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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 AM Steve Kondrcek
9:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM W. Michael "Mickey" Franczak

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 AM Holy Souls in purgatory

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM Mickey Cicini

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM Madeline Weaver

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM Holy Souls in purgatory

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 AM All Souls Intentions

4:30 PM Donald Woodring

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 AM Catherine Sosky

9:30 AM People of the Parish

12:30 PM Margarite Mazurana (Hispanic Mass)

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Irene Ewashko.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Dorothy Troiani, requested by Paul & Terry.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Mary Emma Yohey.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of William "Bill" Gray requested by wife, Ann.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of William Robison given by his wife, Mary.

THE BIBLE STUDY/SHARING of our parish has contributed toward the January "Living Faith" pamphlet in **memory of John Kertesz** who was an active member.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the

Thanksgiving Food Drive! Your generosity filled two heaping truck loads traveling to the food cupboard of which were over 1200 canned items and 49 jars of peanut butter! You have truly responded to our Lord's call: "When I was hungry you gave me to eat"



First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

— *Matthew 24:44*

Due to bulletin deadlines our Parish Support will be reported at a later date.

The additional offering next week will be a diocesan collection for our Retired Religious.

Thank you for your generosity

LENTEN APPEAL payment for December is now due. All pledge payments for the 2013 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal must be received at the Diocese no later than Monday, December 30, 2013 to guarantee a 2013 federal tax credit.

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

NO BIBLE STUDY MONTH OF DECEMBER.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: 3:45 to 4:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

CCW MEETING 6.00 PM in the meeting room.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL: 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

CCD CLASSES IN SESSION

10:40 AM to 11:55 AM

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;
World AIDS Awareness Day
- Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
- Wednesday: St. John Damascene
- Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, December 8, 2013

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, B&D DeLuca, Panzak
Lector: H Woodeshick
Altar Servers: 4
Greeters: Panzak & Rinehimer

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Troiani, Wolfe, E Canouse
Lector: Wark
Altar Servers: 5
Greeters: Becker & Evans

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Marston, Pierce, Czajkowski
Lector: Ferentz
Altar Servers: 6
Greeters: P & J Kachurka



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday, December 9 this year.

Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

JESUS IS THE REASON

In today's world Christmas starts at Thanksgiving and ends on December 25, but the Church emphasizes this time as Advent, the season of expectation, when we prepare our hearts and lives for the Lord's coming at Christmas. You may already have such customs in your household as an Advent wreath, a Jesse tree, a manger scene, or special devotions. A German tradition called *Kristkindl* ("Christ child") involves a family passing a bowl around with each person taking a rolled-up slip of paper with a family member's name on it. For the rest of Advent that person is your *Kristkindl*, and you do a good deed for them every day, but in secret! Even young children can participate. You prepare to serve Christ by serving your *Kristkindl*: pray for them, save money to send to a good cause in their name, donate gifts to a shelter, do extra chores, or adopt a needy family.



TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

GETTING READY

Today marks the beginning of another liturgical year. The tone of today's readings casts us in the role of students learning solemn lessons. The reading from Isaiah sets the stage, calling us up a mountain to receive the Lord's instruction. In this passage we study peace.

Then Paul steps forth with sober admonitions. We have to wake up; the day is almost here. Live honorably in the light. Paul reminds us that we really do know the time in which we are living.

Finally, Matthew presents Jesus the storyteller. Just imagine, Jesus tells us, what it was like in Noah's time. He paints a vivid picture of ordinary people living ordinary lives and ignoring the warnings that Noah heeded. Totally unconcerned, they were destroyed. How will it be any different for us? No one knows when the Lord will come. But we have been warned.

Perhaps we find such sobering scriptures unappealing and threatening. But within them there is promise. We are to live in the light with nothing to hide. We are to be ready.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"People in love make signs of love," wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love's vitality.

A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ's love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history. They are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded.

For the next year of "Treasure" essays, we will explore the story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter him, the companion on our journey who loves us and faithfully makes signs of that love.

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