irma Mork
11:30 a.m.	Vicky Haiar, Kathy Schulz, and Phil/Carmen Morrison

VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., Dec. 6th –Adolph Renner – 225-3052

Traveling Icon for Vocations.

Mildred Dummer will have the icon Nov. 29th – Dec. 5th. Deb Ruder will have the icon Dec. 6 – Dec. 12.



Pastoral Ponderings.....

Can We Have a Spiritual Advent?

Advent is the most countercultural season of all for Christians. The whole secular world is bent on buying and selling, partying, rushing around and worrying. Psychiatrists say this time of year is the most stressful of all. People worry about what kind of decorations to put up. They're afraid of feeling guilty if the gifts they give are not as good as the ones they receive. Or if they invite some people but not others. Isn't it ironic? We have so much fear and guilt over the birth of the One who came to take away our fear and guilt!

So the Church offers us a whole other way to move through this season. What are the great symbols of Advent?

Quiet – as opposed to noise. What if each person or family would take fifteen minutes a day to stop talking, turn off the radio/TV, instead read a brief passage from the Bible or a spiritual book and then just spend some time in quiet reflection and prayer?

Darkness – December is the darkest month of the year. It reminds us of the darkness and cold of the world without Jesus Christ. That's why we love to turn off lights, light candles and make Advent wreaths. It would be easy to do at the evening meal.

Fasting – as opposed to stuffing. When we don't open that box of candy or give up dessert once in a while, we remind ourselves that we have those deeper, spiritual hungers that only the Lord Jesus can fill.

Waiting – as opposed to rushing around. It's so easy to practice impatience during Advent. It seems we have to wait longer than ever. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could redeem those movements? If we could start a cheerful conversation with the people in line, offer to help someone struggling with packages, say a quiet prayer for the people in the cars around us?

After all, the Lord we are waiting for is already present in the people we are waiting with. And the whole purpose of his coming is to make us more peaceful and more loving.

We wish to thank all those who participated in our Mission of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart. We have now enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Rectory. There are Ten promoters in Aberdeen and four promoters in Westport of which two in Aberdeen & Westport are currently in the preparation phase and will be able to help enthrone others who have signed up.

We are also grateful for those who have participated in our Stewardship efforts these past weeks. Little by little we are trying to reach the standards of stewardship which a true disciple of Christ is called to live.

Fr. Ed Pierce

Monday, November 30:

Advent Vespers will start today, every day M-F at 5:15 p.m. in the chapel. Contact person is Cherie Heinz

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection		\$11,006.83
Youth envelopes		\$53.17
Geo-Thermal - funding needed including parking lot		\$467,581.35
Amount paid		\$400,988.68
CFSA	pledged	\$105,899.68
	Paid	\$94,549.68

We took in **\$1,920.00** last week. Thus far during the *Crusade* we have collected \$89,085.33. Our daily interest paid is \$124.82

We started our *Crusade* at \$898,652.00. As of 11-13-09 our balance was \$828,358.92. We so appreciate your generosity. \$876.05 per week covers interest due. \$5,000 per week covers principal and interest due.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, Nov. 29th

Breakfast will be served by Youth/Music after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses.

Youth Groups: Grades 7-12 meet from 7-9 pm in the parish hall.

Tuesday, Dec. 1st

RCIA will meet in the Rel. Ed. Office at 6:30 p.m. Topic: Women of Faith: Mary & other examples of true feminine strength. The sacredness and the call for women.

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd

CCD - Class - Practice for Living Rosary/10th grade 6-8 p.m. Class Christmas service projects Gr. 1-4. Parents needed.

Roncalli Junior Retreat from 7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Thursday, Dec. 3rd

Band 8 will hold their Christmas Pot Luck supper. Please bring a white elephant for game prizes.

Saturday, Dec. 5th

Band 6 Annual cookie and craft Sale 8am - 12:00 noon.

Band 10 Fair Trade Jewelry Sale 8 am- 12:00 noon

Inter-Parish

Family Rosary - Tue., Dec. 1st, at 7:00 pm-at Sacred Heart

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 9: Living Rosary

Dec 16: grades 3-7 Bell Ringing

PRAYER FOR ADVENT: *Lord, I am waiting for your special coming into my heart. I recall the history of those people who waited through the ages for your coming, how they longed for your deliverance, how they yearned to experience your loving presence. Give me patience to wait in quiet perseverance these few short days, that I may appreciate your coming all the more. Amen*

RONCALLI (this week)

- Wed. Dec. 2: RES Mass - 12:10 p.m. - Sacred Heart
Playground Comm. mtg. - 7:00 p.m. at RPS
- Thur. Dec. 3: RPS Mass - 12:10 p.m. - St. Mary's
School Dismissed at 1:30 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3-8 p.m. RHS
Gymnastics vs Jamestown - 5:00 p.m.
- Fri. Dec. 4: RHS Mass - 9:30 a.m.
State Oral Interp. In Sioux Falls
- Sat. Dec. 5: WR Tournament at Clark/Willow Lake
State Oral Interp. In Sioux Falls
- Sun., Dec. 6: K-6 Christmas Program - 2:00 pm at RHS

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW:

Get your Christmas decorations while our selection is good! We also sell bags of rags. Give us a call at 225-7121 if interested. We are open Tues., Wed., Thur. and Sat. from noon to 4:00 p.m. We are located at 220 N. Main. Your support is always appreciated!!

Family Faith Formation - Nov. 29th

Theme: Be on guard!

Listen to the word: As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Question for Children: What helps you to grow in your faith? Who helps you?

Question for Youth: Advent is the Church season when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas. What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

Question for Adults: Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What one step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?

Rehearsals for "He is the Light of the World" will begin on Sun., Nov. 29 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and will be held in the choir loft. If interested in participating or for more information, please contact Charlene Blondo at 225-7065.

Building project information sessions: On Thur., Dec. 3, during parent-teacher conferences, Roncalli will hold information sessions on the planned renovation and construction project at Roncalli Jr/Sr High School. There will be an open house from 4-7 pm for parents. There will be a presentation from 7-8 pm, which is open to parents, parishioners, and anyone interested. The sessions will be held at RHS. For more information, call Stacy Levsen at 226-2100.

Thank You to everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fund drive last weekend. With your help over \$1,100 was raised for Special Olympics and Roncalli's special education program.

ADVENT BABY SHOWER

Again, this year we will set up a crib in the church to collect new baby items for our Advent Baby Shower. Please help us support these new lives by donating unwrapped gifts of clothing, diapers, toys, and blankets.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Aberdeen. The celebration begins at 6:00 a.m. with Las Mananitas – a traditional ceremony, intended as an early morning serenade of the Blessed Virgin on her feast day. After the brief service, there will be a procession with song and prayers, from the Parish Center to the Church. Traditional Mexican hot chocolate and sweet breads will be served in the Parish Center afterwards. At 6:00 pm, there will be Confessions, followed by 7:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass (English and Spanish).

CHRISTMAS COOKIE & CRAFT SALE

Band 6 will hold their annual cookie and craft sale on Sat. Dec. 5th in the parish hall from, 8 am – 12:00 noon. Come join us for coffee, cranberry tea and white and caramel rolls while you select your cookies and browse our gift items. Free poinsettias will be given away throughout the morning.

SACRED HEART BAND 10 FAIR TRADE JEWELRY SALE

in conjunction with Band 6 Cookie Sale on Sat. Dec 5th from 8 am – 12:00 noon in the parish hall. Get ready for Christmas and help promote families in Nepal.

GREAT GIFT IDEAS

New Advent CD's are available on the display stand.

Don't let your gifts end up in a yard sale; give them something they will cherish forever ~ **The Truth!**

Choose from a selection of Lighthouse Catholic Media Gift Certificates for just \$3 each and place your donation in the donation box. The recipient of your gift will be able to select the titles they want and "pay" with their gift certificates.

You don't have to worry about wrapping another gift or running out to the store – just stop by the kiosk after Mass! Consider enclosing one in a Mass card, thank you card, and two in a birthday card!

"SPIRIT STORE"
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday December 3

4:00- 7:00 p.m.

New Items/New Logo

- Embroidered Hooded Sweatshirts (can be ordered with name/number)
- Crew Neck Sweatshirts and Fleece Jackets
- Wind Shirts and Wind Pants
- Stadium Jackets and Tee Shirts
- Women's Jackets (like Under Armour)
- Hoodies and Yoga Pants
- Cotton Sweatpants (adult and youth)
- Infant and Toddler Tee Shirts and Sweatshirts (Little Cavaliers)
- Youth Sweatshirts and Sweatpants
- Polo Shirts (men's and women's) and Nike Golf Shirts
- Stocking Stuffer LED Bracelets and Necklaces

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Our Advent Prayer: Come long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a wonder at the wisdom & power of Your Father & ours. Receive our prayer as part of our service of the Lord who enlists us in God's own work for justice. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in our home, peace in ourselves. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a joy responsive to the Father's joy. We seek His will so we can serve with gladness, singing and love. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us the joy, love & peace it is right to bring to the manger of our Lord. Raise in us, too sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father & the Son. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent we hail. Amen.

We thank those who assisted with the Rekindle the Flame retreat last Sunday & Deacon Wambach who gave us an Advent message. May God bless all of us as we prepare ourselves for the Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Bridge Luncheon

will be held in the parish hall on Sat. Dec. 12th at 12:00 noon in the parish hall. \$8 per person. For reservations, please call Helen at 225-7088. Choice of cards played. Door Prizes!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We invite those who wish to make donations in honor of loved ones during the Christmas season to please do so. Dedications may name one person, a couple, or family group. All names will be printed in the church bulletin. Members may be living or deceased. Please use the form below to send your gift to the parish office, or drop in the collection.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

Enclosed is my gift of _____, to be used for the Christmas flowers at Sacred Heart:

In memory of: _____

From: _____

With dedication to: _____

From: _____