

Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, commonly called *Gaudete Sunday*. The Latin word *gaudete* means *rejoice*. St. Paul wrote to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4, 5).

Thanks to all who attended the Christmas party last Sunday. I was delighted at the number of people who

attended. Thanks to all who helped make it a success. Special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of their busy schedule to visit with the children of Little Flower.

Also, thanks to all the priests who assisted with the Penance Service Monday evening and all who helped prepare our second graders for their First Reconciliation.

Christmas is almost here. Whenever Christmas falls on Monday, it creates a certain amount of confusion in parishes.

Our Mass schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be our regular Mass schedule except there will be no Sunday evening 6 p.m. Mass. Masses will be Saturday evening at 5 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The choir Mass will be Saturday evening at 5 p.m. Some parishes are dropping some of their usual Sunday morning Masses. We have chosen not to change the morning schedule because we believe that the Fourth Sunday of Advent is important liturgically. The Liturgy for the Fourth Sunday of Advent focuses on Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Christmas Masses will be at 3:30, 5:30, and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 9:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. The 10:00 p.m. Mass will be the traditional Midnight Mass.

Whenever Christmas falls on Monday, we are frequently asked if Catholics who attend Mass on Christmas Eve afternoon or evening can use that Mass to fulfill both the obligation to attend Mass and the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas. The answer is no. We are obliged to attend Mass both on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and on Christmas.

As a pastor I have to think about things I never had to be concerned with as an associate or as a resident priest. As part of your stewardship to the parish, please remember that the Church budget depends on both the collection for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the collection for Christmas. Please do not misunderstand. I am ever-mindful of your constant and faithful generosity. It's just that in this special situation, this reminder may be helpful. Some people take this opportunity to make a generous contribution at the end of the calendar year for tax benefits.

My prayer for you is that you will have a blessed Christmas and even more blessed New Year.

fr. bob

Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 18- DEC 24, 2006

- 18 Dec Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 am Elizabeth Bachus by Art Meier
- 19 Dec Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Lawless Family by Bob Lawless
- 20 Dec Wednesday**
8:30 am Matej Triska by Arcella Triska
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 21 Dec Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm Greentree – Emmett Pierce
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 22 Dec Friday**
8:30 am Anne McAllen by Mary T. McAllen
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 23 Dec Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent
For the People
- 24 Dec Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:30 am Denis Foley by Larry Cooper
10:30 am Dorothy Meier by Art Meier
Vigil of Christmas
3:30 pm Catherine Dangler by The Dangler Family
5:30 pm Joan Ehrgott by The Family
10:00 pm For The People
- 25 Dec The Nativity of the Lord**
9:00 am Ida Girolami by Rick and Fernanda Girolami



Dates to Remember

DECEMBER 18 –DECEMBER 24, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Weblos
Tuesday	Scout Room	6 - 7:00 pm	Girl Scout #258
	Holy Family	6:30 pm - 7:30pm	Daisy Girl Scouts
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	Scout room	2:30 pm	Jr girl scouts
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scout #606
	John 23rd	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Wolf Scout Meeting
	Social Hall	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Scout Pack Meeting
Thursday	Social Hall	6:30 pm	PTO Business Mtg
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Tiger Boy Scouts
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Scout room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy

★ TAKE NOTE:

We need volunteers to help decorate the Church for Christmas. Since Christmas is on a Monday, we'll decorate, Thurs. Dec. 21st, at 6 p.m. A light supper will be provided. **We can use everyone's help, including a few folks that can climb ladders and able to lift heavy items.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Budget Goal (for new fiscal year)	\$	13,650.00
Collection of December 9 th and 10 th	\$	14,889.40
Electronic Contribution 12/05 to 12/11	\$	391.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	313,950.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	311,775.53
Year to Date (current fiscal year)	\$	- 2,174.47

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	1,484.50
September Contributions	\$	1,229.00
October Contributions	\$	1,260.08
November Contributions	\$	1,233.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,209.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 10/30/2006

Amount Pledged	\$858,295.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$293,295.00

Here are the latest numbers as communicated by Fr. Bob last weekend. It is not too late to pledge if you have not done so or if you recently have joined the parish. Extra pledge cards are available at each of the doors. Also, if you made a one-time gift last year in lieu of a three-year pledge, perhaps you are in a position to repeat that gift this year. You may donate at any time and mark your donation "Church Brick Project."

The confirmation class will meet on Sunday, January 7th from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm. Only candidates and team members need to attend this session.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Regular Anticipation Mass on Saturday, December 23rd at 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th
3:30 PM; 5:30 PM; 10:00 PM.

Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 PM Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th - 9:00 AM

NO EVENING MASS ON DECEMBER 25TH

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY AND TUESDAY, December 25th and 26th.

RCIA CHRISTMAS PARTY

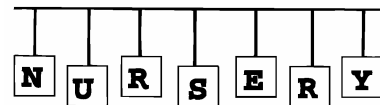
All are invited to our RCIA Christmas Party/Pitch-in, on Tuesday, December 19th at 7 pm. As always, we will spread Christmas cheer by going Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood. If you know of any neighbors in the immediate area that would love to hear us caroling, please call Lisa at the parish center. Bring a covered dish to share, dress warm and bring a flash light as we spread Christmas Cheer!

**HELP
Needed**

Senior lady in the 9th and Emerson area needs a ride to Saturday evening Mass. Please call Georgia if you can help. Thank you!

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (eighth grade through twelfth grade)

YOUTH CHOIR - Youth Choir will practice on Sunday, December 17th from 7pm until 8:30 pm in Church. We will meet at 5pm on Christmas Eve for the 5:30pm Mass. New members are always welcome. Please come and join us!



Although the nursery during 8:30 am Mass has been somewhat inactive recently, we'd like to announce that this ministry has been reinstated. Children up to 4 years of age are welcome. The nursery is located in the parish center. If you have any questions, please call Georgia at the Parish Center.



NEWLY
BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian Community Raymond Alexander, son of Scott and Elise (Hertz)

Reisinger, baptized on Sunday, December 10, 2006.



Cathedral High School will present *The Living Nativity* on Sunday, December 17th from 6pm to 8pm as a drive through in the parking lot. Actors are students, faculty, and parents. The band and two choirs will be performing. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Rail, at 968-7323.

Adoration Chapel

As we celebrate the Season of Advent, let us set aside time to spend with Our Lord in the adoration chapel. Current available hours are:

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1AM	2PM	11AM	1AM	10AM	10AM	11AM
1PM		12N	8PM		10PM	3PM
2PM			9PM			
5PM						

If you, your family, or a group would like to choose an hour in the chapel or have any questions, please call Bobbie Lawless @ 357-3546. If you cannot currently commit to a specific hour, please feel free to make a visit at any time. May God bless you!