

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2009

Mass intentions may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. They will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

MONDAY, Dec. 14 – Saint John of the Cross,
priest and doctor of the Church

Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Mt 21:23-27

8:00 am – RL † Louise Deppiessie (RF)

TUESDAY, Dec. 15 – Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel – Uselding/Wester Families (GG)

8:00 am – RL † Leon & Bernice Deppiessie (RF)

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16 – Advent Weekday

Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23

8:00 am – RL † Albert & Regina Nett (RF)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC – Living & Deceased of the Parish and
† Elmer Wellenstein (GG)

THURSDAY, Dec. 17 – Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Harvey Thill (RF)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC – Respect for Life (GG)

FRIDAY, Dec. 18 – Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Sigfried Primas (RF)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Mary F. Falsetti (GG)

SATURDAY, Dec. 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

**4:30 pm – Dacada – Liv/Dec Members of the Parish, † Lawrence
Feyereisen & Dec. Members of the Feyereisen Family (RF)**

**7:30 pm – HR, St. Rose Chapel – For Our Parishioners and
† Terry Plzak (GG)**

SUNDAY, Dec. 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Brad Lukens, † Elmer Wellenstein (GG)

9:30 am – Holy Cross Chapel – For our Parishioners and
† the Dec. of the Folz Family (JE)

10:00 am – RL † Florence Sabec, † Joseph Birenbaum (GG)

11:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Chuck Bramm (RF)

Confession Times – Saturday afternoon at St. Nicholas, Dacada from 3:45-4:15 p.m. Saturday evening at St. Rose, Fredonia from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Sunday morning at St. Mary, Lake Church following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Special arrangements can be made with either priest.

Question of the Week: Key Passage – Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4-5) **Adult** – To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week? **Child** – What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?

For the month of December, the **Human Concerns** committee is collecting cranberries, canned vegetables and bar soap for the Food Pantry. Please drop off items in the back of church on any weekend. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES are on Tues., Dec. 15th at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross Chapel and on Wed., Dec. 16th at 7:00 PM at Lake Church. Both services will begin with a Scripture preparation followed by the opportunity for individual Confessions.

INCLEMENT WEATHER – Our Lady of the Lakes has a Policy for cancellations due to bad weather: Weekdays – If our school is closed or on a 2 hour delay, then there will be no 8:00 AM Mass at our Random Lake chapel; Weekends – Please watch Channel 4, 6, or 12 to see if weekend Masses have been cancelled.

Liturgical Ministers

Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve in your ministry on your assigned day. If you are no longer able to serve the church in this manner, please contact the parish office at 994-4380 or email rascos@archmil.org. Thank you!

Dacada 4:30 pm (12/19) Servers: Hannah & RJ Leider

Lector: Agnes Leider

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Laura Feider,

Leon Jacoby, Richard Sawinski, Bonnie Steffen

Ministers of Hospitality: Elroy Feider, Peter Feider

RL 10:00 am (12/20) Servers: Francesca Sanfelippo, Ben Verhage

Lector: Mary Verhage

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Peter & Kris Bemis,

Vicki Depies, Marilyn Sabec

Ministers of Hospitality: Andy Pohl, Dan Pohl, Mickey Sabec,

Mike Scholler

We pray for the improved health of... David Moller, Joe/Donna Moller, Roland Klas, Mardell Binder, Don Dressel, Gladys Hagel, Regina Steffen, Brian Ramel, Kathleen Medinger, Fanny Watry, Tom Fitzpatrick, Pat Morgan, Gerald Beck

Our Lady of the Lakes Stewardship Report – Nov. 29, 2009

Offertory Collection: \$288.46

Church Support Received: \$ 10,462.50

Need weekly to meet budget: \$ 5,750.00

Over \$ 4,712.50

Total Rcvd. 7/1/09-12/6/09: \$ 113,999.47

Total needed to meet budget: \$ 132,250.00

Short (\$ 18,250.53)

Minimum financial support requested is as follows:

Married Couples: \$20.00 per week

Single & Mixed Religion Marriages: \$10.50 per week

*or **Tithe** – you can join the growing number of parishioners who tithe and give 5% of their gross income. **If you cannot give the requested amount, we ask that you give what you can.**

ATTENTION CHRISTIAN WOMEN – We need 3-4 women to help with our Holiday Bake Sale after our Masses on Dec. 19-20. If you can help set-up, sell or take down at either Dacada or Random Lake, please call the parish office, 994-4380.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN HOLIDAY BAKE SALE...will be held after Mass on Dec. 19-20. Parishioners are asked to bake Christmas cookies, bars, candy, breads, etc. If you make cookies, please bring 4 doz. Cookies will be sold for \$5.00 per lb. Mix and match what you like to take home a variety. Proceeds are used to purchase needed items for our school kitchen and to support local charities.

Our Lady of the Lakes Holy Name Society...will conduct their annual **Christmas Tree Sale** at the Ja-Bon Dairy Farm, 2047 Jay Rd., Belgium. Balsam and Frasier Fir trees will be available. Sale hours are Sat. & Sun. 9-3. If you purchase a tree we will hold it for you. If you have any questions, you can contact Jeriod or Jeremy at 994-9597.

There will be **Christmas concerts** before each of our Masses on Christmas – 4:30 p.m. prior to the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass, 11:30 p.m. prior to Midnight Mass (come early, the children will be performing on chimes), and 9:30 a.m. prior to 10:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

Christmas Mass Schedule – Cluster Parishes

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM – Holy Cross; 4:30 PM – St. Rose, Fredonia; 5:00 PM – Random Lake; 5:30 PM – Lake Church; Midnight – Dacada; **Christmas Day:** 8:00 AM – Lake Church; 9:30 AM – Holy Cross; 10:00 AM – Random Lake

Please remember that Parish Donations for 2009 need to be in the Parish Office by December 31st.

Monday, December 14 – 6:15 pm – Rosary - RL

- 7 pm – The Shack Book Study – Parish Office

Tuesday, December 15 – 2:00 pm – Mass – Heritage Nursing Home

- 7:00 pm – Communal Penance – Holy Cross
- 7:00 pm – School Committee Mtg.

7:00 pm – Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon – Fredonia (Joe 994-9827)

Wednesday, December 16 – 5:30-7:30 pm – Family Program

- 7:00 pm – Communal Penance – Lake Church

Friday, December 18 – 10:15 am – Mass – Beechwood Rest Home

Saturday, December 19 – Christian Women Cookie Sale – After Mass

Sunday, December 20 – Christian Women Cookie Sale – After Mass

- 6:30 pm – Christmas Concert - School

OLL Football Raffle – Week 13 – Sunday, December 6, 2009

1st Highest - \$300 - 105 pts: Alois Huiras
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2nd Highest - split \$200 - 104 pts: Randy Dippel, Lois Dornacker
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3rd Highest - \$100 - 102 pts: Bruce Welinger
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Lowest Score - \$50 - 26 pts: Amanda Kettenhoven

2nd Lowest - \$25 - 27 pts: Mike Melaney

3rd Lowest - split \$10 - 28 pts: Scott Risch, Kayla Wallner

Youth Choir Practice for Midnight Mass has begun. Please contact Denise Dimmer at 994-9600 for details.

ADVENT TREE – The Advent Giving Tree located in the front of church has ornaments on it with items needed for Mary’s Room in Sheboygan, for OLL Child Care Center and for our local Food Pantry. Mary’s Room helps needy mothers with newborns and toddlers. Please take one or more ornaments after Mass, purchase the listed item and placed it unwrapped under the tree by **Dec. 20th**. Human Concerns will distribute the items. Thank you for your generosity.

As a cost-saving measure, the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass will be moved from St. Nicholas Chapel in Dacada to St. Mary Chapel in Random Lake between Dec. 26, 2009 and April 1, 2010.

Sacristan needed for 4:30 Mass in Random Lake from Dec. 26-March. Training available at your convenience. Call the Parish Office at 994-4380 for details.

BAPTISM CLASS - A baptism class will be held Monday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Office. Call Deb Hamm to register.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers who would like to bring Holy Communion to the residents of Gables on the Pond on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. Call Deb Hamm if you are interested.

Sister Circle Christmas Gathering - Come and join us for a Christmas sing-a-long, fellowship, and refreshments on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 PM, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 420 W. Whitefish Road, Port Washington. All are welcome. The Sister Circle is an ecumenical women’s group. It serves as an opportunity for women in the community to share their faith and support one another.

The **December 19th** Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith episode addresses Advent as the season of preparation and hope. Watch Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith Saturday, December 19 at 11 a.m., on WISN TV 12. Deanne Lowe reflects on the preparation, anticipation and joy related to her experience as a foster parent and adoptive mother. Pius High School Teacher, Peter Reeves, reveals reoccurring themes of transformation and hope in the Christmas films we watch year after year. If you miss a show, every segment is available at www.livingourfaith.net.



The Parish Office will be closed on Dec. 24-25 for Christmas. It will also be closed on Jan. 1st. The **bulletin deadline** for the 12/27 bulletin will be Thurs., Dec. 17th at Noon.

Pastoral Column

In today’s Gospel, we hear John the Baptist encouraging people to share their resources with those who have little or nothing. “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” And “be satisfied with your wages.”

These words are challenging at any time, but in light of today’s economic climate, they challenge us even more. And yet, time and time again, I have seen people display incredible generosity in times of serious economic hardship. I’ve been continually amazed at the kindness of people’s generosity. Advent is a perfect time to ponder John the Baptist’s words of encouraging our generosity. I’ve been contacted by people who wish to anonymously help out families in need. I’ve seen folks go way out of their way to reach out to others who are facing difficult situations.

I’ve also talked to a lot of families these past weeks that are struggling with how to deal with the holidays in the light of today’s economic climate. Some of them have told their children that they can only ask Santa for one gift because there are so many children out there who need more than they do.

I have also been touched by children’s generosity during tough times. Children often “get it” more than we do. I’ve noticed it in my nieces and nephews. A few years ago, I decided that instead of showering them with gifts, I would “adopt” children whose parents are not able to provide the kind of holiday my nieces and nephews receive. I told my nieces and nephews that they wouldn’t be getting the kind of gifts I used to buy them because I was going to help out children with less.

The response? I heard from many of them that they were okay with that as long as I still held my annual “Christmas Craft Day” when all my nieces and nephews are invited for an overnight at my house to make homemade Christmas gifts for parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members. It’s really quite an extravaganza with anywhere from 10-12 children (from 16 years down to little babies) sitting around my dining room table with craft supplies strewn throughout the house making hand-crafted gifts. In between projects, we watch movies, eat, play games, and have fun together. They stay up late and tell stories and I send them home the next day tired, a little crabby perhaps, but with another great memory. That day was more important to them than presents. These young people “got it”. The real meaning of Christmas. Celebrating Christ’s birthday wasn’t about presents and “things”. It’s about love and sharing time with those you love. We can indeed have a wonderful holiday even if we don’t have a lot of financial resources. And those of us who do, can always find ways to share with those who don’t.

Deb Hamm, Pastoral Associate

Community Blood Drive – New Horizon UCC is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, December 17th from 1 pm – 6 pm. For an appointment, call Shirley Birkholz at 262-692-2993.

New Years Eve Get Together will take place after the 4:30 Mass in Holy Cross. It will be at the Belgium Community Center. Gathering begins at 5:45 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$15.00 (all inclusive) payable in advance. Reservations can be dropped off in the collection basket or at your parish office. Deadline is Dec. 23rd. Please see the flyers in the church lobbies and return the bottom portion.

Come to the Five Pillars for a buffet-style meal including pizza, pasta, broasted chicken, and much more on Monday, Dec. 22 . We will be serving from 4:30 until 7:00. This is a fund raiser to support Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Grade School. ALL tips and 10% of the proceeds will go to the school. Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children 4-10. Children under 3 are free.
