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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

28th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Rick Witek
29th ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Chuck Mestrich
30th ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
2nd ~ Fri. 8:30 AM - Carol Wagner
3rd ~ Sat. 5:00 PM - Zunac Family
3rd ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
4^h ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
4th ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Chuck Mestrich

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 1 ~ 5PM
FOLLOWED BY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 3 ~ 4, 2016

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Craig Fox
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: R. Attocchi, C. Davidson, E. Habrowski
Gift Bearers: Joe & Judy Buchholz
Ushers: F Brodner, J Buchholz, D Thornton, R Morales

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Jerome Wyrobek
Altar Servers: Adrianna Dolniak & Rory Bennett
E. Ministers: P. Wyrobek, F. DeSimini, B. Helms
Gift Bearers: Aaron & Bridget Helms
Ushers: A. Helms, A.J. Helms, D. Medsker, J. Dolniak

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Catherine Allen
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E. Ministers: M. Paskash, D. Yankauskas
Gift Bearers: Marion & MaryBeth Misiak
Ushers: T. Burke, D. Yankauskas M. Misiak

From the Pastor's desk

As I reflect on this new Advent season, I notice that we often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning. There are many ways to enter into this Advent season

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" (despite computers and cell phones) with what is going on in our very own hearts. We as Catholic Christians, begin our Advent at the same time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season --- with all of the expectations and challenges of relationships and family who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. But we must turn our hearts back to the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate our hearts, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

During these days of Advent, it is good to reflect on: What is the emptiness I keep trying to "feed" with food, with fantasy, with excitement, and with busyness? What is the conflict that is "eating at me"? What is the sinful, unloving, self-centered pattern for which I haven't asked for forgiveness and healing? Where do I need a peace in my life that the world cannot give?

During Advent, our readings from the Prophet Isaiah, will talk and pray about the expectant hope of Israel. The images we will be using are about darkness and gloom --- about thick clouds covering the people --- and about hunger and thirst. They are images that attempt to capture a sense of what we feel when we are distant from our God. There are many images about war and conflict. They express the powerlessness and anxiety we experience when we feel defenseless. Most of all, there are images of a future day --- a day that can only be called the Lord's --- when all the tears will be wiped away, when there will be plenty to eat and drink, and when there will be no more conflict and no more war. When our hearts are open to see that God is our salvation; that God's victory gives us the ultimate security --- then we are ready to begin Advent.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION, BENEDICTION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Adoration will be next Sunday, Dec 4, 1~5 PM
Anointing of the Sick will be offered following Benediction

LADIES' SODALITY COOKBOOK



Our long awaited cookbook has arrived,
And will be available for sale
After masses beginning THIS WEEKEND
The cost is only \$15
They make wonderful gifts!
Be sure to get your copy.

DIVORCE & BEYOND

The support group will not meet
On this Monday, November 28th.
Meetings will resume next Monday at 6:30pm
Contact Angela Elrod-Sadler for information
At 219-644-5589

THE REAL PRESENCE

A monthly First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Will be held on December 2nd, from 7~ 8 PM
refreshments will be served afterwards
Come to adore God, Praise Him through music,
Light a Candle, and spend some quiet time in prayer.



ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree is displayed in the front vestibule.
If you are able, please take a tag & return your
unwrapped gift with tag attached.
The gifts need to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 11th.
Questions call Karen @ 987-8160

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

SUN, DEC 4, AT 5PM
AT SORROWFUL MOTHER CHURCH

MEAL OF:
CHICKEN & NOODLES, MASHED POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS, & CREAM PIE
SPEAKER: SR. GERMAINE, P.H.J.C.

ELIZABETH MINISTRIES

The Elizabeth Ministries will be having an
event planning meeting on Wednesday 11/30 at 9:30
am in the church hall. All are welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Support Group continues to meet the first
Monday of each month in the church at 6:30 pm. If
you or someone you know is suffering from the loss of
a loved one please join us. The next meeting will be
12/5. For more info call Elva at 219-201-7189



No CCD Classes on Sunday, November 27th
As it is Thanksgiving Break
Classes resume the following Sunday.

The ADVENT ANGEL TREE CEREMONY
For Faith Formation Students will be held
Next Sunday, December 4th, at 9:35 AM
All are welcome to attend

Catechists ... there will be a meeting following
CCD Classes next Sunday, Dec. 4th

CCD Food Pantry Donations

Each year the students are asked to participate in the
collection of non-food items to donate.
We are grateful to those who responded to this drive,
and to the Catechists who encouraged the students.

Here is a breakdown of the donated items:

Kindergarten: 26 Bars of Soap
Grade 1 ~ 19 Tubes of toothpaste
Grade 2 ~ 27 Toothbrushes
Grade 3 ~ 14 Deodorants
Grade 4 ~ 30 Rolls of toilet tissue
Grade 5 ~ 6 Boxes of Q-tips
Grade 6 ~ 46 Lip balms
Grade 7 ~ 2 Boxes of tissues
Grade 8 ~ 12 Bottles of shampoo/conditioner
Grade 9/10 ~ 9 Bottles of hand lotion

Thank you to all who participated

Faith Formation Advent Project

We are asking each student to do a chore at home to
earn 50¢ to bring in as a donation.
If each student does this, the total will be \$72.00
Which will be used to purchase items listed on a
card from the Angel Tree.
Once again, thank you. It's great to be able to help
those less fortunate than us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Fiesta

Will be held on December 12th
The Mass will begin at 7PM and a Fiesta will follow.
If you would like to help set up for this celebration, or
help serve food & beverages at the fiesta
Please contact Claudia Sadowski (219-869-8570)
All are welcome!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP from LAST WEEK

Weekly Envelopes: \$3,574.50 Loose Cash: \$409.26
Building Fund: \$10.00 Children: \$23.00
Good Samaritan: \$21.00 All Saints Day: \$10.00
In Thanksgiving \$1676.06 CCHD: \$458.08
Candle Money \$54.75

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 6,236.65