

# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 6, 2009

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

**MONDAY, Dec. 7 – Saint Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church**  
Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

**8:00 am – RL † Alfred & Eleanora Deheck (GG)**  
7:30 pm – St. Mary, LC – Living & Deceased of the Parish

**TUESDAY, Dec. 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6 Lk 1:26-38  
8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Beverly Ceranski (RF)  
**8:00 am – RL † Mildred Jacoby (GG)**

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9 – Advent Weekday**  
Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

**8:00 am – RL † Leon & Bernice Deppiesse (GG)**  
8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Kenneth Kircher † Elmer Wellenstein (RF)

**THURSDAY, Dec. 10 – Advent Weekday**  
Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Walter Swietlik and  
† Art & Hilda Plier (GG)  
8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Don Pomeday (RF)

**FRIDAY, Dec. 11 – Advent Weekday**  
Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Tony & Anne Miller (GG)  
8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Leo Boehnlein, † Ralph Blaubach (RF)

**SATURDAY, Dec. 12 – Third Sunday of Advent**  
Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

**4:30 pm – Dacada – Living & Deceased Members of the Parish and † Clarence, Delores & Ronald Dimmer (GG)**  
7:30 pm – HR, St. Rose Chapel – Catholic Order of Foresters and  
† Robert Huiras (RF)

**SUNDAY, Dec. 13 – Third Sunday of Advent**  
Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Deceased Members of the John & Sylvina Hubing Family (RF)  
9:30 am – Holy Cross Chapel – For our Parishioners and  
† the Dec. of the Folz Family (GG)  
**10:00 am – RL – Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Women and † Leo Fechter (JE)**  
11:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Miriam Johannes (GG)

**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** – John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3) **Adult** – In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance? **Child** – What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

In 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 at any time. Thank you.

**Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation.** The Vigil Mass Monday night is at St. Mary, Lake Church at 7:30 pm because Our Lady of the Lakes and Holy Rosary need to have Masses with the school children.

**Sacristan** needed for 4:30 Mass in Random Lake from Dec. 26-March. Training available at your convenience. Call the Parish Office at 994-4380 for details.

### 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](mailto:rascos@archmil.org). Thank you!

**Dacada 4:30 pm (12/12) Servers:** Andrew Fechter, Delaney Sinnen  
**Lector:** Sam VanderVelden

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Pat Davis, Misti Depies, Laura Feider, Dianne Schmit

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Pat & Brandon Depies

**RL 10:00 am (12/13) Servers:** Kimberly Roman, Bailey Sanderson  
**Lector:** Tom Rysavy

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Jane Bichler, Ana Rysavy, William & Penny Wessing

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Don Doegnitz, Gene Glander, Ted Klockow, Joseph Moller

*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

On Saturday, December 5, 2009,  
We welcome into the Family of God:  
Kinsley Judith Ketterhagen  
Daughter of Isaiah & Sara Ketterhagen



On Sunday, December 6, 2009,  
We welcome into the Family of God:  
Bryce Dale Nichelson, Son of Craig & Carrie Nichelson  
and  
Logan Andrew Nichelson, Son of Shane & Melissa Nichelson



We pray for the Eternal Joy of:  
Marcella Nesser who was born to  
Eternal Life on November 19, 2009

### Our Lady of the Lakes Stewardship Report – Nov. 29, 2009

Offertory Collection: \$286.01

Church Support Received: \$ 4,391.00

Need weekly to meet budget: \$ 5,750.00

**Short (\$ 1,359.00)**

Total Rcvd. 7/1/09-11/29/09: \$ 103,536.97

Total needed to meet budget: \$ 126,500.00

**Short (\$ 22,963.03)**

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 – Sunday, November 22, 2009

**1st Highest** - split \$300 - 110 pts: John Rawlings, Dave Wallner

**2nd Highest** - \$200 - 109 pts: Jason Eippert

**3rd Highest** - \$100 - 108 pts: Vernon Bichler

**Lowest Score** - split \$50 - 16 pts: Jack Wallace, Dean Wetor

**2nd Lowest** - \$25 - 23 pts: Bev Cline

**3rd Lowest** - \$10 - 24 pts: William Donovan

### OLL Football Raffle – Week 12 – Sunday, November 29, 2009

**1st Highest** - \$300 - 110 pts: Jake Risch

**2nd Highest** - \$200 - 108 pts: Lois Dornacker

**3rd Highest** - split \$100 - 105 pts: Barb Bush, Tom Hille

**Lowest Score** - \$50 - 19 pts: Patty Slezewski

**2nd Lowest** - \$25 - 20 pts: Delores Prochnow

**3rd Lowest** - \$10 - 21 pts: Butch Zimmerman

### **Monday, December 7**

- 6:15 pm – Rosary - RL
- 7 pm – The Shack Book Study – Parish Office

### **Tuesday, December 8**

- 11:00 am – Mass – Gables on the Pond
- 7:00 pm – Building & Grounds Meeting

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

### **Thursday, December 10**

- 11:00-1:00 – Parish Office Closed for Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm – Tri-Parish Council Meeting – OLL School

### **Sunday, December 13**

- 8-10 am – Family Program – School
- 11:00 am - Christian Women's Christmas Party – Five Pillars

**Changes in Bulletin Deadlines:** Dec. 13 Bulletin – Mon., Dec. 7; Dec. 20 Bulletin – Fri., Dec. 11; Dec. 27 Bulletin – Thurs., Dec. 17

**Youth 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.

On Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> the **Daughters of Isabella** annual Christmas party will be at Chissy's Pub & Grill in Waldo. Dinner will be at NOON. Following dinner Wayne Goetsch will entertain us with his music. The party is the time to reveal your identity to your secret pal along with your Christmas gift for her. Each member should bring a wrapped \$1 gift to exchange.

### **Parish Council Agenda Items – Thurs., Dec. 10 – 6:30 pm – OLL School - Committee Reports**

The December 12th episode of **Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith** looks at the impact of men of faith on the family. You can watch it at 11 a.m., on WISN TV 12. If you miss a show, every segment is available at [www.livingourfaith.net](http://www.livingourfaith.net).

**Soup Sale** - There will be a mission trip soup sale next weekend, Dec. 12 & 13, after all the Masses in the cluster. A variety of soups will be available at \$5.00 per quart.

**GABLES GIFT BAGS** - The gift bags given out for residents of Gables on the Pond in Random Lake and Waldo need to be returned by **Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**. These may be placed under the Advent Tree or next to the Food Pantry basket in the back of church.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES** are on Tues., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross Chapel and on Wed., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Lake Church. Both services will begin with a Scripture preparation followed by the opportunity for individual Confessions.

**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.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN HOLIDAY BAKE SALE**...will be held after Mass on Dec. 19-20. Parishioners are asked to bake Christmas cookies, bars, candy, breads, etc. If you make cookies, please bring 4 doz. Cookies will be sold for \$5.00 per lb. Mix and match what you like to take home a variety. Proceeds are used to purchase needed items for our school kitchen and to support local charities.

**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 OLL Child Care Center and for our local Food Pantry. Mary's Room helps 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. 20<sup>th</sup>**. The Human Concerns committee will distribute the items. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Pastoral Column**

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth.”*

This passage, found in today's Gospel and in the prophet Isaiah, speaks to me in a special way this Advent as our tri-parish community begins the Parish Assessment and Renewal (PAR) Process.

Perhaps some of you, upon hearing about this process, are less-than-optimistic, finding all kinds of curvy paths, deep valleys, tall mountains and hills, winding roads and rough ways that would hinder the success of this program. I certainly can understand if you felt that way. If we are honest with ourselves, we have real struggles in all our parishes. We have financial struggles, low Mass attendance, and a limited number of volunteers who do the vast majority of the work. Although we have some very dedicated and active members, we have just as many (or more) whose participation in parish life is limited to irregular Mass attendance and limited financial and volunteer contributions. We have others who are regular Mass attendees that often dwell on differences and disagreements rather than similarities and reconciliation.

And probably most of us make decisions on how much to be involved in our parishes (or whether to go to Mass) based on whether we like a certain person or not. Do we want to serve on a committee with *him*? I once had an argument with *her*, so why would I want to volunteer on the same project? I didn't get anything out of *that* experience, so why would I try again? We've all been there...and sometimes, you or I are the person with whom others are irritated.

*Curvy paths, deep valleys, tall mountains and hills, winding roads and rough ways.* We all experience them, and we all CREATE them from time to time. The PAR process is intended to help us straighten the curvy paths and winding roads, fill in deep valleys, flatten tall mountains and hills and smooth rough ways. In today's Gospel, we are all called to help in that process to make the path to Christ easier for everyone. Let us first be mindful of the times that we prevent others from an easy path to Christ. Let us pray about the ways that we can lead others to Christ on a smooth and straight path. And let us contemplate the ways Christ might be calling each of us to help with the PAR process in our parishes and cluster.

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 immigrants. Last weekend we made a flier available at the back of church from the US Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your Senators immediately and urge them to address these moral issues. The flier included a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. Additional fliers can be found in the pamphlet rack at the back of church. 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.

**Christmas Cookie Sale** - Save yourself from all that baking and support a very worthy cause by getting your bakery goods from our Christmas Cookie Sale. The sale will support the young people from our parishes who will be attending the Mission Trips next summer. Cookies will be sold by weight and there will be lots of different varieties! The sale will be in the hallway outside of the Youth Ministry office, St. Peter's Campus, Port Washington on December 12-13 after all the Masses until all the cookies are gone!

**New Years Eve Get Together** will take place after the 4:30 Mass in Holy Cross. It will be at the Belgium Community Center. Gathering begins at 5:45 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$15.00 (all inclusive) payable in advance. Reservations can be dropped off in the collection basket or at your parish office. Deadline is Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please see the flyers in the church lobbies and return the bottom portion.