

# Sacred Heart Parish

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“Even now the ax lies  
at the root of the trees.”

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 5, 2010

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Office Manager  
Bookkeeper  
Secretary  
Music Director/Organist  
CCD Coordinators  
Home Ministries  
Housekeeper  
Maintenance Custodian

Fr. Edward J. Pierce  
Fr. Kevin Zilverberg  
Rev. Mr. Dick Kelley  
Anna Lacher  
Kris Rehfeld  
Mary Wanner  
Charlene Blondo  
Michelle Coughlin/Dawn Wanttie  
Sharon Gould  
Marge Guhin  
Dennis Sahli

### Aberdeen Catholic Schools

Aberdeen Catholic Education Office	226-2100
Roncalli Primary School	225-3460
Roncalli Elementary School	229-4100
Roncalli Jr High and Sr. High School	225-7440

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday	4:30—5:00 p.m.
Saturday	3:30—4:30 p.m.
Mon-Fri	6:30—6:50 a.m.
Saturdays	7:45—8:05 a.m.

### Sunday Liturgies

Saturday	5.00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses (check schedule inside)

Office Hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

### Youth Groups—Sundays in Parish Hall

Grades 7-12	7:00—9:00 p.m
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**BAPTISMS:** Pre-Baptism Class for parents required before all Baptisms. Classes are the second Thu. of the month. Next session, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Roncalli Elementary School. Please call the parish office to register.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Couples planning marriage must contact their priest at least 6 months before the wedding day. A year in advance is not too early.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2010

### Schedule of Masses

Monday	<b>St. Nicholas</b> 7:00 a.m. Int Donna Ashdown
Tuesday	<b>St. Ambrose</b> 7:00 a.m. +Florian Hansen
Wednesday	<b>The Immaculate Conception</b> 7:00 a.m. +Joseph Mangan 12:10 pm +Josh & Kristen Rux 6:00 pm Religious Ed Students
Thursday	<b>St. Juan Diego</b> 7:00 a.m. +Florian Hansen
Friday	7:00 a.m. Priests, Religious, Deacons, Seminarians
Saturday	<b>St. Damasas</b> Anointing 8:15 a.m. +Anton Rohrich

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	5:00 p.m. +Joe Hinker
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Parish 9:30 a.m. +George May 11:30 a.m. +Ethan Hovland-Maun

### LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of December 11 <sup>th</sup> and December 12 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Deb Barnett	See Schedule
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Paul Hoerner	See Schedule
9:30 a.m.	Mary Ann Whitman	See Schedule
11:30 a.m.	Pat Gallagher	See Schedule

### ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of December 11 <sup>th</sup> and December 12 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Victoria Heier, Daniel Holmstrom, Skya Jandt
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Christy/Lynn Renner, Isaac Norton
9:30 a.m.	Jayden/Jenna Everson, Elizabeth Fjeldheim
11:30 a.m.	Dan, Mitchell/Nathaniel Barker

### GREETERS

For the weekend of December 11 <sup>th</sup> and December 12 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Lawrence/Evelyn Kaven, Frances Gab, Annette Feiock
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Rich Eschenbaum, Grace Norton, Craig Clinton
9:30 a.m.	John/Marcella Thomas, Brian/Marcy Schumacher, Dennis Lewno
11:30 a.m.	Helenmae Hamrlich, Angie Walth, Barb Finley

### VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., December 12<sup>th</sup> Jeff Steele—226-0696

### Traveling Icon for Vocations.

Lu Murphy will have the icon December 5<sup>th</sup>—December 11<sup>th</sup>. the icon will be with Eleanor Prestegard December 12<sup>th</sup>—December 18<sup>th</sup>.



## FROM THE PASTOR...

### Second Sunday of Advent

#### The Second Week

The readings for the Second Sunday of Advent focus on John the Baptist. He stands in the desert, roughly clothed, ascetic, stark, preaching a message of power. The One is coming, he says, Repent!

John the Baptist is not the only saint we celebrate during Advent. The calendar is full of holy men and women who, like John, call us to conversion and hope through the powerful witness of all: their lives.

**St. Nicholas, December 6:** St. Nicholas was the great fourth-century bishop of Myra, in what is now Turkey. His love for the poor, especially children, has linked him in tradition with gift giving. Children traditionally receive gifts – chocolate coins, in particular – in their shoes from St. Nicholas. Reading the story of St. Nicholas and celebrating his love for Christ through service to the poor is a good antidote for the frantic consumerism of secular Christmas preparations.

**The Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day),** December 8. This Feast explains to us how God prepared Mary to be the mother of Jesus by preserving her from original sin. This is a day to celebrate God's great love for Mary, and for all of us, in his power to save us from sin. Many prepare for this feast by praying a novena (nine days of special prayers) beginning on November 30. Masses in Aberdeen will be at 7am, 12:10pm and 6pm.

**St. Juan Diego, December 9:** Our Lady appeared four times to a native convert, Juan Diego at Tepeyac, near Mexico City. A member of the Chichimeca people, he was perhaps a leader of his own people and may have been involved in the area's textile industry. He remained firm in his account of the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance to him, even in the face of doubt from his bishop. Known for his holiness, he devoted himself, tradition says, to the pilgrims who came to see the miraculous image of Mary imprinted on his cloak. Pope John Paul II canonized him 31 July 2002.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12:** Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego and to confirm the apparitions, an image of the Immaculate Conception was imprinted on the tilma or mantle of Juan. In keeping with the request of the Virgin Mary, a shrine-church was erected, which is a place of pilgrimage because the original miraculous painting is still exhibited there. The Heart of her message is "You must know, and be very certain in your heart, my son, that I am truly the eternal Virgin, holy Mother of the True God, through Whose favor we live, the Creator, Lord of Heaven and the Lord of the Earth." On 12 December the Third Sunday of Advent, next Sunday a Bi Lingual Mass in Honor of our Lady of Guadalupe will be offered at 7:30 a.m.

**Friday, December 10,** Pastors of the Northwest Area of the Diocese representing 14 parishes will meet in Hoven to begin the **Pastoral Planning** process. It includes Herreid, Selby, Eureka, Bowdle, Hosmer, Roscoe, Ipswich, Leola, Hoven, Onaka, Aberdeen, Westport and Mobridge. The meeting will include discussion concerning the planning process, parish representatives, pastor's role and other issues. A follow up meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, 2011, beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m., when all the pastors and representatives from the various churches will meet with the Bishop in beginning the process itself. (About 200 are expected.) The Representative from Sacred Heart Aberdeen will be Pat Hale. Please remember the people who are involved and the process in your prayers!

Father Ed Pierce

## STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection	\$10,199.75
Youth Envelopes	\$61.00
Geo-Thermal Remaining Owed*	\$32,932.51

***Debt Reduction Crusade***  
**We took in \$2,075.00 this week.**

As of 11/19/2010, our debt balance is \$754,895.95. Our daily interest is \$113.75.

**\*Watch the Geo-Thermal Remaining Owed** number above. This amount will be a countdown to paying off our geo-thermal balance. Can you help take this off our books by Christmas?

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

Full Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses—see menu below  
Advent Baby Shower continues  
Youth Groups: 7:-00—9:00 pm Parish Hall  
Youth Adoration 8:00 pm Church

### Monday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

Bazaar Committee Follow-up Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Hall

### Tuesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

RCIA 6:30 pm Religious Education Room

### Wednesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Religious Education Mass for Immaculate Conception

### Saturday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

Altar Society Holiday Luncheon Noon Parish Hall

**Today's Breakfast**—French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage links, homemade holiday coffee cake and fresh fruit cup with juice and coffee prepared by LOTW

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please pray for the faithful adorers! Open hours of Adoration are 3—4 a.m. on Mondays, 12—1 a.m. and 1—2 a.m. Thursdays and 12—1 a.m. on Saturdays. Call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001.

## WE AS A COMMUNITY

**Welcome into the Body of Christ** Aiden Hericks son of Scott & Colleen Hericks and Miah Leidholt daughter of Mike & Kara Leidholt who were initiated into the Christian Mystery through Baptism November 28.

**Extend our Sympathy and Prayers** to the family and friends of Agnes Zens and Theresa Ann Selzler whose funerals we recently celebrated.

**Congratulate** Gregory Petersen and Jessica Mack who entered the Sacrament of Matrimony November 27.

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



The **Sacred Heart Altar Society** invites all women to our holiday luncheon on Saturday, December 11 at Noon. Women can choose to play cards or just come to enjoy lunch and good company. Holiday goodies and tablecloths will also be for sale. Cost is \$9; Reservations required; call Helen at 225-7088.

**Roncalli Nearly New:** We are putting out additional Christmas decorations and trees each day. Check our supply. Roncalli Nearly New, Aberdeen, Open Tues, Wed, Thurs. and Sat. from 12:00 to 4:00. Thank you for your donations and support.

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## SUPPORT AND HELP

**Project Rachel** is for women and men who suffer from the pain of previous abortions. Call 1-800-700-7867.

**Natural Family Planning Classes:** Learn more about a way of responsible parenthood that is supported by the Catholic Church. Call 226-2232 or Sacred Heart at 225-7065.

**Annulments:** A possible 2<sup>nd</sup> chance for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more info, call Sacred Heart 225-7065.

**Catholic Family Services:** Call 226-1304.

**Marriage Encounter:** to make a good marriage better! Web site is [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call 362-0924.

**Retrouvaille:** Help for hurting marriages. Call 988-3763 or 988-3776 or [2021@retrouvaille.org](mailto:2021@retrouvaille.org) for more information.

**Pregnant? Alone? Afraid?:** Call BIRTHRIGHT at 229-0258. We are open from 1-4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays of each week.

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## Christmas at the Cathedral Concert “The Nativity” St. Joseph Cathedral Sioux Falls—December 16-19

Concert features material written and arranged by Dan Goeller, the S.D. Symphony Chamber Orchestra, St. Joseph Cathedral Choir and O’Gorman Concert Choir, Scott Piper and Laura Pedersen.

Proceeds go towards preservation of the Cathedral. Tickets at [www.stjosephcathedral.net](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net) or 1-888-246-3386.

### Recommended Morning Offering for Home and School

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee my prayers, works, joys and sorrows of this day, for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in unison with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for sin, for the intentions of all my friends and associates, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.

**Confirmation Class:** signed sponsor slips are due! Be sure you have the parish priest of your sponsor sign the sheet before turning it in.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

**Religious Education** is in need of a new 1st grade teacher at the 5pm class. Also, the teacher for 5th grade 6:30pm class needs a co-teacher to share the position and a couple people are needed for Sunday School helpers; they can be 7th grade –12th grade. Please call Michele Coughlin to help.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26 Pray that Advent may be a time of renewal for each of us
Tue.	Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3,10-13 Mt 18:12-14 Pray for those who minister to those in need
Wed:	Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38 Pray that our country may prayerfully support its leaders
Thur.	Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13ab Mt 11:11-15 Pray that our bishop may be blessed guiding our diocese
Fri.	Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19 Pray for children who suffer abuse
Sat.	Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13 Pray that we recognize and appreciate God's gifts
Sun.	Is 35:1-6a,10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11 Pray for our Parish Family

## **Roncalli High School Building Tours**

Roncalli staff will offer guided tours of Roncalli High School during parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, December 9. Tours are a great way to get to know the building and to better understand the building's needs and our opportunities for growth. Tours will begin at 3 p.m. and will be conducted at 30-minute intervals until 8 p.m. Please join us outside the High School Office and get to know Roncalli better!

**Spirit Store Christmas Open House** on Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. during Roncalli conferences. Lots of new items for youth, men and women!

## **Roncalli Schools December 6—11, 2010**

Mon. Dec 6	—	
Tues. Dec 7	GB vs Northwestern	
Wed. Dec 8	RHS Mass	9:30 am
	RE Mass—Sacred Heart	12:10 pm
	RP Mass—St. Mary's	12:10 pm
	ACSS School Bd Mtg—RE School	3:30 pm
Thur. Dec 9	School Dismissed	1:30 pm
	Parent/Teacher Conferences—RHS	3:00-8:00
Fri. Dec 10	No School—Staff Development	
	GBB vs Hamlin	4:00 pm
	BBB vs Hamlin	5:15 pm
Sat. Dec 11	WR at Faulkton	10:00 am

## **CHRISTMAS GIVING**

Check out the Roncalli Gift Cards available by going to [www.aberdeenroncalli.org](http://www.aberdeenroncalli.org). Find the Development tab and click Cavalier Gift Cards. We have over 250 popular nationwide stores participating with a great selection of local retailers in the program. For more information, contact Laurie Campbell at 226-2100 or stop by the Development Office at RHS. Get your orders in early for Christmas.

## **INTER-PARISH**

**Family Rosary:** Tue., Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's  
**Aberdeen Right to Life:** Meetings 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in the Brown County Courthouse basement.  
**St. Anthony's Church, Hoven** "Christmas on the Prairie" Concert Dec 5 at 3:00 pm  
**Christmas at the Cathedral** St. Joseph Cathedral, Sioux Falls Dec 16—19

**Mother's in Love + Father's in Love = Families in Love!** They say the best gift you can give your kids is parents that are in love with each other. Turn your "good" marriage into a "great" marriage! Register to attend our romantic **Marriage Encounter Weekend** on **February 11-13, 2011** at Broom Tree Retreat Center in Irene, SD. For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org). A Weekend of Discovery... A lifetime of love!



## **NCYC Choir Auditions**

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Choir) is now accepting applications and auditions for the 2011 choir. This is a phenomenal group of young singers that performed at Sacred Heart in June. Students entering grades 10-12 in the 2011-12 school year are encouraged to apply. Visit the NCYC website at [www.CatholicYouthChoir.org](http://www.CatholicYouthChoir.org) for more information. Charlene Blondo is willing to assist parishioners in applying and preparing their audition requirements. She can be contacted at [cblondo@parishmail.com](mailto:cblondo@parishmail.com).

## **Family Faith Formation**

1st Reading Is 11:1-10

**Theme:** : God's kingdom is at hand - it is here

**Listen to the Word:** As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What image from Isaiah lingers in your memory?

**Question for Children:** Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

**Question for Youth:** What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

**Question for Adults:** Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

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**A "warm n fuzzy" and sincere Thank You** to all who donated so generously to the Social Concern's kid's sock/mitten collection and the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Due to Sacred Heart Parish donations, many people will be assisted. Thank you!!

## **ADVENT BABY SHOWER**

The Diocese Advent Baby Shower continues. Please bring new, unwrapped clothing donations for infants through 3T and diapers of all sizes to the display area. Donations will be collected through Dec.19th