

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2009

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12-42; Luke 21:25-28,34-36



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29th

SUNDAY

NO RCIA

Religious Ed – 2nd Grade – 9:00 a.m. - Room 121

Pre-School – 10:30 a.m. – Room 116

Bingo – Crew 1 – Matt Scheessele/Yvonne Wagner's Crew

TUESDAY

Quilting – 8:00 a.m. – Conference Room

Bingo – Crew D – Tom Smith's Crew

WEDNESDAY

Over 50's – 11:30 a.m. – Church/Parish Hall

Blood Pressures begin at 10:45 a.m.

School Board – 6:00 p.m. – Room 100

Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Knights of Columbus – 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria

SATURDAY

Rosary – 6:00 a.m. – Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY

RCIA – 8:15

Boy Scouts' Breakfast – 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. – Cafeteria

Religious Ed – 2nd Grade – 9:00 a.m. – Room 121

Pre-School – 10:30 a.m. – Room 116

5:30 p.m. Eileen Metz, Tom Greer, Stella Hillenbrand
SUNDAY – November 29th

7:30 a.m. FOR THE PARISH

10:30 a.m. Stanley Pasierb, Sr., Richard P. Greer, Jerry Lamb,
Lottie Thomas, Joyce Thomas, Joey Mullican

MONDAY – November 30th

Died this date (Glenda Stieler/1963)

TUESDAY – December 1st

7:40 a.m. (*Died this date*) (*Carmela Papariella/1980*)
(*Philip Smith/2004*) (*Gene Bays/2008*)

WEDNESDAY – December 2nd

7:40 a.m. Max L. Lingo (*Clothilda Kraus/1974*)
(*Ronald Stewart/2000*) (*Bettye Harlen/2000*)

THURSDAY – December 3rd

7:40 a.m. *Died this date (Myrtle Marx/1987)*

FRIDAY – December 4th

7:40 a.m. Joan Heath, Eileen Metz, Chester Sitzman,
Catherine Steckler (*Samuel G. Vowels/2006*)

SATURDAY – December 5th

5:30 p.m. FOR THE PARISH

(*Died this date*) (*Leonard Whelan/1967*)

SUNDAY – December 6th

7:30 a.m. Ida Neth, Martha Dimmett, Burke Taylor,
Rose & Ralph Wade, Gerry Mangin, John Steiner

10:30 a.m. Rita Collignon, Jim Ryan

(*Charles Dick/2002*) (*Basil Young/2005*)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP. . .

WEEKLY REQUIREMENT \$ 16,981.00

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION 14,313.39

"YEAR TO DATE" VARIANCE -\$23,383.20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 29 – Scott Gowdy, Lisa Koch, Dustin Lehman,

Tim McGuire, Emily O'Leary, Angela Rahman, Leslie Riley,
Abigail Woodruff, Adam Woodruff

November 30 – Joe Braker, Tyler DeWeese, Jeannine Durchholz,

Cooper Hamrick, Miranda Wagner

December 1 – Cindy Block, Cole Brinker, Emily Durchholz,

James Kirby, Stephen Libs, Sara Owen, Logan Puckett,

Janelle Stratman, Wesley Werner, Mary Jane Williams

December 2 – Jane Austin, Gloria Barclay, Devlyn Bowen,

Rebecca Brown, Presley Elpers, Jim Fox, Jill Hurley, Timmie

Lingo, Cleo Walker, Frances Witting, Ross Yates

December 3 – Jeffery Choate, Dawn Nichols, Deon Rohner,

Shankar Srinivasan, Jean Titzer

December 4 – Selene Cavazos, Sarah Fruit, Scott Gillum,

Dick Greer, David Martin, Stacy Steele

December 5 – Paula Greenwood, Cecelia Hargis, Dean Reid,

John Schuetz, Ben Stachowski

December 6 – Andi Damin, Kenneth Gray, Jacqueline Heidorn,

Charlie Hirsch, Hao Nguyen, Tim Runyon

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

As we begin Advent we are called to "await" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

2010 MASS MEMORIALS – If you wish to have your loved ones remembered at Mass next year, please **PRINT** names and dates on a plain envelope marked **2010 MASS MEMORIALS**. Place the information in the collection basket or drop off names at the parish office with or without a donation. Please turn names in as soon as possible so that the information can be recorded.

Advent Vespers at the Cathedral – take some time this Advent to prepare for the celebration of Christmas with the evening prayer of the Church. Come to St. Benedict Cathedral every Sunday in Advent at 5:30 p.m. for the celebration of Vespers (evening prayer). If you have any questions, please contact Matt Miller at 424-5536 or Jeremy Korba at kjorba@evdio.org.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Troop 362 would like to thank all who have supported our monthly Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast and remind all that our next breakfast will be Sunday, December 6, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. We will serve until 9:45 a.m. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10 years of age. Any registered Boy Scout, Girl Scout or Cub Scout may eat for the discounted price of \$1.00. Please join us as we celebrate St. Nick's Day at Good Shepherd.

GIVE GOD WHAT'S RIGHT NOT WHAT'S LEFT.

FATHER STEVE'S CORNER

Dear Church of Good Shepherd:

Last Sunday was the feast of Christ the King, the end of the church year. It also marked the beginning of the leave-taking of Deacon Ed and Father Attila. Earlier in the week, they had announced to the Strategic Planning Committee and the Parish Council that they were relinquishing their roles of leadership at Good Shepherd. I want to publicly thank them both for the many good works and sacrifices that they have made over the years. The Bishop of our diocese has accepted this and is moving forward to begin the process to find a priest/pastor who will be a new leader of the parish.

As we begin this new Church year with the first Sunday of Advent, we need to pray for healing and reconciliation in our church. We need to continue to pray for our parish council and church leaders to discern the many issues that surfaced at our town hall meetings. The parish council is committed to take these many issues and to move them to a viable strategic plan for the future of the parish.

We need all our parishioners to come together as sisters and brothers to the table of the Lord for forgiveness and nourishment. Let us make this season of "waiting and watching" a season when we prepare our own hearts to receive the Lord and one another.

Reverend Stephen P. Lintzenich

PARISH COUNCIL NOTE

We, the members of the Parish Council, wish to thank Deacon Ed and Father Attila for their many years of service to Good Shepherd Parish. Please give them your continued support and prayers as they move through this transitional time.

Your Parish Council is committed to working on the issues in the surveys and during the town hall meetings. We realize that while there are so many wonderful assets here at Good Shepherd, we need to focus on the issues raised and move forward to attain the goal set before us. The goal is to identify our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and obstacles in order to deliver a three year strategic plan for the Parish.

Our hope is that this plan will lead to a more active, cohesive parish that strives to attain our mission statement: To live Christ's word daily by our commitment to worship, stewardship, faith formation, Catholic schools, families and social outreach.

We ask for your prayers and invite your continued, active participation at Mass and in church activities as we continue this process to strength our parish.

..... The Parish Council

(Bill Blanke, David Blankenship, Mark Conroy, Mark Davis, Connie Folz, Michelle Fulton, Cathy Kapp, Tim McGuire, Janet Naas, Tonya Puckett, Karen Robertson, Ken Smith, Judy VanHoosier, Melanie Walsh)

LITURGICAL PRAYER

How does prayer at liturgy differ from other forms of prayer?

Liturgy is defined as the "work of the Church". It is what the Church does that makes it uniquely itself. The Church is the assembly of believers, gathered by God to do worship in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the prayer of the Church is communal prayer, not individual prayer.

It comes from our individual prayer, arises from our habit of prayer as individuals and as groups outside of liturgy. The prayer we do during liturgy is the prayer of the assembled Body of Christ. It is a collective prayer, which we offer to God by the right (and the duty) which comes from our baptism. When we gather to pray at liturgy, we come not as a group of individuals, but as the Church itself. Readings are listed in the bulletin each week.



TRADITION LOTTERY TICKETS – It's time to purchase your 2010 annual lottery ticket sponsored by the Memorial and Mater Dei High Schools Friends and Alumni Associations. Tickets are \$100 each with \$13,000 given away each month. You have 48 chances to win during the year. Forms are available on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call the high school alumni associations or the

parish office.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY - "THANKS" for all food items along with \$1,831.00 cash donations. Many families will be helped due to your generosity.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE PROGRAM

Gift tags are now available. Please stop by and begin your holiday season by choosing a gift tag(s). It is a great time to show how thankful we are by giving to those less fortunate.



Please remember – all gifts need to be **WRAPPED** when they are brought back to be put under the tree. And **DO NOT FORGET** to securely attach the gift tag to the outside of the package as well. This is extremely important as we need to see both sides of the tag in order to know where to send the gift. The gift tags also need to be attached to gift cards. The gift cards need to be turned in to the parish office. All gifts are due back to church by December 13. This is when the Youth Ministry will be sorting and delivering the gifts.

On December 16 at 3:30 p.m. the Youth Ministry will head to Catholic Charities and help with the distribution of the gifts.

Let's make this holiday season one to remember by sharing your compassion with a family in need. Should you have any questions, please call Jonna O'Bryan at 477-5405 ext 126.

OVER 50's – Wednesday, December 2, is the next gathering for the Over 50's group. Blood pressures will be taken beginning at 10:45 with Mass and lunch following. Meat (ham) will be furnished and everyone is asked to bring a side dish.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

- December 11 – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Open Reconciliation
- December 17 – 6:30 p.m. – Penance Service
- December 18 – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Open Reconciliation

CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24th

- 4:30 p.m. MASS - NATIVITY OF THE LORD
- 10:00 p.m. MASS – CHRISTMAS VIGIL

CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25th

- 9:00 a.m. – MASS

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

- Thursday – December 31 – 5:30 p.m.
- Friday – January 1, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.