



Sacred Heart PARISH

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The days are
coming when I will
raise up for David
a just shoot
and he shall do
what is right and just
in the land.

The LORD is our
JUSTICE.

First Sunday
of Advent

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls!

TRUSTEES

Anita Stoering & Jeff Voit

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joe Foster, Paul Fread, Fred Haack, Lisa Hahn,
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LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS

Faith Formation — Fred Haack
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
(The Parish Office is closed on Holy Days of Obligation)

PARISH STAFF

Located at Church 251-8115

Father Ronald Weyrens, Pastor (Ext. *812)
Joan Krause, Director of Faith Formation (Ext. *818)
JoAnn Mo, Secretary (Ext. *814)
Maureen Otremba, Pastoral Minister (Ext. *817)
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Robert Zawacki, Business Manager (Ext. *811)

Gerry Kittok, Confirmation (251-2872, Ext. 8)
Patrick Flynn, Youth Minister (293-7988)

Located at School 251-2854

Erin Hattestad, School Principal
Julie Schmid, School Office
Jim Storms, Maintenance
David Walker, Custodian

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday ----- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ----- 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. Mass interpreted for hearing impaired
Weekdays ----- Variable; see inside of bulletin for details
Holy Days ----- consult bulletin

BAPTISMS

Pre-Baptism classes, 1st Thursday every other month at
7:00 p.m. in the church (pre-registration requested).

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in
advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the office to set up an appointment for registering.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday—3:30 p.m. (other times by appointment)

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, SAUK RAPIDS

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30, Andrew, apostle

8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, December 1, Advent Weekday

6:00 pm †J. B. Vouk

Wednesday, December 2, Advent Weekday

8:00 am †Lloyd Rosa

Thursday, December 3, Francis Xavier, priest

9:00 am †John Janson

2:00 pm †Marcella Deppa (at Good Shepherd)

Friday, December 4, Advent Weekday

8:00 am †Richard Robinson

Sunday Eucharist, December 5-6, Second

Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 pm †Theresa Tschida

†Caroline Brink

Sunday 8:00 am †Alphonse & Adeline

Kuechle

10:00 am -For the Parish

6:00 pm (at St. Mary's Cathedral)

"Stewardship as a way of life"



Be the "Heart"
of Sacred Heart!

As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in loving justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

Talent, Time & Treasure

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

God has given each of us some special abilities. It is important that we use them to help one another, passing onto others the many blessings that God has given us.

Income for the week ending **November 22, 2009**

Adult Collection.....	15,613.75
Children/Youth	54.77
Loose Collection.....	410.71
Improvements	25.00
Holy Days	25.00
Campaign for Human Development	832.00

Readings for the Week of November 29

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

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

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Advent Vespers



Sacred Heart Parish & St. Mary's Cathedral will be working together to provide for **Advent Vespers**. Vespers will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral at 4 pm on the Sundays of Advent. Sacred Heart will be providing ministers on December 6th and December 20th. If you would like to help please sign up in the sacristy.

St. Monica's Bake/Craft Sale

St. Monica's Society will be having their annual Bake & Craft Sale on December 5 and 6 in the Gathering Space. Any donation of baked goods or craft items will be appreciated. There will also be a quilt raffle associated with the bake sale.



Eucharistic Adoration



Participate in **Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, December 4 (First Friday)** by spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in silent prayer from 6:30 until 11:30 am. Please pray for the needs and people of our parish.

Turkey Cards



As we have done in the past, Sacred Heart is again collecting Coborn's turkey cards (both full and partially stamped) or Coborn's receipts to donate to Catholic Charities. Please drop in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office by November 30. Thank you!!!

Baptism Preparation



The next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Thursday, December 3** at 7:00 pm at church. If you have not taken this class in the last three years, please plan on attending this 1 1/2 hour class prior to the birth of your child. Call the Parish Office at 251-8115 to register. Please plan accordingly. Please do not bring your children.

Advent Giving Tree



The Catholic Aid Association is coordinating the Giving Tree which is set up in the Gathering Space. These gifts will benefit several local organizations. If you take a tag, please write your name and phone number next to the tag number in the notebook by the tree. Please return your gift **UNWRAPPED** with the tag attached by Sunday, December 13. Thank you.

Please patronize those businesses which advertise on the back of our bulletin!!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: Happy New Year! As we gather on this First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new church year. For those who attended our November Journey in Faith event, it is time to take out the home packet material. Also consider taking part in Advent Vespers at St. Mary's Cathedral. This Advent prayer service is joint project of our parish, as well as, St. Mary's, St. Augustine's, and the Newman Center.

Throughout the coming year Luke's Gospel will be highlighted. Lawrence Mick writes, "Luke's Gospel is often called the Gospel of the poor, because he seems to pay special attention to the outcast and the needy. It is also called the Gospel of prayer, for he often shows Jesus at prayer. It is called the Gospel of women, because more than the other Gospels, he relates events and parables involving women. It is called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, because Luke frequently notes the action of the Spirit. It is called the Gospel of compassion, because Luke emphasizes God's compassion and care for God's people. It is called the Gospel of forgiveness, because Luke stresses God's mercy toward repentant sinners. Finally, it is called the Gospel of Jerusalem, because it begins in the temple and concludes in Jerusalem; the Acts of the Apostles, also attributed to Luke, then begins in Jerusalem, from which the Gospel is spread throughout the whole world." (*November 2009, Celebration, p.23, The National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company, Kansas City, MO.*)

Have a peace filled week and blessings on your Advent Journey.
Ron

Eternal Rest



Eternal Rest Grant Unto
**MARCELLA DEPPA
AND
DONALD LENZEN**

who were called home to be with our Heavenly Father. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

RCIA

There is no RCIA session this weekend. Our next session is December 6 at 7pm at the Janson House (yellow brick house next to our parking lot). RCIA is for those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult. Contact Fr. Ron for more information.

St. Monica's Society

St. Monica's Society will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space. This meeting is our annual Baby Jesus Shower and pot luck.

Liturgy

Liturgical Ministers please check your e-mail and/or the Gathering Space for your new schedules.

Homebound Eucharistic Minister meeting: Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm at the church. This meeting is for those who bring communion to homes, apartments, Good Shepherd or Ridgeview Place. We will be taking some time to get to know the new ministers, review procedures, complete misconduct training (if not already done for 2010), and you will receive your 2010 schedules. Please call Sarah if you have any questions.

Safety Awareness; Medical and Safety Issues in Church Ministry Workshop. When do you call 911? What should you do if there is a public disturbance during Mass? These are some of the issues that will be discussed on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the Church of Saint Anthony, 2405 N 1st Street, St. Cloud, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bring your questions! This workshop is for ushers, parish nurses and anyone who would like to learn more about medical and security issues in their parish. There will be presentations by a nurse and a police officer and time to ask questions and share solutions based on your own experiences in the parish. There is no cost to attend one of these workshops. Please contact Anita Fischer in the Office of Worship to pre-register for one of these workshops so that we can prepare enough materials for everyone: Email: afischer@gw.stcdio.org or phone 255-9068.

Widow/Widowers Support Group

The Widow/Widowers Support Group will meet in the Gathering Space on Wednesday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m. to work on Prayer Blankets. All widows and widowers are invited to attend.

Music Notes

The Parish Children's Choir will join the Sacred Heart School Children's Choir to sing at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, December 2 at 4:30pm in the Church. All 2nd-6th graders are invited to participate. Please contact Beth at the Parish Office if you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions.



The **Festival Choir** will be singing at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass as well as the 9:30am Christmas Day Mass. If you are interested in participating in either of these Masses, we will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, December 2nd from 7:00-8:00pm. Please contact Beth with your interest or if you have any questions.

Sacred Heart is in need of a parish host/hostess for funeral lunches. Please call 251-8115 if you can help.

Faith Formation



TODAY THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT BEGINS. What are you planning to do this week to prepare for the coming of the Messiah? What will you do less of? What will you do more of? If you are looking for a good book, see the recommended reading list on the "Take Home" table in the Gathering Space.

THE "LIVE IT" GROUP will have a service project night on Wednesday, December 2nd at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home. All grade 5-8 students who wish to participate are welcome. Students should meet in the dining room of the Shepherd Oak Apartments, 310 13th Street North, Sauk Rapids, at 6:30 p.m. and be picked up at 7:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to participate, also. Contact Robin Thorson, 255-5406, for more information.

Journey In Faith Gatherings for December will be Sunday, Dec. 13, Wednesday, Dec. 16, and Thursday, Dec. 17. We will focus on the Incarnation as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. If you have not registered for faith formation or want to register for just December, complete a registration form that can be found in the kiosk or on the parish web site. If you need to attend a day other than the one you registered for, contact Joan in the Parish Office.

PARENTS OF 2ND AND 3RD GRADE CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION, who did not attend one of the parent meetings, need to contact Joan in the Parish Office.

Youth Ministry Notes (from Patrick)



6th, 7th, and 8th graders!! LOCK-OUT! You have perhaps heard of a lock-in, well this is a Lock-out. You're invited to join us for over 5 hours of fun on Friday, December 4th from 6:30-midnight at St. Cloud State. Bowling, basketball, ultimate frisbee, billiards, rock-climbing (I'm tired already!), and pizza are all on the menu. The cost is \$15 for everything. Grab a friend (not literally) and sign up soon! There are a limited number of spots.

Youth Group: Just stop by and hang out with us. No sign-up or joining is necessary. The next Youth Group gathering will be December 2nd from 7:00-8:00 pm at the Church. Hope to see you there!

Concert! Ya, that's right. We're going to a concert on Saturday, December 5th in St. Paul. Steve Angrisano is the artist and he is excellent. Cost is \$8. We only have a few tickets, so let me know if you want more information.

If you would like to keep updated about youth ministry stuff via email, send an email to me (Patrick Flynn) at pflynn@csbsju.edu or give me a call at 293-7988.

School News



Looking for an easy way to do your holiday shopping? Avoid multiple stops at stores and restaurants. **Order SCRIP!** SCRIP certificates are available at the school. Order on Monday and receive your order by Thursday. Call the school office with questions.

No school on Friday, December 4.

Notes of Interest

Theology on Tap meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Granite City in St. Cloud. It is a great opportunity for young Catholic adults to meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives. We hope to connect and get connected to other young people in the area who are looking for a variety of opportunities to grow in faith and camaraderie.

Christmas: A Time for Hopeful Waiting. St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is hosting an Advent Prayer Service on Sunday, December 6th at 6:30 pm.

Bella Voce Consort presents: Advent Lessons & Carols on Friday, December 4 at 7:30pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1111 Cooper Ave. S., St. Cloud. This annual concert includes Renaissance carols, anthems, hymns, and traditional readings for the Advent Season.

A Divine Design: Marriage and Natural Family Planning! Natural Family Planning (NFP) cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. It is effective, healthy, and marriage building. The Billings Ovulation Method of NFP is a natural, highly effective method of postponing or achieving a pregnancy without the use of harmful drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in St. Cloud Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. For more information, or to register, call 320-252-4721.

Holy Spirit KC's All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner, 2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud. Saturday, December 5 from 4:30-7:00pm. Home made meat sauce also available to take home!

Prayer Corner

Please call your Prayer Chain Requests (calling tree) to 251-8961 or 252-3401



If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 251-8115

Katie Blenkush, Sharon Ruhoff Brixius, John Gebhardt, Norbert Notch, Janet Skillingstad and for those who have received prayer blankets.