



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2009

Schedule of Masses

Monday	St. Ambrose	
	7:00 a.m.	+H. I. King Jr.
Tuesday	Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation	
	7:00 a.m.	+Clem, Don, Steve, Lisa Lingor
	12:10 p.m.	+Frank Mangan
	5:30 p.m.	Int. Msgr. Mahowald
Wednesday	St. Juan Diego	
	7:00 a.m.	+Ken Beckel and Roxana Beckel Block
	12:10 p.m.	No School Mass today
Thursday		
	7:00 a.m.	Priests – Religious, Deacons – Seminarians
Friday	St. Damasus	
	7:00 a.m.	Int. Donna Ashdown
Saturday	Lady of Guadalupe	
	8:15 a.m.	Light of the World
	7:30 p.m.	Spanish-English Mass

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Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Milbert Jung
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	For Our Parish
	9:30 a.m.	+Joe Hinker
	11:30 a.m.	Catholic Daughters

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of	Dec. 12 th and Dec. 13 th	
Saturday	5:00 pm	Scott Solberg See Schedule
Sunday	7:30 am	Walter Blosssey See Schedule
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mike Birgen See Schedule
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Fory King See Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of	Dec. 12 th and Dec. 13 th
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Katherine/Emily Magera, Sarah Meginness
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Mallorie/Conner Mattern, Isaac Norton
	9:30 a.m. Erin/Cameron Dudley, Elizabeth Fjeldheim
	11:30 a.m. Hosea Kost, Brady Lacher, Mary Merxbauer

GREETERS

For the weekend of	Dec. 12 th and Dec. 13 th
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Lawrence/Evelyn Kaven, Frances Gab, and Annette Feiock
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Rich Eschenbaum, Grace Norton, Craig Clinton
	9:30 a.m. Dave/Betty Weber, Duane/Pam Fahrni Brian/Marcy Schumacher
	11:30 a.m. Helenmae Hammrich, Angie Walth, Anita Miller

VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., Dec. 13th –Jeff Steele – 226-0696

Traveling Icon for Vocations.

Deb Ruder will have the icon Dec. 6 – Dec. 12. Carol Sieler will have the icon Dec. 13 – Dec. 19th



Pastoral Ponderings.....

Advent is a Time for Spiritual Renewal

Our times are much like the time when Luke was writing the gospel for today's Mass. It was a time of great sin and great discouragement because so much was wrong with the political and religious institutions of the time. But there was also a deep longing in the souls of so many people, a longing for spiritual revival.

This week is a week that our Blessed Mother leads the way. **Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation** and the patronal feast of the United States. **Masses will be at 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. at Westport.** Tuesday's solemnity of the conception of Mary falls nine months before the celebration of her birth, on September 8.

Mary's conception day became a feast in the seventh century. The church teaches that Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. This special grace prepared her to be the mother of God. Mary did not earn this freedom in any way. It was simply a gift bestowed by God. The medieval scholar Duns Scotus explained that "no one owes more to Christ than Mary the immaculate one."

Mary claims our attention again on Saturday, the *feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*. This is a major feast for many of our Hispanic brothers and sisters, but under this title Mary is also the patroness of all the Americas. Every year pilgrims stream to a great church near Mexico City. There over the altar, is a (cloak) made from two pieces of cactus cloth. Though that kind of cloth seldom lasts 20 years, this tilma has survived intact for centuries.

In 1531, the tilma belonged to Juan Diego (Dec. 9) an Aztec Indian. Juan had been baptized a Christian after the Spanish invaded Mexico. One December morning he was walking past an old shrine of the Aztec goddess of the corn harvest. The Spanish had smashed the shrine and renamed the place Guadalupe. There Juan saw a vision of Mary, the mother of God. She was dressed as an Aztec princess. She had olive skin and black hair like an Aztec. She was clothed in magnificent colors. Around her waist was a sash, which women wore when they were pregnant.

Mary spoke to Juan with affection. She gave him a message for the local bishop. Mary wanted the bishop to build a church where she stood. She promised to grant help to all who would call on her there. Since then many miracles have been credited to her. Peace treaties have been signed in the church built in her honor. She is the patron of Mexico. She is honored throughout the Americas and all over the world. *Fr. Silverberg will be offering a special bilingual Spanish/English Mass in her honor next Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart.* Everyone is welcome.

Fr. Ed Pierce

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection		\$12,980.00
Youth envelopes		\$76.60
Geo-Thermal - funding needed including parking lot		\$467,581.35
Amount paid		\$401,258.68
CFSA	pledged	\$105,899.68
	Paid	\$97,117.18
Thanksgiving		\$2,206.50

We took in **\$21,965.00** last week!! Thus far during the *Crusade* we have collected \$111,050.33. Our daily interest paid is \$124.61 In addition we received \$30,000.00 from the ACCC which was used toward the debt.

We started our *Crusade* at \$898,652.00. As of 11-20-09 our balance was \$797,082.46. We so appreciate your generosity. \$5,000 per week covers principal and interest due. We are awaiting the interest split for the past two weeks.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, Dec. 6th

Breakfast will be served by Youth/Education 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. 8th

RCIA will meet in the Rel. Ed. Office at 6:30 p.m. Topic: The Family of the Lord: The Church as members of Christ's Body. The call of Laity and our Giftedness.

Wednesday, Dec. 9th

CCD - Class - Living Rosary - All classes come at 6:00 p.m. Parents' Night! Please come pray for us, for families, for peace! Practice begins at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12th

Spanish Mananitas for Mary begins at 6:00 a.m. with hot chocolate following in the parish hall.

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.

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).

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

Inter-Parish

Family Rosary - Tue., Dec. 8th, at 7:00 pm-at St. Mary's

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 9: Living Rosary

Dec 16: grades 3-7 Bell Ringing

RONCALLI (this week)

Sun. Dec. 6: K-6 Christmas Program - 2:00 p.m. RHS

Tue. Dec. 8: RPS Mass - 12:10 p.m. - St. Mary's
RES Mass - 12:10 p.m. - Sacred Heart
RHS Mass - 9:30 a.m.
GB at Northwestern - 6:30 p.m.

Wed Dec. 9 : School Bd. Mtg. - 3:30 p.m. at RHS
Home & School Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. - RPS

Fri. Dec. 11: K-6 NO Uniform Day - Twin or Triplet
GB at Clark/Willow Lake - 6:30 P.M.

Sat. Dec. 12: WR Tournament at Faulkton - 10:30 a.m.
BB vs Clark/Willow Lake - 6:30 p.m.
Gymnastics - Hub City Invitational - 12:00

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW:

Do you need snow boots or ice skates? We have a large new selection of gloves and purses looking for you to take them home for Christmas. Our inventory is good. Visit us often.! We are open Tues., Wed., Thur. and Sat. from noon to 4:00 p.m. at 220 N. Main. Let us help you complete your Christmas shopping list!

Family Faith Formation - Dec. 6th

Theme: We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

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 things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

Question for Youth: How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Question for Adults: Name one thing you can do to help "Prepare the way of the Lord?"

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.

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!

WE AS A COMMUNITY:

Extend our Sympathy and Prayers to the family and friends of Wilbert Fred Harder who's funeral we celebrated this past week.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Children: That children may be respected, loved, and never exploited.

Christ, Light of the World. That during Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize the Incarnate Word as the light that illuminates every person, and that every nation may open its doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.

Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse this

Christmas? Give the gift of your time and undivided attention by taking them on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**. The next scheduled weekend is Valentines Day Weekend - 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL to present "Hope's Promise" Dec. 17-20 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls. This year's production will feature the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dan Goeller. Proceeds from the event will again go towards the continued preservation, restoration and beautification of the cathedral. Tickets are available at all Sioux falls Hy-Vee stores, online at www.stjosephcathedral.net or call toll free 1-888-246-3386.



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Several Small Faith Communities will be working on the inside doors of our church on Monday, December 7th at 6:30 PM...Pray for success and watch the progress! Advent blessings!

Christmas Holiday 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!

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Parents feel outclassed by Twitter, FaceBook and MTV as they battle for their children's attention. Our high-tech culture can make a parent feel like an out-dated "voice crying out in the wilderness." As God came to John the Baptist "in the wilderness" God is with you in your "wilderness" moments as a parent.



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: _____