

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009

Mass intentions may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. They will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

MONDAY, Nov. 30 – Saint Andrew, apostle

Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

8:00 am – RL † Francis Schmitz (RF)

TUESDAY, Dec. 1 – Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Anne Marie Karrels (GG)

8:00 am – RL † Alfred & Eleanora Deheck (RF)

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2 – Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:19-37

8:00 am – RL † Leon & Bernice Deppiesse (RF)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC – In Memory of the Life & Death of Bishop Sheen and Living & Deceased of the Parish (GG)

THURSDAY, Dec. 3 – Saint Francis Xavier, priest

Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel – Legion of Mary (RF)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Art Ronk (GG)

FRIDAY, Dec. 4 – Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Anastasia & Peter Kleckner (RF)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC – Respect for Life (GG)

SATURDAY, Dec. 5 – Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6

4:30 pm – Dacada – Living & Deceased Members of the Parish and † Kenneth & Robert Weter, † Wallace Blaubach (RF)

7:30 pm – HR, St. Rose Chapel – For our Parishioners and † Joseph P. Ott (GG)

SUNDAY, Dec. 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Sandra St. Peter (GG)

9:30 am – Holy Cross Chapel † Clarence & Katherine Burmesch (RF)

10:00 am – RL † Walter Buchel, † Eugene & Gertrud Handschel; † Harold Miller, † Mary Miller (GG)

11:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Orville Arendt (JE)

Confession Times – Saturday afternoon at St. Nicholas, Dacada from 3:45-4:15 p.m. Saturday evening at St. Rose, Fredonia from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Sunday morning at St. Mary, Lake Church following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Special arrangements can be made with either priest.

Question of the Week: Key Passage – Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36) **Adult** – What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season? **Child** – What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

For the month of December, the **Human Concerns** committee is collecting cranberries, canned vegetables and bar soap for the Food Pantry. Please drop off items in the back of church on any weekend. Thank you for your support.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE - Thanks to all who joined us for the ecumenical Thanksgiving service this past Wednesday. And thanks to all those who donated food and clothing for the Food Pantry. Many people in need will benefit from your generosity.

The Parish Office Staff has received subpoenas for a trial that is scheduled to begin on Monday, Nov. 30th. We are scheduled for the afternoon of the 30th, Dec. 1st and 2nd. Please call before visiting our office that week. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers

Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve in your ministry on your assigned day. If you are no longer able to serve the church in this manner, please contact the parish office at 994-4380 or email rascos@archmil.org. Thank you!

Dacada 4:30 pm (12/5) Servers: Hannah & RJ Leider

Lector: Jim Steffen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Leon Jacoby,

Agnes Leider, Richard Sawinski, Bonnie Steffen

Ministers of Hospitality: Jacob & Samuel Birenbaum

RL 10:00 am (12/6) Servers: Matthew Ramel, Logan Risch

Lector: Ed Ritger

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Joan Houpt,

Stephenie Ritger, Marilyn Sabec, Mary Verhage

Ministers of Hospitality: Chris Birenbaum, Joe Birenbaum,

Peter Birenbaum, Merlin Depies

We pray for the improved health of... David Moller, Joe/Donna Moller, Roland Klas, Mardell Binder, Don Dressel, Gladys Hagel, Regina Steffen, Brian Ramel, Kathleen Medinger, Fanny Watry, Tom Fitzpatrick, Pat Morgan

Our Lady of the Lakes Stewardship Report – Nov. 22, 2009

Offertory Collection: \$225.55

Church Support Received: \$ 8,274.80

Need weekly to meet budget: \$ 5,750.00

Over \$ 2,524.80

Total Rcvd. 7/1/09-11/15/09: \$ 99,145.97

Total needed to meet budget: \$ 120,750.00

Short (\$ 21,604.03)

Minimum financial support requested is as follows:

Married Couples: \$20.00 per week

Single & Mixed Religion Marriages: \$10.50 per week

*or **Tithe** – you can join the growing number of parishioners who tithe and give 5% of their gross income. **If you cannot give the requested amount, we ask that you give what you can.**

OLL Football Raffle Week 11 Results will be posted in next week's bulletin. You could also find them on our newly redesigned website: www.ourladylakes.org.

ATTENTION CHRISTIAN WOMEN – We need 3-4 women to help with our Holiday Bake Sale after our Masses on Dec. 19-20. If you can help set-up, sell or take down at either Dacada or Random Lake, please call the parish office, 994-4380.

Any ladies still wishing to attend the **Christian Women Christmas Party** on Dec. 13th should drop off their registration form at the parish office no later than Mon. Nov. 30th. Reservations must be paid for in advance.

ADVENT TREE – The Advent Giving Tree located in the front of church has ornaments on it with items needed for Mary's Room in Sheboygan, for Our Lady of the Lakes Child Care Center and for our local Food Pantry. Mary's Room is a little white house in the back of the St. Vincent DePaul store on the north side of Sheboygan. They help needy mothers with newborns and toddlers. Please take one or more ornaments after Mass, purchase the listed item and placed it unwrapped under the tree by **Dec. 20th**. The Human Concerns committee will distribute the collected items. Thank you for your generosity.

GABLES GIFT BAGS - The gift bags given out after Mass for residents of Gables on the Pond in Random Lake and Waldo need to be returned by **Dec. 13th**. These may be placed under the Advent Tree or next to the Food Pantry basket in the back of church. The Human Concerns committee will distribute the gift bags on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd.

Please call the Parish Office before stopping in this week. 994-4380. Thank you.

Monday, November 30

- 4:30-7:00 pm – Five Pillars Family Night
- 6:15 pm – Rosary - RL
- 7 pm – The Shack Book Study – Parish Office

Tuesday, December 1

- 11:00 am – Mass – Harbor Club

7:00 pm – Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon – Fredonia (Joe 994-9827)

Wednesday, December 2

- 5:30-7:30 pm – Family Program – School
- 6:30 pm – Home & School Meeting – School

Sunday, December 6

- 8-10 am – Family Program – School
- 8:30 am – Holy Name Breakfast – Dacada

Changes in Bulletin Deadlines: December 13 Bulletin – Monday, Dec. 7; December 20 Bulletin – Friday, Dec. 11

Youth Choir and Youth Bell Choir Practice for Midnight Mass has begun. Please contact Denise Dimmer at 994-9600 for details.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers who would like to bring **Holy Communion** to the residents of Gables on the Pond on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. Mainly, we are looking for 2-3 more substitutes. Call Deb Hamm if you are interested.

Gerry Malueg will be talking about the Mass to the adults of the family program at Random Lake on Wed., Dec. 2 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 8:15 to 9:15. He will be discussing how the Mass started, how it got to where we are now and what it will look like in the future. His presentation will include an understanding of the Mass and explain why other Catholic churches do things differently. Everyone is welcome to attend Deacon Malueg's presentation.

“Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith” On Sunday, Dec. 6, the television program will air at 12:30 p.m. on WISN TV Channel 12 and feature an interview with now New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan as well as an interview with Catholic author and columnist George Weigel. This is the only Advent episode to air on a Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the baby bottle collection this past October for Respect Life Month. Our final dollar amount was \$2425.93 collected in the bottles and a very generous donation from the Knights of Columbus of \$511.78. The money will be given to the Pregnancy Help Center of Milwaukee. Last year the clinic helped over 3,000 women and saved at least 180 babies from abortion. If you still have a bottle to return please drop it off at the parish center. Please pray for the end of abortion.

St. Nicholas Celebration for Kids – Friday, Dec. 4th from 6-8 pm at the Luxembourg American Cultural Center; there will be fun for all area children! All are welcome! Admission is free; RSVP appreciated, not required, to reply 262-476-5086.

Night of Lights Activities Planned in Random Lake – Friday, Dec. 4th; Kids can see Santa starting at 5 pm. At Lakeview Community Library there will be children's craft activities, a Santa secret gift shoppe, cookie decorating, music, and free shuttle wagon rides to the Living Nativity at Risen Hope Community Church, 812 First St. Please also stop by the Random Lake Historical Society Museum for their display. Help fill the shelves at the Interfaith food pantry. Donation buckets for non-perishable food items will be located at each activity location.

Come to the Five Pillars (lower level) for a buffet-style meal including pizza, pasta, broasted chicken, and much more on **Monday, Nov. 30th**. We will be serving from 4:30 until 7:00. This is a fund raiser to support OLL Catholic Grade School. ALL tips and 10% of the proceeds will go to the school. Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children 4-10. Children under 3 are free.

Pastoral Column

It is hard to believe that today is the first Sunday of Advent. No doubt many of you are already in the midst of a multitude of Christmas preparations. It is easy to get caught up in society's rush to get to the "main event". All too often, we buy into society's emphasis on the materialism of Christmas. (For instance, we must buy a gift for everyone. If we don't get them a gift, we don't love them. The cost of the gift is in direct relation to how much someone means to us. More is better. Blah, blah, blah, blah...)

As Catholic Christians, we celebrate Advent. Advent is a time we make special preparations for the coming of Christ. Of course, we all know that Christ came already...over 2000 years ago. We also believe that Christ's coming is a continuing reality. Christ comes again and again in our lives. It was not a once and for all event. Christ comes to us in the midst of joyous celebration and deepest sorrow. Christ comes to us in the middle of job loss and in the search for a new one. Christ comes to us in illness and health, in financial prosperity and struggle, in friends and in strangers, in our best relationships and our worst. Christ comes to us in the actions of those around us and in our reaching out to others. Over and over again, Christ is made present to us in our lives.

Sometimes, we get far too hung up on activity and details to recognize Christ's coming. We are too busy. After all, what would people think if we didn't decorate our homes, bake countless treats, buy tons of gifts and wrap them in beautiful packages? What if our home isn't the one with the most lights on the block?

Advent is all about taking time out, not only to look for Christ, but to find Christ in the midst of all our living. I encourage all of us to take time out this Advent. Take time out to pray, read some Scriptures, go to an extra Mass or celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take time out to visit a lonely neighbor, share a meal with friends or go for a walk with someone. Take time out to be silent with Christ.

Sometimes, even when we pray, we are too busy for Christ. We fill our prayer time with all kinds of words and requests, Christ can't get a word in edgewise. This Advent, take some time to listen to what Christ has to say to you. And Christ certainly has things to say! Sometimes his message comes in Scripture, sometimes through the advice and care of a friend, but often Christ's message comes in the quiet stillness of our hearts and souls. Let us find time to be still and hear Christ's message and feel Christ's presence. A blessed Advent to all of you.

Deb Hamm, Pastoral Associate

Congress continues to debate health care reform legislation. While the US House passed a health care bill that prevents the federal government from funding elective abortions, the US bishops remain deeply concerned about Senate action, especially as it will affect abortion funding, conscience rights, affordability for the poor and vulnerable, and accessibility for immigrant. In the back of church, you will find a newly updated flier from the US Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your Senators immediately and urge them to address these moral issues. The flier includes a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

OLL School's **Cedar Valley Cheese and Woodwick Candle Sale** Please help support our school by ordering Cedar Valley string cheese, gift boxes, and cheese spreads. Also available are gift cards to The Cedar Valley Cheese Store. Order forms are available in the back of church. The sale will run until Nov. 30th. Woodwick Candles can be purchased by calling Stacy Bichler at 994-4739. You can also visit The Cedar Valley Cheese Store for your purchases. Just mention our school and they will apply your sale towards our fundraiser up until Dec. 10th. Thanks in advance for your support!