



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2009

Schedule of Masses

Monday	St. Peter Carisius	
	7:00 a.m.	+Margaret Mary Menzia
Tuesday		
	7:00 a.m.	+George/Marie May
Wednesday	St. John of Kanty	
	7:00 a.m.	+Caroline Malsom
	12:10 p.m.	No School Mass today
Thursday		
	7:00 a.m.	+Bernard King
	4:00 p.m.	+Joe Kelly
	10:00 p.m.	+Felix/Margaret Ronayne fam.
Friday	Nativity of the Lord/Christmas	
	7:30 a.m.	+Mercedes Volk
	9:30 a.m.	+Frank Mangan
	11:30 a.m.	Int. JoAnn Hinman
Saturday	St. Stephen	
	8:15 a.m.	+Peter deHueck family M/M Frank Sieh & James

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Rosemary Walker
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	For Our Parish
	9:30 a.m.	+Joseph/Viola Schmidt
	11:30 a.m.	+Andrew/Evelyn Kraft

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of	Dec. 26 th and Dec. 27 th	
Saturday 5:00 pm	Timothy Renelt	See Schedule
Sunday 7:30 am	Gene Schiller	See Schedule
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Randy Kantack	See Schedule
Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Pat Gallagher	See Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of	Dec. 26 th and Dec. 27 th
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Nicole Wanttie, Grant Gunderson
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Matt/Nolan Schlosser, Anna Saylor
9:30 a.m.	Nicholas Goehring, Taige Hale, Avery Joseph
11:30 a.m.	Alexandra/Rebecca Woytassek, Miranda Unser

GREETERS

For the weekend of	Dec. 26 th and Dec. 27 th
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Mary Ellen Heitmann, Elton/Rita Herman
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Sal Crogan/Jane Hengel, Ed/Mary Keller Daniel/Alvina Baumgartner
9:30 a.m.	Jan Frink, Betty Sanders, Justin/Toni Feickert
11:30 a.m.	Linda Salfrank, Pat/Roberta Gallagher

VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., Dec. 27th –Jason Stellingwerf/ 229-2572

Traveling Icon for Vocations.

The parish office will have the icon Dec. 20th – Jan 1st.



**Christmas Program and tree decorating this Sunday
will be from 4 – 6 pm**

Pastoral Ponderings.....

The Fourth Week of Advent

“The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” – Luke 3:5 – 6

As Advent draws to a close, we focus more on immediate preparation for the Nativity. To help us, Read Luke 3:1-6, then participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God’s way to make the “crooked” straight and the “rough” smooth again. Even if you haven’t been to reconciliation in a while, Advent is one of the best times to get things off your chest, off your heart, or out of whatever you’re carrying the weight of guilt and sin. You can head into Christmas feeling as though you’ve already achieved your New Year’s resolution of a clean slate.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confessions)

This Sunday at 1:30 p.m. City Wide Communal Confessions at Sacred Heart

Monday – Wednesday: 12 – 1 p.m.; 5 – 6 p.m.; 7 – 8 p.m.

“May it done to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38

God’s ways indeed are not our ways. Mary had her life pretty well planned out. She would soon marry her beloved Joseph and settle down to a quiet domestic life in her own small town. All of a sudden, out of nowhere, comes this mysterious angel: “Guess what, Mary? The Lord God has other plans for you” Now Mary had to decide: Can I discard my own simple plans and embrace a future that’s totally hidden from me? Not only that, how will I explain this to Joseph? What will the townsfolk think? Luke clearly portrays Mary as confused and perplexed.

What was Mary’s response? First a question: not “Why me?” but “How?” How can this happen so that Joseph can still be part of it? Then once the angel assures her that God will take care of the details, Mary makes that profound act of self-surrender: “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

This is a profound instance of faith. Mary does not say “yes” to a carefully thought-out plan, but to a totally uncertain future. Her complete trust is in the God she has come to know through her parents, her worship in the synagogue and in her own prayer. That is enough. “let it happen according to your plan, not mine.” Thank you, Mary for bringing Jesus Christ into our poor world.

Anticipated Christmas Masses

Thursday - 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. (Westport at 4:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day Masses

Friday – 7:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; and 11:30 a.m.

Weekend Masses will be at the Regular Times

Merry Christmas to All

From Fr. Ed Pierce, Fr. Kevin Zilverberg and the Staff at Sacred Heart Church

ADVENT CONFESSIONS:**Monday, Dec 21** – 12:00 to 1:00 pm, 5-6:pm., 7-8 pm.**Tuesday, Dec 22** – 12:00 to 1:00 pm, 5-6 pm., 7-8 pm.**Wednesday, Dec 23** – 12:00 to 1:00 pm, 5-6 pm, 7-8 pm.**CITY -WIDE COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
SUNDAY, DEC. 20th AT 1:30 P.M.****SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH****All Aberdeen priests will be available for Confession.****LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, AND
ALTAR SERVERS:** are still needed Christmas Day.
Please call the parish office at 225-7065 to volunteer.**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Dec. 25 Christmas Day – 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**All items to appear in the Dec. 26th and 27th bulletin
must be in the parish office no later than Monday,
a.m., Dec. 21^h in order to meet the weekly deadline.****The parish office will close at noon on Thursday,
December 24th.****STEWARDSHIP**

Last Week's Collection		\$12,327.13
Youth envelopes		\$61.46
Geo-Thermal - funding needed including parking lot		\$467,581.35
Amount paid		\$402,638.68
CFSA	pledged	\$124,075.33
	Paid	\$99,465.68
Immaculate Conception		\$291.24

We took in \$2,525.00 last week. Thus far during the *Crusade* we have collected \$114,445.33.We started our *Crusade* at \$898,652.00. As of 12-04-09 our balance was \$774,878.98. Our daily interest is \$116.76. We so appreciate your generosity. \$5,000 per week covers principal/interest due. We are awaiting the interest split for the past two weeks.**ENTHRONEMENT PACKETS** are available in the parish office for a \$10 donation.**The Holiday Luncheon Committee** would like to thank everyone who helped us prepare, everyone who furnished bars/candy and all those who attended. After expenses we were able to give \$1058.00 toward the debt reduction of our parish.**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****Sunday, Dec. 20th****Breakfast** will be served by the Knights of Columbus after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses. A full breakfast will be served.**Blood Pressure Screenings** will be taken after the Sunday Masses.**Youth Groups:** Grades 7-12 meet from 7-9 pm in the parish hall.**Tuesday, Dec. 22nd****RCIA** will not meet this week.**Wednesday, Dec. 23rd****CCD - No classes this week****Youth Ski Trip** - Now taking applications for our youth ski trip on January 18th. Open to youth in grades 7-12. Go to www.sacredheartym.com for applications and more info.**SEARCH** - The next Search retreat will on January 8-10. Search is open to anyone in 10th grade or older. Applications and information are available at www.sacredheartym.com**New Year's Party** – Dec. 31st 7pm-1am in the parish hall. Open to youth in grades 7-12. Crazy games and tons of fun!**Advent Vespers** every day M-F at 5:15 p.m. in the chapel. Contact person is Cherie Heinz.**Mothers in Love + Fathers in Love = Families in Love!**Give your kids the best gift they can get -- Parents with a **GREAT** marriage! Sign up today to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. The next scheduled weekend is February 12-14, 2010 at the **BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center** in Irene, SD. For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org.**CHRISTMAS WISH:** *What do I wish for you this Christmas? Not something you'll find in a store; but gifts that will live in your heart. When the holly's gone from your door, I wish you the gift of good health, good fortune in all that you do. I wish you a prayer time each day, your spirit to ever renew. What do I wish for you this Christmas? More precious than this set apart – I wish you the gift of the Christ Child, living each day in your heart.***Need unique Christmas cards?** The 125th Anniversary Committee has Christmas greeting cards. The card features an inside/outside photo of Sacred Heart with Christmas greetings inside. 4 cards for \$3.50 or sold individually for \$1.00.**Need a great Christmas gift!** The 125th Anniversary Committee is selling remaining anniversary throws for \$30. Both the cards and throws are available at the church office.**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.

RONCALLI (this week)

Mon. Dec.21: K-6 NO Uniform Day (PJ's)
7-12 Christmas Concert – 7:00 p.m. RHS
Tues. Dec. 22: RHS Christmas Mass – 9:30 a.m.
7-12 NO Uniform Day (Dress Up/no jeans)
GBB vs. Leola/Frederick – 5:15 p.m.
BB vs Leola/Frederick – 6:30 p.m.
Gymnastics Tri-State Triangular at Jamestown
Wed. Dec. 23 through Jan 4th NO SCHOOL

Recycling Benefits Roncalli

Those aren't bells you are hearing, it's the sound of metal pouring into Mardian Scrap Recycling at 609 SW Sixth Avenue, as family, friends and neighbors donate their metal recyclables for Roncalli.

Tell everyone that any person taking metal recyclables to Mardian Scrap Recycling can ask to have the proceeds donated to Roncalli. Mardian has set up a special account for the Aberdeen Catholic School System.

Thank you for helping our Roncalli schools by your donation.

\$10,000 CASH – the perfect stocking stuffer!!

Roncalli families and staff are selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 cash prize. Sales from the raffle support instructional expenses such as teacher salaries and classroom materials. Please contact those individuals to buy your tickets, call 226-2100 or stop by the Development Office at the high school. Tickets sell for 1 chance for \$20; 5 chances for \$50; or 20 chances for \$100. One lucky winner of the \$10,000 will be chosen March 27, 2010 at the 31st annual Roncalli Ball "A Night in Morocco."

End of Year Giving: Making a charitable gift to the Church or Roncalli before the end of the tax year? Be sure to mail your payment by December 31, 2009, to get credit for this tax year. If you are donating securities, be sure to initiate it early to ensure it's completed in time to be credited for this year.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: A wonderful way to start the New Year could be spending an hour each week at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is present there to share our joys and sorrows. Many of our elderly are not able to keep their hour during the winter months. For available hours, please call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001. Testimony: Our baby is out of intensive care and recuperating in the pediatrics unit. Thanks for all your prayers.

Inter-Parish

Family Rosary – Tue., Dec. 22nd at 7:00 pm–at St. Mary's.

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!**

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 as a stocking stuffer!!

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW:

Wishing you a Merry Christmas! All Christmas items are ½ price! Shop Tues, Dec. 22/Wed. Dec. 23 from 12-4 pm. We will be closed Thur. Dec. 24 and Sat Dec. 26 so volunteers can spend Christmas with their families. May God Bless you !

FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD.

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, Dec. 31st - Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 1st - Mass 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m

Friday, Jan. 1st – No 1st Friday Adoration

Epiphany "Night of Music"

"He is the Light of the world", arr. By Russell Maulden, will be performed at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3rd in the parish hall. Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm. Following the performance we will sing traditional Christmas carols in celebration of Epiphany. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, please contact Charlene Blond, 225-7065.

Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse this

Christmas? God sent His only Son at Christmas to say, "I Love You" . Tell your spouse you love them by registering to attend our next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend on Feb.12-14, 2010 at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center. Contact Curt & Rochelle at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org.



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: _____