

## All Saints Church



## Holy Cross Church



## St. Anthony Church



December 5 / 6, 2009

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### Sacramental Life

#### Baptism

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

#### Marriage

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the celebration. Marriage preparation prerequisites must be fulfilled before the celebration of marriage.

#### Reconciliation (Confession)

1st & 3rd Saturday from 3:00-3:45 pm at St. Anthony; 2nd & 5th Saturday from 3:00-3:45 pm at Holy Cross; 4th Saturday from 3:00-3:45 pm at All Saints; (or by appointment).

#### RCIA/RCIA

Those interested in becoming Catholic or wishing to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are asked to call the parish office.

#### Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Rel. Ed. classes at Holy Cross Sunday 9:45 am; Rel. Ed. classes at St. Anthony Sunday 10:00 am; Rel. Ed. classes at All Saints after Sunday Mass (about 11:30 am). The All Saints Teen Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday at 7:00 pm. The St. Anthony Youth Group meets scheduled Sunday evenings at 7-8:30 pm. The Holy Cross High School Group meets Sunday evenings.

#### Pastoral Care / Hospital Visitation

Please contact the parish office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, homebound, or hospitalized and who would appreciate Communion or a pastoral visit.

### LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday • December 5** *Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8*

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Ronald Kenyon by Joan Kenyon

**Sunday • December 6** *Bar 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6*

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Isbon Simmons by Shirley & Dale Clapper

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Lorne Montague by Joan & Jerry Hass

**Monday • December 7** *Is 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26*

5:45 pm Holy Day Mass of Anticipation at **Holy Cross** for Mary Bobnick by The Bobnick Family

**Tuesday • December 8** *Gn 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38*

9:00 am Holy Day Mass at **St. Anthony** for John O'Sullivan by Chuck & Eileen Rankin

5:45 pm Holy Day Mass at **All Saints** for Mary Jane Mikula by Robert & Agnes Zavaski

**Wednesday • December 9** *Is 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Mt 11:28-30*

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Gloria Mendeves by Don & Nan Lisk

**Thursday • December 10** *Is 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1 & 9, 110-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15*

9:30 am NO Mass at **All Saints**

**Friday • December 11** *Is 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mt 11:16-19*

12:00 pm Liturgical Service at **St. Anthony**

**Saturday • December 12** *Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde; Lk 1:26-38*

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pollack by Kay Bishop

**Sunday • December 13** *Zep 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18*

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Leonard & Christopher by Katherine, Allan & Pat Ackley

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Kathleen Brand by Carolyn Montague



## A Note from FR. SCOTT

This Tuesday, December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The United States Bishops have declared the solemnity to be the patronal feast of our country. So Happy Feast Day to us!

It's also a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church (Mass times are listed elsewhere in the bulletin), so the Scripture readings are meant to be heard by all Catholics. Of course, we know they aren't. Church attendance has fallen greatly in the past 50 years. The reasons undoubtedly are many, including busy schedules and, with the priest shortage, limited Mass times. And, of course, secular society with its not-so-objective opinions has given people many reasons not to attend Church. I've discovered that arguing about it doesn't achieve much because the starting points are different. People of faith start with God and our understanding of what God might want from us; secularists start with the human person and what the human person might need; and "never the twain shall meet", as they say.

Actually, I don't like to use the word "never" because God can do the seemingly impossible. And "never" suggests a lack of hope, which goes against who we are as Catholics. So although we may get discouraged with the ways of the world, we don't give up.

The First Reading for the Solemnity is from the Book of Genesis: Adam and Eve have committed the first sin and consequences follow. The pattern has continued unabated throughout human history down to the present complicated day. Sometimes I wonder if God ever intended life to be so complicated! Our computers and cell phones have certainly made some things easier, but they haven't made life less complicated. Every time I try to schedule a meeting with 4, 5 or 6 people (or even just 2!), I run into conflicts—some of the conflicts are my own, of course! We want to do many things and then quickly get overwhelmed by the time commitment. And we all know people who are too busy for Church, maybe even too busy for God. Somehow I don't think that's exactly what God intended.

We can't change the complicated world around us and we do have to live with what is (and we need to fulfill our responsibilities), but that doesn't mean we have to remain overwhelmed by our world. Every day we have the chance to make choices. The choices don't have to be huge and life-changing; they can be pretty simple—a friendly greeting, a listening ear, a helping hand, a moment of prayer, anything that conveys the love of God. If we're too busy to do that, we are too busy.

Like Adam and Eve we can choose to fulfill our self-centered desires, or like Mary we can choose to do what is pleasing to God. It doesn't really change our big and complicated world, but it begins to change the little world around us—and within us.

Have a blessed week...



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### A heart prepared

Complacency is deadly. Bombarded by the mixed messages in today's society, so many of us have just given up. We coast along numbed into rote behavior with our families, our jobs, our faith. We sleep, we eat, we function, but we're barely alive.

Today's Advent message calls us to throw off complacency. We hear John the Baptist's words anew, "prepare the way of the Lord!" Preparation is hard work. It takes self-assessment and self-sacrifice. We must begin in our own hearts, dusting out the cobwebs of indifference, polishing our dulled compassion, repaving the shattered steps of service. Only then can we share in the work of His Kingdom, expecting the day of our Savior's arrival and His great work here on earth.

### FR. SCOTT'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays at St. Anthony 9:30 am—12:00 pm

Wednesdays at Holy Cross 9:30 am—1:00 pm

No Office Hours this Week at All Saints

(Fr. Scott at Diocesan Workshop)

### ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. • Wed. • Thurs. 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Tues. 8:45 am—11:45 am

### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. • Wed. • Thurs. 9:00 am—1:00 pm

### ST. ANTHONY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am—12:30 pm

### ST. ANTHONY DEACON OFFICE HOURS

Saturdays 3-4:00 pm (or by appointment)

### BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

"Prepare the way of the Lord." This is the Gospel message in the second week of Advent. Advent is often characterized as a time of waiting, and waiting is often thought of as a passive stance. But we are called to action in this waiting time. John says we have preparations to make, we have work to do; we have mountains to move and roads to straighten. What are the mountains in the way of justice and peace? Hunger in our community? A 22% adult illiteracy rate in New York State? What are the roads we need to straighten? Can we actively clear the path for immigrants and refugees to be safe and welcome in the community? This Advent can you take, or make, opportunities to prepare the way of the Lord by joining with others to move mountains?



### A VOCATION VIEW

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance, calling the people to prepare the way for the Lord. Every baptized Christian is now called to be a witness for Jesus in our daily lives, encouraging others to live their lives according to the Gospel message. The ordained priesthood provides an opportunity to devote one's entire life to doing that very thing. If you think God may be asking you to spend your life as an ordained priest, talk it over with someone. Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness** at 585-461-2890 or [vocations@dor.org](mailto:vocations@dor.org) or visit our website at [www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations)

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### DEC. 8

*"You will find Mary within the whole of the Christian mystery, for devotion to her is not an end in itself. But the main road leading to Christ, to the glory of God, and to love of the church."*  
Pope Paul VI

# ST. ANTHONY NEWS

<b>Sunday, Dec. 6</b>	First Reconciliation 3pm
<b>Monday, Dec. 7</b>	Holy Day Mass @ H.C. 5:45pm
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 8</b>	Holy Day Mass @ St.A. 9am Holy Day Mass @ A.S. 5:45pm Finance Chairs Mtg. @ St.A. 7:30pm
<b>Saturday, Dec. 12</b>	Confessions @ H.C. 3-3:45pm Fair Trade Sales @ St.A. after Mass
<b>Sunday, Dec. 13</b>	<b>Giving Tree Gifts Due</b>

## COMMUNITY CHOIR CANTATA

*Putting Christ Back into Christmas!*

Performances: **Dec. 5** at 7pm at Assembly of God; **Dec. 6** at 3pm at Groton Community Church; or an abridged performance on **Dec. 17** at 7pm at our community holiday event downtown (at the old Smith Corona area beside the gas station).

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, you may place your contribution in a marked envelope in the collection basket. A full list will appear in the December 26/27 Bulletin.

## GROTON NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

*Here's another opportunity to hone your baking skills!!*

Again this year, we would like to take cookie platters to Catholic residents at the Nursing Home. We will be assembling and delivering the cookies during the week of Dec. 14 (watch for exact date). We would appreciate your donations of baked goods.

**LAP BLANKETS**—If you have made a lap blanket for a Nursing Home resident, we will be delivering them along with the cookie platters during the third week of December. Blankets may be dropped off at our Parish Office on a weekday morning (Mon-Thur).

**2010 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** — Please pick up your boxed set of offertory envelopes in the vestibule.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday, December 12 4:30 pm	
<b>Greeters</b>	Sue Moffitt Fran Sovocool
<b>Lectors</b>	Howard Bonavia Nate Wannall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Mikayla Perkins Helena Rankin
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Linda Bonavia Rich Morse
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Lyndaker Family
<b>Cantor</b>	Darrell Brown
<b>Nurs. Home Dec. 13</b>	None Needed
<b>Counters Dec. 14</b>	Gerry Randolph Irene Gutches

**SHARE THE WARMTH**

Our annual collection for warm outer-wear and blankets is now taking place. We ask that your donations be in good shape and freshly laundered. Items will be distributed through Catholic Charities.



## STEWARDSHIP

### November 29, 2009 Offering (Week 22)

Envelopes (55):	\$ 1,360.00
Loose:	\$ 181.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,541.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly Goal:	\$ 2,100.00
Catholic Univ. of Amer.:	\$ 167.00

Thank you for your generous support!

## FULFILLING GOD'S WISH — FIRST SATURDAY

The Rosary for **Peace** was one of the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. Please come and pray the Rosary with us immediately after Mass today for **peace** in the world.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the CHURCH

burns in loving memory of  
**DICK BISHOP**  
(requested by Kay Bishop)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**THANK YOU** to the **Knights of Columbus Council 277**, who donated \$500 to St. Anthony Church to help defray the cost of our Missalettes.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" magnets as a fundraiser after Mass next weekend. It is a great way to spread an important message as we enter the Christmas season. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. The size of the magnet is 6.25 inches by 7 inches. The cost is **\$5.00**.

## ENSURING SECURITY

If you are exiting the church after the main doors have already been locked, **DO NOT UNLOCK** them. Please leave through one of the side doors instead. We all must help in the security of our church.

## THE GIVING TREE

We still have a few tags available on our Giving Tree. Please wrap your gifts and securely tape the tag to the outside of the package(s). All gifts should be returned under the tree by **Dec. 13** (Gaudete Sunday). Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping to make Christmas more joyful for those less fortunate in our community.

## SINGING AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

**Practice continues** (immediately after Mass) through Dec. 19 for any students who will be singing at Mass on Christmas Eve.

## YOUTH FUNDRAISER — BEEF RAFFLE

Just in Time for Christmas! The Morse Family (Tim, Jackie and Nate) have generously donated a side of fresh beef (about 175 lbs.) from their farm for us to raffle. Tickets are on sale after Mass. \$20 each or three for \$50.



# CLUSTER NEWS

## CONSOLIDATION UPDATE

As we consider the process of consolidation, we hope to answer some of the questions raised earlier this fall at the listening sessions. At each individual session, there were a couple of unique concerns, but by and large, similar questions were asked.

One of the questions was: How will it work with the trustees? Currently, there are two for each parish. How many will we have?

Each parish within the diocese of Rochester is a separate corporation. New York State law requires that each corporation have a Board of Trustees; the Diocese of Rochester follows civil law. The Board is made up of the Bishop (president), the Vicar General (vice-president), the Pastor (secretary-treasurer) and two lay Trustees, who are elected by the three officers.

Lay trustees must be citizens of the U.S., over 21 years of age, fully initiated, practicing Catholics with active membership in the parish, and capable and willing to fulfill the duties of lay trustees, whose duty it is to care for the temporal goods of the parish, making sure that those goods are used wisely in the best interests of the entire parish. It is expected that a trustee will serve on either the pastoral council or the finance council, ex-officio. The role of trustee is explained further on the diocesan web site ([www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org)) under "Parish Finance Council Guidelines."

So in creating a new parish corporation through consolidation, we will have two lay trustees. Their role is not to protect the interests of any particular site, but of the parish in its entirety.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

### Holy Day of Obligation — December 8

Monday, Dec. 7 Mass of Anticipation @ Holy Cross 5:45pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 8 Mass @ St. Anthony 9:00am  
Tuesday, Dec. 8 Mass @ All Saints 5:45pm

**THE MAGNIFICAT**— Join us at All Saints on Sunday afternoon, December 13, at 3pm for an exploration of Mary's answer to God's call. The Magnificat is one of the most beautiful of the canticles from the New Testament. This afternoon of prayer and reflection to God's call is open to all and free of charge!

### Second Sunday of Advent

*This Sunday's gospel reading has John the Baptist calling out in the desert to prepare the way of the Lord. It is the same one who Paul describes in the second reading as having begun a good work in us and will continue to complete it.*



Paul challenges me to remember that "the one who began a good work" in me "will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." So often I think that my preparation for the coming of the kingdom is my work, when in reality I am participating in the work of God. It is bigger than my work alone, which is part of a plan that I do not control and may not understand. There is freedom in that knowledge, if only I can let go enough to enjoy it! **How can I let go and live as a part of a plan that is bigger than me?**

dear Padre,

### What is a Jesse tree?

*My sister has a Jesse tree in her home every year. Is that OK, or are they supposed to only be in churches? Noah*

Dear Noah,

A Jesse tree is a great way to celebrate the season of Advent. The tree takes its name from Jesus' ancestor Jesse, who is mentioned in Jesus' genealogy in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel.

Jesse was the father of King David. Long after King David's royal house had started to fall into trouble, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (Isaiah 11:1). We Christians have long understood this verse as applying to Jesus, our long promised Messiah, the Lord whose coming would be the fulfillment of all Old Testament prophesy.

Jesse trees can take all sorts of shapes and sizes, and they can be real trees, drawings, or banners. But no matter what, they are means for recalling the story of salvation and the promises of God fulfilled in Christ's coming.

Jesse trees can be set up at home or in a church. Typically a family or a parish community decorates their Jesse tree gradually throughout the season of Advent. Daily or weekly, they add to the branches lines from sacred Scripture or symbols of verses and stories that tell the tale of Jesus' ancestors and of God's preparation of his people for the coming of Christ.

*Matthew Allman, C.Ss.R.*

**ADVENT PRAYER AIDS** — Please take a few minutes a day to use the prayer aids (located in the back of your church or parish center) and grow closer to the Lord before Christmas.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** — The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" magnets as a fundraiser at **All Saints, Holy Cross & St. Anthony's Church** on the weekend of **December 12 & 13**. It is a great way to spread an important message as we enter the Christmas season. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. The size of the magnet is 6.25 inches by 7 inches. The cost is **\$5.00**. They will be available after **Mass**. For more information contact: **All Saints** (Norman Wheeler, 257-7375), **Holy Cross** (Joseph Amore, 898-3760), **St. Anthony's** (Anthony Astarita, 838-3300). Thank you for your interest.



### TRAVELING CHALICE

The Cluster Vocation Committee invites you to sign up for the "Traveling Chalice" program. Look for the sign-up sheet, and do your part to help with the priest shortage.

### Save the Date: ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, Dec. 15 7:15pm at All Saints Church

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Dec. 24** 4:00pm @ Holy Cross  
6:00pm @ St. Anthony (note new time)  
6:00pm @ All Saints  
9:00pm @ All Saints  
Midnight @ Holy Cross  
**Dec. 25** 10:00am @ St. Anthony

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, Dec. 6</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent Alternative Gift Fair @ coffee hour Teen Group 7pm
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 8</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception of Mary</b> No Morning Liturgical Service Children's Choir 3:30pm <b>Holy Day Mass 5:45pm</b> Dish-to-Pass Supper following Mass Finance Chairs Mtg. @ St.A. 7:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 9</b>	NO Mass
<b>Thursday, Dec. 10</b>	NO Mass
<b>Saturday, Dec. 12</b>	Teen Group Bell Ringing @ Northside Liquors 12-4pm Confessions @ H.C. 3-3:45pm
<b>Sunday, Dec. 13</b>	Giving Tree Gifts Due!

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**GIVING TREE** — In the lobby of the parish center there is a tree covered with tags indicating gift items for those less fortunate. Please take a tag, enter it on the pad on the table, and return the **wrapped gift** with the **tag on the outside** no later than **Sunday, December 13**. The gifts will be distributed on Monday, Dec. 14, by the Lansing Food Pantry. There are still quite a few tags on the tree, so please take as many as your family feels it can fulfill!

The **ANNUAL MEETING** for the **All Saints Parish Corporation** will take place on Monday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at All Saints.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE Sunday, Dec. 13 10:30 am	
<b>Lectors</b>	Ellen Palladino Ed Pasto
<b>Cantor</b>	
<b>Host</b>	Joan Hass
Choir	Christine Hass
<b>Cup</b>	Jerry Hass
	Anne Drake
Choir	Valerie Kuromoto Dave Lippert
<b>Altar Servers</b> (Training)	(C) Madeline Boerman (A) Cameron Hass Caroline Dennis
<b>Ushers</b>	Andrew Barber Lizzy Barrett Julie Berens Joshua Dennis
<b>Nursery</b>	Lana Romano Taylor MacKenzie
<b>Coffee Hr.</b>	Gisler

## GIVING THANKS

To Julie Crowley of Triphammer Wines & Spirits / Ithaca Coffee Company for her generous donation throughout the year of our altar wine, and to Michaleen Herzog of Michaleen's Florist & Garden Center for most of our altar flower arrangements, including the spectacular Christmas and Easter displays.



**ALL SAINTS STEWARDSHIP** — November 29: \$ 2,225.00

## HEAVENLY BAKERS BAKE SALE DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

If you missed your chance before Thanksgiving, or just want more of those wonderful baked goods, be sure to come to the Heavenly Bakers last sale of the year December 21<sup>st</sup>. Bakers, you have until the 20<sup>th</sup> to bake up a storm! Company coming for Christmas? We'll have you covered with cookies, cakes, pies, breads, Marie Romano's famous Gingerbread Houses and more! **Sat., Dec 22, 11am-2pm.**

### CMA

**Goal:** \$11,749

**Donors:** 48

**Pledged:** \$13,100

**% of goal:** 111.50%

## PINK FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES

Among the envelopes in your stewardship boxes are pink ones with "Flower Donation" printed on them. Although Michaleen's generously donates most of our altar flowers, including Christmas and Easter, we send flowering plants throughout the year to anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound, recovering from surgery or bereaved and to the elderly and homebound at Christmastime. The flower donations pay for those flowers and additional items for the altar displays when needed. If you would like to donate to the flower fund in memory of someone, be sure to write the name of the person in whose memory you are donating on the outside of the pink envelope (a list will be published in a later bulletin). Thank you! Your flower donation dollars bring a lot of cheer throughout the year!

## TEEN GROUP NEWS

### • ADVENT PROJECT

Each Sunday in Advent, there will be a slide show in the narthex as you enter the church. These are photographs the teens have taken that were inspired by the day's Gospel reading. The slide show will change each Sunday.

### • BELL RINGING

December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm the teen group will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army, first at Northside Liquors on the 12<sup>th</sup> then TOPS Market on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### • MEETING TONIGHT

Bring 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week photos, and be prepared to sign up for bell ringing! We also want to plan a singing trip to the Reconstruction Home in Ithaca, and AnnMarie needs some volunteers to help do some painting and things in the office during the school break.

## ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR TODAY — DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

Come to our Alternative Gift Fair after Mass on December 6<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour. Some *Work of Human Hands* items may be available.

## MUSIC FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

It's that time again! If you would like to join the choir for Christmas, we meet on Wednesday evenings 7:30-9pm.

Anybody who plays an instrument and who wants to play on Christmas Eve needs to contact me so we can set some things up!

It's best to e-mail me at [dalsen@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dalsen@twcny.rr.com). You can also reach me at 342-1004. I look forward to hearing from you! *Doreen*

# HOLY CROSS NEWS

## MEETINGS / CLASSES/ SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>Sunday, Dec. 6</b> 9:45 am	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Religious Ed., Sprouts – MS Coffee Hour Work of Human Hands Sale
3:00 pm	First Reconciliation Service @ St.A.
7:00 pm	Youth Group
<b>Monday, Dec. 7</b> 5:45-6:45 pm	<b>No 9am Liturgical Service</b> Jazzercise
5:45 pm	Vigil Mass @ H.C.
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 8</b> 9:00 am	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Holy Day Mass @ St.A.
5:45 pm	Holy Day Mass @ A.S.
7:30 pm	Finance Chairs Mtg. @ St.A.
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 9</b> 9:45 am	Advent Program #3 @ H.C.
<b>Thursday, Dec. 10</b> 6-8 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Saturday, Dec. 12</b> 3-3:45 pm	Confessions @ H.C.
7:00 pm	Bingo, Team D
<b>Sunday, Dec. 13</b> 9:45 am	<b>Christmas Basket Collection</b> <b>Giving Tree Gifts Due</b> Religious Ed, Sprouts – MS
10-11:30 am	Advent (Christmas) Party
11 am – 3 pm	Youth Group Bell Ringing
3 pm	Advent <i>Magnificat</i> @ A.S.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Lloyd Kimmich, Vinnie Adinolfi, Russ Kowalski, Pat Foley, Marion Witko, Jim Swinnich, Gary Vrabel, Mary Falise, John Steele, Sunhee Schickel, Phyllis Campbell, Charles Walsh, Paul Conklin, Gordon Gladden, Ethel Thomas, Leah Mayor, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Jocelyn Woods, and Amy Grosser.

*Please keep our area servicemen and women in your prayers.*

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS CHOIR

Calling all youth singers! Would you like to sing a song (or two) during the Children's Christmas Eve Mass? Let Lacy Park or Barb lvers know if you would like to sing. We will practice after Mass.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Sunday, December 13 8:30 am	
<b>Greeters</b>	Andrew Schug Barney Schug
<b>Lectors</b>	Lisa Schug Rosemary Collins
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Joseph Rachetta Steven Rachetta
<b>Host</b>	Rhonda Kowalski-Oltz Carroll MacDowell
<b>Cup</b>	Nan Lisk Deacon George Kristen Bouffard Tony Salerno
<b>Oak Hill</b>	Mass on Monday, 1:30

### CMA

**Goal:**  
\$14,704

**Pledges**  
\$ 10,655

**Donors:**  
64

**% of Goal:**  
72.53%

### 15 WEEK CLUB

Only ten days remain to join the "15 Week Club" and be part of the fun. You have to be in it to win it!

### OUR GOAL is to be a parish of tithers ...

Weekly offerings to meet expenses:	\$ 2,700.00
Offerings week of 11/22:	2,290.00
Offerings week of 11/29:	2,543.58
Offerings needed July 1 to now:	59,400.00
Actual offerings received since July 1:	56,856.54
Difference for the year to date:	(2,543.46)
Tithing Account balance:	952.88

### CHILDREN'S ADVENT (Christmas) PARTY

... is scheduled for Sunday, December 13 from 10-11:30am in Cleary Hall. Parents—we are asking for help with food and other goodies. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to help out. Thanks!

### WEB — Weekend Back Pack Collection

For the month of **December**, we will be collecting **granola bars**. Collection bins will be at the back of the Church. Thank you.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" magnets as a fundraiser after Mass next weekend. It is a great way to spread an important message as we enter the Christmas season. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. The size of the magnet is 6.25 inches by 7 inches. The cost is **\$5.00**.

### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Thank you for the non-perishable food that is accumulating in the back of church. The collection continues until Dec. 20.

Each child has 2 tags on the tree each with different suggestions. You are welcome to take more than one tag especially if there are tags left after the first weekend. Please do not wrap the gifts that you buy, we will provide wrapping paper so the parents can wrap the presents themselves. *Please return the gifts by Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> so we know all the gifts are ready for the 20<sup>th</sup> and do not have to shop for replacements.*

We will pack and deliver the baskets on December 20 after Mass. The Middle School Rel. Ed. students will be packing the food and the High School students will be organizing the gifts. We will need adults to help with packing and delivery. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping these families.

**CHRISTMAS BASKET COLLECTION** will take place next weekend to support the Christmas Basket program for the purchase of meat and fresh produce and perishables. Please remember your neighbors who are in need this holiday season.

**QUILT RAFFLE** — The Holy Cross Parish Quilters have completed their quilt "**A Time for Every Season Under Heaven.**" It is hanging in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. They are available at the parish office or from members of the Holy Cross Parish Quilters.

### HOLY CROSS CRAFT FAIR / BAKE SALE

The second annual Holy Cross Church Harvest Blessing Craft Fair and Bake Sale was a great success. Total funds generated equals \$1,130.50 (\$489.50 for the craft fair and \$641.00 for the bake sale). Thank you to all those who helped! Please consider joining the planning team to make next year's event even better. Call Susan Adams at 898-2055.