

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011 – Cluster Bulletin

MONDAY, December 5 – Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

No Morning Mass

TUESDAY, December 6 – Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

8:00 am – St. Rose Chapel – For our Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, December 7 – Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the church

Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

8:00 am – RL † Eddie Rassel

THURSDAY, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38

8:00 am – RL † Peter Puerling

8:00 am – St. Rose Chapel † Syl & Rosalia Bares

7:00 pm – St. Mary, LC † Mildred Burton

FRIDAY, December 9 – Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

8:00 am – RL – Living & Deceased Members of Wichgers and
Koerschner Families

SATURDAY, December 10 – Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a,10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28

4:30 pm – Holy Cross – Liv/Dec Clarence Burmesch Family (TB)

SUNDAY, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a,10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28

8:00 am – LC – John B. Hubing Family (RF)

8:30 am – RL † William Schwab, † Mildred Jacoby,

† Joseph Birenbaum (TB)

9:30 am – HC – For our Parishioners † Killian Bode (RF)

11:00 am – Dacada † Catherine Hammes, † Edmund Rassel (TB)

Confession Times – Sat. afternoon at Holy Cross from 3:45-4:15 pm.
Special arrangements can be made by contacting Fr. Dick or Fr. Todd.

Meeting with our co-pastors - Please be aware that both of our co-pastors are available to meet with any parishioners in our cluster parishes when there is a need. Simply call or email them and make an appointment. They can meet you at any of the parish offices. Fr. Dick can be reached at 262-692-9994 or rfleisch@nconnect.net. Fr. Todd can be reached at 920-994-4380 or buddet@archmil.org.

OLL Vigil Lights – The cost of vigil lights has recently increased. Please see the signs posted in the chapels for more details.

HR Human Concerns: Christmas flowers will be delivered to our shut-ins. Please call the Parish Center if you know of someone who should be included.

HR Human Concerns: Thanks so much for the 103 Gift-A-Child presents that were delivered to The Food Pantry. There will be many smiling faces on Christmas because of your generosity. The mitten trees are cold--they could use hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens to make them warm. Also, donations to help finance the Christmas flowers for our shut-ins would be appreciated.

The **OLL Human Concerns** committee is collecting canned vegetables and fruit and bar soap for the food pantry. Please drop off items in the back of church on any weekend. Thank you.

All baptisms will be held on the third weekend of the month at any of our Masses. Call your parish office to make arrangements.

Changes in Bulletin Deadlines: Dec. 11 bulletin – Dec. 6 at Noon; Dec. 18 bulletin – Dec. 12 at Noon; Dec. 25 bulletin – Dec. 16 at Noon; Jan. 1 bulletin – Dec. 16 at Noon (same bulletin)

If you wish to add the name of an immediate family member to our prayer chain, please contact the parish office.

We pray for the improved health of... Brian Ramel, Kathleen Medinger, Marcia Gehrke, Wilbert & Marguerite Buhler, Gabbi Hicks, Darlene Weyker, Eleanore Buchholz, Jerome Sinnen, Janet Hogan

OLL 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 School and for our local Food Pantry. Mary's Room is connected to the St. Vincent DePaul store on the north side of Sheboygan. They help 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. 18**. The Human Concerns committee will distribute the collected items. Thank you for your generosity.

Please continue to send in your **St. Mary's Time, Talent and Treasure Forms**. We would like accurate information as we begin our scheduling and budgeting process. Please note there are a few new items on the back page, like Money Counter.

HR Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve are 4:00 PM at Holy Cross and 4:30 PM at St Rose; the day Mass will be at 9:30 AM. Volunteers are needed to fill all the lay ministries at these three Masses. We will need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Ushers. PLEASE make your plans early and call the Parish Center or Audrey Bares to fill one of these ministries.

Youth Choir Practice for Midnight Mass in Dacada has begun. Please contact Denise Dimmer at 920-994-9600 or dnddimmer@hotmail.com for more information.

OLL CHOIR – Additional choir members are needed in Random Lake. Rehearsals are held on Sunday at 7:45 am before Mass. The adult choir sings on three Sundays each month. Please join us on Sunday mornings and help lead the congregation in joyful song.

OLL Memorial Cards – The family cards from the Eternal Life Tree are available for pickup on the table in the back of church in the white box. The box will be removed after Dec. 10.

Workshop for Lectors – A Workshop for Lectors will be held on Sat., Dec. 10, from 10:30 am to noon, at OLL, Random Lake Chapel. This program is open to all in our cluster and beyond – whether you are a new lector or a veteran who would like a refresher course. The presenter will be Charlie Krebs, professor of theatre and speech at Lakeland College. He has been a lector at St. Dominic's Parish in Sheboygan for the past 11 years. Registration would be helpful for preparing enough handouts, but it is not necessary. Please join us! Contact Gary Feider 920/994-9244 or editor@thesouder.com.

The Dec. 10th episode of "**Living our Faith with Archbishop Listecki**" looks at poverty and homelessness within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. You can watch it at 2:30 pm on WISN TV 12. Every segment is available at www.livingourfaith.net.

OLL GABLES GIFT BAGS - The gift bags for residents of Gables on the Pond need to be returned by next Sunday, **Dec. 11th**. Place them under the Advent Tree or next to the Food Pantry basket in the back of church. Thank you for being a "Secret Santa".

Any women still wishing to attend the **OLL Christian Women Christmas Party** on Sunday, Dec. 11th please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on Dec. 11 during the 8:30 am Mass. Children ages 5 and up are invited to leave church during the Liturgy of the Word with an instructor. That leader will read and explain the readings. The children will also work on a creative activity to reinforce the message of readings.

Monday, Dec. 5 – No School at RMS – Teacher In-service

- 5:45 pm – Girl Scouts – LC Parish Center

Tuesday, Dec. 6 – 6:30 pm – LC First Reconciliation

- 7:00 pm – OLL School Committee Mtg.
- 7:00 pm – AA/Al-Anon – Fredonia (Joe 994-9827)
- 8:30 pm – Scout Comm. Mtg. – LC PC

Wednesday, Dec. 7 – 6:15 pm – OLL Rel. Ed.

- 6:30 pm – HR Rel. Ed. – RMS
- 7:00 pm – LC Rel. Ed.
- 7:00 pm – LC Older Youth Choir /Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, Dec. 8 – 4:00 pm – Girl Scouts - RMS

Saturday, Dec. 10 – 9:30 am – 1st Reconciliation – St. Rose Chapel

- 10:00 am – Lector Workshop – RL

Sunday, Dec. 11 – OLL Family Program

- 9:15 am – LC Rel. Ed.; LC Younger Youth Choir Practice
- Dress Rehearsal for the LC Christmas Program
- BCC Brunch Fundraiser for RMS
- 11:30 am – OLL Christian Women Christmas Party

St. Mary, Lake Church Raffle Winners

Nov. 14th - \$50 - James & Linda Theisen; \$30 - Virginella Gonwa

Nov. 21st - \$50 - Ryan Bichler; \$30 - Tim Bley

Nov. 28th - \$50 - Roger Schueller; \$30 - Josephine Geiser

Care Net Pregnancy Clinic is a faith based, pregnancy clinic that serves women with unwanted pregnancies. They offer education, pregnancy tests, ultra sounds, clothing, starter kits and much more in an effort to prevent abortions. A representative from the clinic will be talking about the clinic and how God has been working with them to help women choose other alternatives. You are invited to come and discover the revelation of God in the work of the clinic on Dec. 11 after the 8:30 Mass at Our Lady of the Lakes.

Parishes in the archdiocese have been asked to host a **second collection for La Sagrada Familia Parish**, our archdiocesan sister parish located in the Dominican Republic. Since 1981, 14 priests from our archdiocese have ministered there and together with the parishioners have helped to build a parish community of 30,000 people. Before the existence of La Sagrada Familia Parish, people in the province of Azua, Dominican Republic organized in groups to pray that someone would come to help them on their faith journey. There was no parish Church. There was only a young diocese with people living in the poorest section of the country. In choosing to begin this relationship, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee committed itself to becoming a partner in building a community of faith and mutual friendship. The growth of our relationship with La Sagrada Familia Parish depends to a great extent upon our awareness of the life and changing needs of the people of the parish and upon our response to those bonds of relationship. Your support of La Sagrada Familia Parish is essential to the support of our archdiocesan priests who serve there and to the continuity of the ministries that empower our sisters and brothers and help to transform their lives. A second collection will be taken up on Dec. 10/11. Please be generous in your response. At LC, flyers are available in the pews and at church entrances about this parish.

The **Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party** is on Tuesday, Dec. 13 - PJ Campbells at the Depot. Hospitality begins at Noon, with Lunch served at 12:30 pm. Don't forget the food pantry. For information call Judy Heimerl @ 920-564-3942

St. Mary's LC will have its Youth Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 18th after Mass.

ATTENTION OLL CHRISTIAN WOMEN – We need 3-4 women to help with our OLL Holiday Bake Sale after our Masses on Dec. 18. If you can help set-up, sell or take down at either Dacada or Random Lake, please call the parish office, 994-4380.

Pastoral Column:

As I reflected on today's Gospel reading, I wondered to myself if I had lived in Jesus' day, would I have had the wisdom to listen to John the Baptist's cry for repentance. From all accounts, he was quite a sight. We hear that he was clothed in camel's hair, and ate locusts. He had no home. He was certainly not a man who took the time to keep up appearances. I can picture him with wild unruly hair, pretty dirty from sleeping anywhere he could find a place. Yes, he was certainly a sight to behold.

And yet he drew quite a crowd. Was it just because he was a sight to see, an incredibly unusual character, or was it because people really wanted to hear what he had to say? Scripture accounts tell us that what he had to say moved a lot of people to get baptized, and John led a lot of folks to Christ. And yet, I still wonder...would I have followed him? And then I wondered who are the people in my life who have led me to Christ despite their outward appearances? There was the man who lived under a bridge in Rochester, NY. There was the recovering alcoholic biker man who was renovating an old garage into a homeless shelter in Fairmont, WV. There was the mentally ill woman in Virginia. There the homeless man I brought lunch to once a week when I was a student at Marquette University. Or the young man who had been shot in a drug fight, and the refugee from El Salvador who witnessed Archbishop Oscar Romero's assassination. This list goes on and on.

We all have them: people in our lives who seem the most unlikely candidates to lead us to Christ. And still they do. Who are those people in your life? Perhaps it's the garbage man who makes a living for his family by collecting our refuse. Perhaps it's the person we simply can't agree with on anything. Perhaps it's the migrant worker who is simply trying to feed his family. Perhaps it's the mentally ill woman, or the addict, that struggles simply to survive. Maybe the homeless person sleeping in the park. Or the parent, or teenager, we simply can't seem to understand. This Advent, as we continue to prepare for Christ's coming, let us remember that Christ comes in all shapes and sizes, in all human beings...even in the man, woman or child in which we have to look a little harder for that Christ-presence. A blessed Advent to you all.

Deb Hamm, Pastoral Associate

RMS Scrip: Gift cards fit all shapes and sizes. The Rosemary Scrip fundraiser can provide you with a large variety of those gift cards. You get your shopping done without battling the crowds, and Rosemary School benefits from your generosity. Also, Scrip gift certificates are available. The recipient can select what cards they want after Christmas. If you any questions, just ask the seller or call the Parish Center.

OLL Holy Name Society Annual **Christmas Tree Sale** - the old St. Nicholas Grade School, W4274 Hwy. K, in Dacada. Balsam and Frasier Fir trees starting at \$45 will be available. Sale hours are Fridays 5-8 pm, Saturdays and Sundays 9-5 pm. If you have any questions, you can contact Jeriod Dahm at 920-946-8485.

Rosemary School would like to invite you to Sunday brunch Dec. 11 after Mass at the Belgium Community Center. The brunch runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious brunch with your family and friends with \$1 from each brunch going back to RMS. Thank you for all you do to support Rosemary School and Catholic education. We hope to see you there!