

November 30, 2008: 1st Sunday of Advent



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May He not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

— Mk 13:35-36

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Nov. 30 (Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37)

8:00 AM- Richard & Irene Janak
10:30 AM- Robert F. Klekar
5:00 PM- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Monday, December 1 (Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11)

7:00 AM- Frank & Agnes Polansky
10:00 AM- Deceased members of Ed Wanek Family (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, December 2 (Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24)

7:00 AM- Russell Grahmann

Wednesday, December 3 (Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37)

7:00 AM- Timothy Schaefer
8:05 AM- Rudy & Mary Opela

Thursday, December 4 (Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27)

7:00 AM- Mary L. Michna
10:00 AM- Ambrose Pechacek (Stevens)

Friday, December 5 (Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31)

7:00 AM-Frank & Rosalee Henke
8:05 AM- Sick & deceased members of SHCS Class of 1956

Saturday, December 6 (Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35; 10:1, 5a, 6-8)

5:30 PM- For our Parish Family

Sunday, December 7 (Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8)

8:00 AM- Robert & Rosa Helmcamp
10:30 AM- Joe P. Zappe
5:00 PM- Special Intention for Recovery (Luke Bludau)
(Vigil Mass)

Monday, December 8 (Gn 3:9-15,20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1: 26-38)

6:45 AM- Hubert & Hedwig Spanihel (Immaculate Conception)

8:05 AM- Daniel & Eddie Stock
10:00 AM- Rosie Nagle (H'ville Rehab)
12:05 PM- Lucille McCord Jones

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of V.L. & Rose Rainosek by Don & Barbara Rainosek.

Vigil Light Sponsor: In memory of Leo & Viola Henke by their family.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes- \$6,217.50; Loose- \$1,384; Children's- \$52; Manna Food Pantry- \$646.

Anniversaries:

James & Dorothy Kouba 57 years Dec. 1

Flowers last week at the Altar of Sacrifice were in memory of Victor Buzek.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Victor Buzek and Eugene Novak of our parish family; and Ivey Woytek. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

Calendar Membership Winners: Nov 20: M/M Ronnie Huser- \$100; Nov 21: Charlene Janak- \$100; Nov 24:

Sandra Mullen- \$50; Nov 25: Herbert B. Kutac- \$50; Nov 26: Dorothy S. Henke- \$50.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

-Festival of Lights on the square: Christmas Pageant- 6:30 pm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

-Rosary & Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
-JCDA meeting, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Family Center. If you have questions, call Shanna Clark or Amy Shimek.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

-Quilting Circle: 9 a.m. – Noon, KC Hall of Fame Room.
-RCIA Class: 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
-Spiritual Book Study: 6:00 – 7:10 p.m. in the Rectory.
-Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in the church. The intention this month is *for rain and to keep Christ in Christmas.*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

-Serra Club Mass for vocations, 8:30 a.m. at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Sweet Home.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Douglas Bludau, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Johnny Rainosek, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Harvey Prasek, Paige Haas, Annette Krupala, Juno Werner, Thelma Mikulenska, John Schlageter, Alphonse Steffek, Ethel Bludau, Mary Ann Kana, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Adela Pohl, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Dalton Bubela, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, nursing home residents & homebound.

Christmas shopping? Stop by the Rectory Gift Shop and browse through our selection of Nativity sets, Advent Wreaths, ornaments, statues & other Christmas items. We also have afghans, history books, cook books, bibles, rosaries, medals and much more.

The Sharing Tree – Please bring gifts with name tags attached back to the tree by **Sunday, December 7th.**

KC's & Catholic Daughters Christmas Party, Dec. 9th. Social 6:30 pm; dinner 7:30 pm. Spouses are invited. Ladies bring a snack. Donation – \$3/person at the door. RSVP: 798-2311 (8 am – 2 pm) by December 2.

KJT #43 Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 pm at Wied Hall. All members & their families are invited to attend. Each family is asked to bring finger foods.

From the Desk of Father John

This weekend we begin a new church year with the first Sunday of Advent. A very good practice for the Advent season is the use of the Advent wreath.

The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose, but four white or four violet candles can also be used. Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal – one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.



The Youth ConneXion



December 6: St. Nicholas Mass & Celebration.

December 7: Noodle Soup & Bake Sale at the Youth House after the 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

December 13: CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. at the Youth House. We will be going to Steven's Nursing & Rehab. Center to visit the residents.

December 14: High School Youth gathering & Christmas party. More details to follow.

December 21: Firefall.

We would like to thank Emil & Joyce Hermes for the generous donation they made to the Youth House in honor of their grandchildren. We will be able to purchase all the new tables and chairs for the new addition.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124

December 17: Mass at 6:15 p.m. for CCD students & their parents. Liturgy by 11th Grade. Reception to follow in the Cafeteria.

December 24 & 31: No CCD (Christmas Holidays).

Christian Mothers Christmas Party, Sunday, December 7th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Members are asked to bring a dessert or covered dish. Bring a gift for your child; Santa will be present.

Pro-Life: God created each and every one of us; God doesn't create junk! Then why do we allow God's creations,

His unborn babies, to be discarded as if they were junk? We must respect God's great gift of life. End abortion now.

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***Kindergarten Deputy Santa Bake Sale:** December 4, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon by the Cafeteria. Proceeds will be used to purchase gifts for needy children.

***Early Dismissal:** Friday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m. for faculty meeting.

***3rd & 4th Grade Christmas Program:** December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

***Band Christmas Concert:** Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Refreshments will be served.

***PreK – 2nd Grade Christmas Program:** December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

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One of my favorite sayings is, "Be the kind of person your dog thinks you are!" Our family has a history of saving dogs from shelters and other certain fates; every single one of them has been the most loyal, friendly, and loving pet. Our latest, Oreo, was found in a barn on a freezing January morning. Only a pup and suffering from frostbite and injuries from other animals, she wasn't given much chance of survival. But twelve years later, she sits and waits by the front door every afternoon for her master to come home.

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Jesus' seemingly stern warning in today's Gospel reading from Mark is really some very prudent advice. Remember that this was not a sermon to a mass of people; Jesus was speaking privately to Peter, James, John, and Andrew and had just finished describing how humankind will recognize the beginning of the end of times. But His final words tell us not to wait until such signs are apparent; today, and every day, we are to live our lives in great expectation. Be the kind of person our heavenly Father thinks we are!



This is the first Sunday of the season of Advent. During this season, we remember God's first covenant, the centuries of time in which He promised a Messiah, a Savior for the world. And despite the centuries and passing of time, those who believed and waited never lost faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that in Advent we share the expectations of those who first waited, and renew our expectation for His second coming (CCC 524). Today and for the rest of our lives, let us live forever in a season of Advent, awaiting the coming of Jesus Christ.

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Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice,

and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will
be made glad. Amen.
