

Saint
Francis of Assisi Parish *Welcome to...*

Third Sunday of
ADVENT

BE PATIENT, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, UNTIL THE COMING OF THE LORD. SEE HOW THE FARMER WAITS FOR THE PRECIOUS FRUIT OF THE EARTH, BEING PATIENT WITH IT UNTIL IT RECEIVES THE EARLY AND THE LATE RAINS. YOU TOO MUST BE PATIENT. MAKE YOUR HEARTS FIRM, BECAUSE THE COMING OF THE LORD IS AT HAND.

- JAMES 5:7-8



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December 12, 2010 • Third Sunday of Advent



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners & Friends of the Parish,

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice! This weekend we celebrate *Gaudate Sunday ... joyful Sunday...* as we have reached the halfway point of our Advent season. As we prepare to embrace the coming of the Christmas Christ, even now our hearts are filled with a deep sense of happiness and holiness that can only be found in the Lord. Do not let this sacred season pass you by as you go about your "to do list" before Christmas.

One of the reasons for rejoicing is God's deep desire that we may be in a state of grace to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. **This week there will be four opportunities to celebrate and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our parish-wide services.** Let God cleanse your mind, body, spirit and soul of any sin, so that you may be truly prepared to celebrate and receive the Christmas Christ.

It is with joy that we acknowledge the recipient of the **2010 Stewardship Award for Service** is the **Jail Ministry** in recognition of the essential ministry that takes place in the Manitowoc County Jail, bringing the presence of God to people of all faiths in a way that provides the hope and encouragement of the Gospel message. We especially recognize our parishioners who lead weekly discussions and prayers at the Jail, provide individual encouragement and Christmas & Easter services in response to this corporal work of mercy ... when I was in prison, you came to me (Mt 25:34).

Another reason for rejoicing are the many ways that you as parishioners share your gifts and talents in service to others. **Recently, Mark Knipp, Gary Wilhelm and Steven Zimmer completed the Diocesan Ministry of Leading Prayer program and Mary Jane Nickels, Frances Ledet, Jim and Sue Luther, Pat Korlesky, Jim Neuser, George Jacobsen and Stacey Soeldner completed the Parish Ministry of Leading Prayer program.** These parishioners are now prepared and blessed to lead Liturgy of the Word with Communion Outside of Mass services, as well as other prayers and services where lay leaders may be called upon to lead prayer.

Make sure that you begin planning which Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass you will be attending. There are fourteen Masses for the celebration of Christmas Just as we attend to other matters of Christmas that we do not want to wait until the very end to think about, so it should be with our worship as well.

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice! St. Francis & St. Clare, pray for us!

Fr. Dan

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 15th
Parish-Wide Reconciliation Service
 1:30 PM at Grand, 6:30 PM at Waldo

Thursday, December 16th
Parish-Wide Reconciliation Service
 10:30 AM Faith Formation Center church,
 6:30 PM at Marshall

Advent Events

*Monday, December 13th &
 Wednesday, December 15th*
Religious Education Sing-A-Long, 7:00 PM
 SFA Faith Formation Center

Thursday, December 16th
Cabrini Campus Choral Concert, 7:00 PM
 Cabrini gym

December 16th, 17th & 18th
The Christmas Schooner, 7:00 PM
 Roncalli High School
also December 19th at 2:00 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

Grand: 4:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Marshall: 4:00 PM & Midnight

Waldo: 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM & 10:00 PM
*(10:00 PM broadcast Mass on WCUB, with
 musical prelude on the air at 9:30 PM)*

Faith Formation Center: 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Grand: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Marshall: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Waldo: 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM
*(9:30 AM broadcast Mass on WCUB, with
 musical prelude on the air at 9:15 AM)*

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 12th—

Stewardship Social: following the morning Masses at the Marshall site

Baptism Preparation Class: 6:00 PM parish office

Tuesday, December 14th—

Bill Zimmer Forum: 8:00 AM Faith Formation Center

Knights of Columbus: 7:00 PM Grand site

St. Clare Christmas Party: 5:30 PM social, 6:30 PM dinner at Silver Valley Supper Club

Wednesday, December 15th—

Men's AM Bible Study: 5:30 AM parish office

Board of Education: 6:30 PM parish office

Thursday, December 16th—

Military Outreach: 7:00 PM parish office

Spreading Christmas Joy

If you and your family enjoy interacting with people, we are especially looking for you! The Worship Team is inviting families to greet guests and parishioners at each of the doors at the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The schedule of Masses is listed in the Advent flyer and parish bulletin. To volunteer as additional hospitality family team, please contact the following:

Grand site—Kay Goswitz: 684-3718 ext. 128

Marshall site—Mark Knipp: 629-8521

Waldo site—Raissa Van Serke: 323-4917

Parish office—Sister Lynne Jagemann: 684-3728

Let our church ring out with joy!

Jesus is born among us!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, December 19th—

- Stewardship Social: following the morning Masses at the Waldo site
- Rosary Recital: 12:15 PM at Knollwood Memorial Pk

Wednesday, December 22nd—

- Men's AM Bible Study: 5:30 AM parish office

Friday, December 24th—

- Parish Office Closed

Sunday, December 26th—

- Sunday Supper: 5:00 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Parish

MASS PRESIDERS SCHEDULE:

For the month of December

Grand site—Fr. Dan, Marshall site—Fr. Dick

Waldo site—Fr. Viertel

(Changes may occur due to special events.)

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 18

Waldo at 4:30 PM: *Altarsound*

Sunday, December 19

Waldo at 7:30 AM: *Altarsound*

Grand at 8:30 AM: *Grand Troubadours*

Waldo at 9:30 AM: *St. Francis Men's Choir*

Marshall at 10:00 AM: *Immaculate Conception Choir*

All other Masses will have an organist/song leader.



ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday:

EDGE—religious education, grades 6-8:

6:30—8:00 PM, LifeTeen house & Waldo site school hall

Monday-Friday:

Adoration Society—Adoration before the Tabernacle:

6:00 AM—8:00 PM at Holy Family Memorial chapel

Rosary Recital: 6:00 AM at Marshall, 6:45 AM at Waldo

Mondays & Wednesdays:

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

10:00 AM—10:00 PM, Faith Formation Center side chapel

Religious Education Classes, grades 1-5:

6:15—7:30 PM Faith Formation Center school

Wednesdays:

Holy Hour for Life: 8:00 AM in the Eucharistic Chapel at the Waldo site

Women of Hope Bible Group: 9:30 AM parish office

Thursdays:

Bible Study: 9:00—10:30 AM, parish office

Holy Family Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group:

7:00 PM at the parish office, includes prayer for needs

Sunday:

Childcare Service: during the 9:30 AM Mass at Waldo

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 11th—Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 PM M †George A. Brandt; †Allen Aulik and Deceased
Members of the Stone & Aulik Families
4:00 PM G †Wilbert Hutchison & Anna Watruba; †Florence Denor
4:30 PM W †Bill, Bob & John Meany and L/D Mbrs of the Meany
and Delsman Families; †Ben & Marcella Kohlbeck

Sunday December 12th—Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 AM W †Alois & Irene Gadzinski; †Marge Gadzinski
8:00 AM M †Marcella Brandt; †Roland Reindl
8:30 AM G †Jimmy Marlborough; †Howard & Ethel Kempka
9:30 AM W L/D Mbrs of the Kochan & Peters Families
10:00 AM M †Bernice & Alvin Novak, Generose & Donald Bartels
and Connie; †Don and Bernadette Damman
10:30 AM G †John & Hazel Stuiber;
†Ray & Connie Mertens and Leo & Marcella Samz
6:00 PM W †John & Mary Skubal

Monday December 13th—St. Lucy

- 6:30 AM M Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist
7:15 AM W †Rosemary Lensmire

Tuesday December 14th—St. John of the Cross

- 6:30 AM M †John, Anna & Catherine Zagrodnik; †Bill Nordman
7:15 AM W †Joe & Bernice Herrman
9:00 AM G L/D Mbrs of the St. Clare Society; †Ralph Benthein

Wednesday December 15th—Advent Weekday

- 6:30 AM M L/D Mbrs of the Walter Nowak & William Schadeberg
Families; †Rose & Al Nordman
7:15 AM W †Don & Bernice Barta
8:45 AM M L/D Mbrs of the Neubert & Neuser Families

Thursday December 16th—Advent Weekday

- 6:30 AM M †Leo, O'Delia & LeRoy Kattner;
†Edwin & Sophie Peaschek
7:15 AM W †Norma Krcma
9:00 AM W For the Parish

Friday December 17th—Late Advent Weekday

- 6:30 AM M †Esther & Simon Grenier; L/D Mbrs of the Charles &
Anna Tisler & Siegfred & Josephine Kadow Families
7:15 AM W †Rhoda & Ray Weller

Saturday December 18th—Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 PM M †Henry & Josephine Hutchison;
†Ruben & Agustina Gutierrez
4:00 PM G †Kenneth Ebert; †Mary Ciche
4:30 PM W †Arthur, Donna & Eugene Steffen; †Arthur Flanagan

Sunday December 19th—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 AM W †Leonard Denor; †Victor Baumann & Gary Baumann
8:00 AM M †Christopher Brey & Hazel Stuiber;
L/D Mbrs of the Orchekowski Family
8:30 AM G †Mary Jane Wilke; †Evelyn & Carrol Schmelzle
9:30 AM W †Wencel & Theresa Sauer
10:00 AM M †Donald & Generose Bartels & Scott Keery;
†Andrew Knipp
10:30 AM G †Clarence & Helen Schisel, Melvin Schisel & Elizabeth
Shupita; †Janet Lucas; †Herman & June Strauss
6:00 PM W †Donald Merkel

Third Sunday of Advent

Sr. Renee Delvaux



In last Sunday's Gospel we met a confident and assertive John the Baptist who boldly proclaimed repentance and the coming of the Messiah. This Sunday presents a disheartened and imprisoned John, who is questioning who Jesus is, whether He is truly the Messiah.

What is John's struggle and doubt about? It is the fact that Jesus is not the type of Messiah that John expected. John had preached that the Messiah would "chop down the unworthy and burn the chaff." The people expected a Messiah who would liberate them from the Romans and establish a Jewish kingdom. Now John hears that Jesus is healing the blind and the lame, cleansing the leper, and raising the dead. This does not fit his picture of the Promised One, the Messiah.

Can you identify with John's struggle? Have you ever had expectations of Jesus which were based on your personal wishes of Him, but not reflecting the true Gospel message of who Jesus really is. Yes, I can recall the times when Jesus has "disappointed" me. There are the times when my prayers were not answered as I wanted, and the times when I chose my misguided way to solve a situation rather than Jesus' way of mercy and love.

I believe that Advent calls us to be open, to pray and to probe the Scriptures to discover who Jesus really is, rather than cling to our own false notions of who we would like Him to be. With John the Baptist let us seek the real Jesus, the Promised One, the Messiah. The result will be a joyful and peace-filled Christmas.

Welcome!

The following have recently joined our parish.

Please welcome:

Kathleen Hrudka

Walt & Joanne Howard
& children Jenna & Carlie

Brian & Naomi Bohman
& children Nicholas, Jacob & Allison

Scot & Tracy Neu
& children Jesalyn & Kamdem

Alison Free
& son Aiden

Dan & Ann Eisner

Randy & Darlynn Wigand
& children Tanner & Spencer

Florence Brunner

Meagan Quigley
& daughter Lily

The Paradox of Advent

By: Kristina DeNeve, Ph.D.

Only two more weeks to go! So much to do – how will it all get done!? Don't worry – we never get it done! Such is the paradox of our lives that we celebrate this Third Week of Advent. In Advent we anticipate Jesus' coming, yet today we also feast on Jesus already here! We are all "tween-ers," children caught on the edge of a deeper maturity, a fuller life. Remember St. Paul, "for when I am weak, it is then that I am strong." When we admit our limitations, our weaknesses, our inability to do it all this Advent (to do it all this lifetime!), it is then that Jesus becomes most present to us. Like Mary, we are all pregnant, caught between this moment and the fullness to come. This week, let yourself feel the paradox, the emptiness of what is not amidst the joy of what is.

PARISH SUPPORT

Received Week of 12/05/10

| | Total | Per Family |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 50,506 | \$ 15.93 |
| Loose Offering | \$ 2,854 | \$.90 |
| ATP | \$ 13,024 | \$ 4.10 |
| Total | \$ 66,384 | \$ 20.93 |
| Support Budgeted/Week: | <u>\$ 45,962</u> | <u>\$ 14.49</u> |
| Difference this Week: | \$ 20,422 | \$ 6.44 |

Wedding  Banns

Mandi Degner & Steven Dvorachek—1st Bann

In Memory of...

For the week of December 12th
Sanctuary Lights are in memory of...

Nancy Rameker at the Waldo site

Robert Brandl at the Marshall site

Ageing Religious Need Your Help

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports basic necessities, such as prescription drugs and nursing care. Please give generously to today's second collection.

*Annual Collection for the Retirement
Fund for Religious ~ December 11/12th*

Eternal Rest to Our Loved Ones

We extend our sympathy to the families & friends of:

Mary Bowen

Donald Damman

May all the faithful departed rest in peace.

St. Clare Corner

Dec. 14th—an important date for St. Clare Society.

9:00 AM—Mass for the living and deceased members of the St. Clare Society at the Grand site

5:30 PM social and 6:00 PM dinner—Annual Christmas Party at Silver Valley Supper Club. A great evening is planned, come and enjoy a festive time with your friends. Reservations are still being accepted, call Ruthanne at 682-6676 now! Cost is \$14.50 (this includes a sit down meal, gratuity, entertainment and guests—a really good deal!) Hope to see you there.

Holiday Bake Sale Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who brought baked goods or helped with the sale in any way. Special thanks to Mary Green for coordinating the sale!

SCRIP SCRIP SCRIP

Parish Office Scrip Sale Hours:

Monday: 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

Wednesday: 12:30 PM—4:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM—12:00 Noon

Scrip is also sold after all Masses at all sites!



Remember to use Scrip for all of your Christmas needs.....baking, holiday meals, Christmas cards, Christmas parties, and of course, gift giving for everyone on your list!

Sales for the week ending

December 5th were

\$11,715 and total profit was \$565

Visit → www.sfaschool.net
For a complete list of all participating businesses!

Thank You for your support of Scrip!

Our SFA Scrip Coordinator is:
Cindi Verch
683-6880 or 684-3718

Readings for the Week of December 12, 2010

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

The Radio Broadcast Mass on WCUB 980 AM on Sunday, December 12th is in memory of:

*Living & Deceased Members of
the Kochan & Peters Families*



LifeNight for December 19th: Christmas Party!

Next Sunday we celebrate Christmas at LifeTeen with our annual Christmas party! Teens! Bring a white elephant gift to exchange for the group and be ready for a great night!



Can I Get an Amen?!

This week at EDGE we cover the four gospels. These writings tell us about the life of Jesus, his teaching, and his death and resurrection. They are GOOD NEWS. Want to hear some? See you at EDGE!

**Next week's LifeNight is sponsored by:
The DeRoche Family,
in memory of Bob DeRoche, Sr.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Each week we invite you to visit this space as we feature a group in our parish community that exemplifies our stewardship concepts of prayer, service & sharing.



Featured group: **SCRIP PROGRAM**

Mission: 3rd Source Funding

Type of Stewardship: Sharing by fundraising

Contacts: Cindi Verch, 683-6880
scrip@sfamanitowoc.com

Scrip is a powerful fundraising tool because families generate revenue through purchases they would make anyway e.g., groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, etc. Scrip monies are used in various ways throughout the parish and are used to supplement tuition in our school. Volunteers sell scrip after Masses on the weekends and on Mondays, Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings at the parish office. Volunteers also help with the filling of daily orders from the schools as well as staff sales at the elementary campuses on Friday mornings when school is in session. New volunteers are always welcome.



Remember Scrip for all of your holiday needs!

FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL...

The Stewardship-Hospitality socials are held after the Sunday morning Masses at the following locations:

Dec. 12—Marshall site Dec. 19—Waldo site

Join us for coffee, juice and donuts. All are welcome!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Giving Tree Project

Faith Formation Decorating
Volunteers are needed to decorate for Christmas at the Faith Formation Center church on Saturday, December 18 at 9:00 AM. Come and join the fun—all are welcome!



Help is needed to sort, bag and distribute Giving Tree gifts on **Sunday, December 12th** at 1:00 PM in the church at the Grand & Waldo sites. Please bring scissors if you can.

All ages are welcome—if you have questions please call:

Grand site: Nancy at 682-2950

Waldo site: Susan at 684-4534

SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

GIVING TREE PROJECT

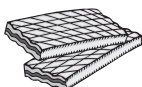
The Giving Tree Project is coming to a close. Participants are asked to: take a star from the tree; purchase a gift from the suggestions on the star; wrap the gift with the star securely fastened with the number side up; return the gift to the site from which the star was taken. *White stars are returned to Waldo; yellow stars are returned to Grand; and blue stars are returned to Marshall.*

IF YOU PURCHASE A GIFT CARD THE COORDINATORS HAVE REQUESTED THAT THEY BE PUT INTO A BOX AND WRAPPED LIKE A PRESENT.

DEADLINE TO RETURN GIFTS:
Sunday, December 12th at Noon,
so they can be sorted and distributed.



OPLATEK— THE CHRISTMAS WAFER



In Polish the word oplatek means “sacred bread.” The oplatek, or Christmas wafer, has been shared on Christmas Eve since the Middle Ages. It is unleavened, similar in composition to the host used at Mass, and is broken and shared with blessings of forgiveness and peace. These loving wishes create a unique communion among the recipients, echoing the Communion of Mass itself.

Traditional oplatek come in a packages of white and pink wafers with Christmas images embossed on one side. The white wafer is shared by family members, while the pink is given to household animals, in remembrance of the animals’ presence in the stable at Jesus’ birth.

Oplatek can be purchased at the parish office and at the Marshall site. The cost is \$2.00 per package.

Mission Statement

The Manitowoc Catholic Community exists as a sacramental body of Christ, to love as Christ loved, by boldly proclaiming our faith, teaching our youth, spreading the Good News of Jesus, and serving one another and others in an ever changing community.

PARISH CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Any help that can be given towards the purchase of these items would be greatly appreciated.

Music Ministry

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| Microphone for Cantor at Grand site | Donated |
| Microphone for Waldo Choir Loft (2) | \$195 each |
| 1 Donated | |
| Choral Octavos (sheet music) (6) | \$50 each |
| 2 Donated | |

Maintenance & Facilities

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| Vacuum Cleaners (3) | \$600 each |
| Snow Blowers (3) | \$700 each |
| Entrance Mats for Worship sites | \$2,500 |
| Fold-up Scaffold for Marshall site | Donated |
| Heavy-Duty Socket Set | \$100 |
| Heavy-Duty Wrench Set | \$100 |
| Commercial Carpet Dryers (3) | \$275 each |

Religious Education

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| New Computer/Laptop | \$1,000 |
| LCD Projector | \$800 |
| Student Chairs (25) | \$60 each |
| Digital Cameras (2) | \$150 each |

LifeTeen & Young Adult Ministry

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| In-Ear Monitor System for Music Ministry | Donated |
| LifeNight Sponsor | \$200 |
| Summer Leadership Conference Sponsor | \$500 |

Worship

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| Pyxes (to take Eucharist to sick) (10) | Donated |
| Acrylic Plant Stands for Grand site (2) | \$200 each |
| Icons for Grand site (5) | \$50 each |
| Lectionaries for office & Marshall site | \$60 each |
| Seasonal Outdoor Wreaths, Marshall (2) | Donated |
| Refillable Candles for Marshall Site | |
| Candelabras (4) | Donated |
| Icons for Marshall site (4) | Donated |
| Christmas Cloth for Flags/Altar, Waldo | Donated |
| Advent Wreath for Waldo site | \$150 |
| Stands for Candles/Wreath, Waldo | Donated |

Parish School

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| Stereopsis (vision screening device) | Donated |
| Laptop Computers (9) | \$900 each |
| Printers (11) | \$130 each |
| Flatscreen TV 32” w/DVD | \$400 |
| Digital Cameras (5) | \$150 |
| SMART Boards & Resources (3) | \$2,100 each |
| Chairs for Band Room (30) | \$60 each |
| Electric Piano, Marshall school/church choir | \$2,000 |
| Electric Piano Keyboard, band classroom | \$1,150 |
| Children’s Lectionary | \$80 |

Bill Zimmer Forum



When: Tuesday, December 14
 Where: SFA Faith Formation Center
 Cost: Free will offering
 8:00 AM Registration/continental breakfast
 8:15 AM Presentation by:
 Rev. Dan Felton—Pastor,
 St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 Rev. Matthew L. Sauer—Pastor,
 First Presbyterian Church

Book: Reframing Hope
 Author: Carol Howard Merritt

All are welcome—please join us!

SUNDAY SUPPER



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is the sponsor for Sunday Supper on December 26, 2010 at 5:00 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1130 South 9th Street, Manitowoc.

What a wonderful opportunity to share and celebrate a dinner meal for the Lakeshore community the day after Christmas. *The dinner we will provide will consist of: ham, baby red potatoes, corn, dinner rolls, butter, milk, coffee, jello, and various bars, cookies and desserts.* **If you would be interested in donating any of the above items, please contact us. We hope to make fleece blankets again this year to raffle, and have food/paper products boxes and grocery gift cards as an added bonus.** Remember if you want to donate a gift card, why not use scrip – it'll help the parish and the recipient! **As well as the food items, monetary gifts are much appreciated. Just put your donation in an envelope and clearly mark it "Sunday Supper".** All donations are recorded by the parish. We will also be in need of a limited amount of people to help prepare, serve and clean up on December 26th. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Joyce Rolland at 682-3551 or Char Haug at 629-4122.

This dinner is an opportunity to share our blessings and a meal with the people of the community who may be in need of fellowship, friendship, and/or food. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please join us. Blessings and thank you in advance for your generosity. We're waiting to hear from you...

Pantry Sunday

The **third Sunday of the month** is designated as "St. Vincent De Paul Pantry Sunday". The need for non-perishable foods is great. Please help to feed the hungry and needy. The need for food is ongoing, but designating the third Sunday of each month as "Pantry Sunday" is an appropriate reminder for all. Monetary donations can be made by placing a donation in an envelope, marking it SVDP Pantry, and depositing it in the church collection. Thank you & God bless you for your generosity.

Food suggestions for Pantry Sunday December 18-19th

soup—crackers
 pasta—ramen noodles
 peanut butter—jelly
 instant rice—instant potatoes
 toothpaste—kleenex

**Bring donations to church next weekend,
December 18-19th.**

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION THANK YOU

Thank you for the donations made toward the 2010 Missionary Cooperation Plan appeal, in the amount of \$6,852. This is a generous and most meaningful response.

I realize this program takes a great deal of coordination and cooperation all around. I especially want to recognize with a heart of deep appreciation your time, your cooperation, your hospitality, and making room for some inconvenience to yourselves, and your financial sacrifices. Without these attributes, this program could not happen and the Missionary Church would suffer a tragic loss of support.

While I won't have the total results of this year's program until January, last year our parishes raised over \$298,000 to be divided among the 37 missionary causes. With equal anticipation, I thank you in the name of the missionary groups who participated in this year's appeal.

Sincerely yours,
 Cindi K. Brawner
 Executive Director
 Catholic Foundation—World Mission Services


 Catholic Foundation



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

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| Veronika Aukskalnies | Paul Kohlman | Bertha & Emil J. Grall | William Sepnafski |
| Bob & Christine Kuhlmann | Lawrence Swoboda | Felix & Anna Borths | L/D Mbrs O. Marquardt Family |
| Peter Adamavich | The Wilda Family | The Borths Family | James Duzeski |
| Julius & Dominka Adamavich | Aaron & Margaret Fischer | Vivian Kouba | Betty Duzeski |
| Eleanor Ziarnik | Dawn & Dick Holschbach | Leona and Clarence Manlick | Walter Rozoff |
| Stewart & Lucilla Barnett | Lester & Tom Pech | Virginia Willman | Victoria Rozoff |
| Kevin Barnett | Mark Diedrich | Kenneth Gintner | Newphrey & Clara Check |
| Clifford Spevacek | Mike Reimer Family | Irene Klingeisen | Esther Tittl |
| Robert Diedrich | Sherman A. McKay | John Leindecker | Ed & Ann Junk |
| Robert Strauss | Family of Ruth & Sherman McKay | Pat Kolbeck | Richard Brull |
| Joseph, Marcella & John Tadych | Family of Harry & Betty Klaeser | Delmar Ziarnik | Mary Jane Brull |
| Herb & Grace Orth | Marjorie Gadzinski | Leonhard & Ziarnik Families | Logan Brull |
| Myles & Anna Panosh | Mr. & Mrs. Ted Krell | John Ludwig Family | Robert Wilhelm |
| Charles & Anna Tisler | Mr. & Mrs. Alois Gadzinski | John Kinderman Family | Mary Lau |
| Josephine & Sigfried Kadow | Opa Erb | Edward Miller | Lester Capiskey |
| Jacque & Mark Pfeffer | Roy Becker | May & Joseph Swoboda | LaVerne Mathy |
| Dave Faken | Bill, Bob, John Meany | Emily & Ray Krysan | Lloyd & Marie Scherer |
| Victor & Gary Baumann | Crystal Schneider | Donald Swoboda | Dave & Frances Mortimer |
| George Hardtke | Wilbert Hutchison | Fitzgerald and Riesterer Families | Tom Mortimer |
| Roland & Virginia Dufek | Emil Steeber | VandeWalle, Walters & Farris Families | Paul Fischer |
| Vernon Bonde | Bernard Bonde | Underberg Family | Mary Zywicke |
| Carrie Pribyl | Margaret Bonde | Al Steeber | David Zywicke |
| Joe Pribyl, Sr. | Ted Bonde | Daniel Steeber | Mary June Krause |
| Felix & Angeline Zigmund Family | Kenneth Brixius | Claressa Gebhart | Suchocki Family |
| Melvin Schulz | Darryl Brixius | Elaine Steeber | Wilhelm Family |
| Victor & Eleanore Tadych | Joseph, Violet & Joseph Jr. Zawada | Mr. & Mrs. Helmer Franzen | Francis Paszkiewicz |
| Frank & Lucille Pozorski | Mark & Julia Mosey | Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Kumbalek, Sr. | Emily Delsmann |
| Joseph & Frances Staral | Agnes Kaufmann | Poor Souls in Purgatory | Bernard Delsmann |
| Robert Duveneck | Beth Kaufmann Francar | Isabelle, Carol & Nancy Engeldinger | Joan Schmill |
| Stephanie Weier | Aloysius Coogle | Joe Strathmann | Dennis Schmill |
| Cecilia Spurney | Clara Coogle | Houle and Mazes Families | Idia Isselman |
| Edward & Katherine Spurney | Leland Coogle | Joseph Kersten | Guse Christel |
| Joseph & Delia Spatchek | Roger Meihsner | Rita Vandermause | Joseph & Anita Hoyer |
| Austin Eichhorst | The Buran Family | Parents of Evelyn Tosten | Bill Hoyer |
| L/D Mbrs Lishka, Menzel & Vogel Family | Anton Schultz Family | Alfred & MaryJane Mecca | Syd Herman |
| L/D Mbrs Mr. & Mrs. Erv Ploederl Family | Gloria & Sam Letheley | Fred Hein | Pauline Young |
| L/D Mbrs Mr. & Mrs. George Danaey Family | Catherine Borusky | Hayes & Mueller Families | Genevieve Westberg |
| Mary Jane Schultz | Joseph Borusky | Oran Bushman | Lloyd & Virgene Ciha Family |
| George Davay | Robert Benzinger | Steven Bushman | Chiu Tsuo-Chun Kan |
| Roger Ploederl | Sylvester & Julia Bonk | Deceased members of Henry Bushman Family | Danuta Rydz |
| | Joseph Naidl | Mary & Kurt Kuehn | Olesinska |
| | Kenny Naidl | | Gerri Dondlinger |
| | Dolores Kubis | | Anna & Nick Dondlinger |
| | Sharon Bossermann | | Mary Jane Buenzow |
| | Emil D. Grall | | Tony & Rose Bohman |
| | | | John & David Bohman |



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

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| Veringa Mattfield | Marie Rathsack | Edmund Resch | Robert Boeckman |
| Ronald Kunz | Claribel Schaus | Terry Collins | Felix, Josie, Edwin and |
| Dorothy & Ladimir Kunz | Alfred & Julia Palzer | Tom Larson | Lavern Ziarnik |
| Bill Sepnafski, Sr. | Irene Bishop | John & Julia Aulik | Bill Wilke |
| Wm & Ella Goetz Family | Arnie Steeber | Albert Rugowski | George B. Mangin Sr. |
| Stanley & Justin | Leo Forst | Marie Fictum | John P. Mangin |
| Graczykowski | Adline Forst | Vera & Ed Krause | Family's of Ben Fidler and |
| Ann Reed | Savage & Sturm Families | Dale Chizek | Edwin Cook |
| Anna Vogel | Ben & Regina Burkart | Joseph C. Knier | Naomi Knipp |
| Richard Vogel | Howard & Ethel Kempka | Clement Franz | Eugene Sepnesky |
| Genevieve Crowley | Norbert & Gertrude Vogt | Andrew Klein | Vic & Helen Walters |
| Michael Crowley | Edwin & Christine | Scott Bergene | Jerry King |
| Omer & Erma Gauthier | Ploederl | Jerry Bergene | Daniel V. Jeske |
| Jim Gauthier | Joseph & Theresa | Roy Schmitt | Daniel Medina |
| Ben & Marcella Kohlbeck | Tomchek | L/D Mbrs Hugo & Verona | Patrick Murray |
| Madeline Blashka | Joe Casper Family | Gerharz Family | Helen Shimek |
| Joe Blashka | Roy Casper | Frank Bonk | Hulda Caldwell |
| Don & Geri Leist | Alma Leider | Josephine Bonk | James Shea |
| John Leist | Gordon G. Wagner | Jamie Knipp | Ed & Anna Paul |
| Tami Zinda | Dec. Mbrs Conway Family | Vernon and Family | Frank & Clara Riederer |
| Marie & Everette Sweeting | Sam Patenaude | Stanley & Mae Pozorski | Daniel Greenwald |
| Matthew & Louise Lewis | Adele Patenaude | The Hoffman Family | Joseph & Erma Sieracki |
| Edmund & Rose Zankle | Vivian Kozloski | The Mrozinski Family | Alfred & Viola Greenwald |
| James Zankle | Marvin Ziarnik | Christine Duenkel | Arthur & Isabel Klackner |
| The Geimer, Schultz and | Sophie Ziarnik | Aaron & Agnes Bausch | Paul & Joseph Rohrer |
| Zachek Families | Ken Ziarnik | Elmer & Isabella Duenkel | Anton & Lillian Dufek |
| Chas & Wylma Neuser | Frank & Ann Kutil | Mary Anne B. Kangas | Mildred & Marget Dufek |
| Ethel Neubert | Georgiana & Henry | Matthew F. Kangas | Anthony & Elaine Dufek |
| Peter & Stella Syalewski | Barbieur | Leonard Cerkas | Rose & Peter Gosz |
| John & Anna Pitroski | Philip "Uncle Jack" | Ashley MacDonald | Marcella Brandl |
| Dorothy Pitroski & Karen | Budnik | Adam Cerkas | Lillian Neumeyer |
| Timothy Pitroski | Gary & Marie LaFond | Steve & Lucille Kukoski | Danny Handl |
| Jo Ann Zdun | Edward & Catherine | Erv & Generva Musial | Grace & Garfield |
| Charles & Violet Bunzow | Hawig | Edward & Elizabeth Orth | Crawford |
| Gertrud & Sylvester | Ralph Daley | Fred & Clara Skarvan | L/D Mbrs Alex & Pauline |
| Birringer | Stanley Repinski | Alice Burich | Mrotek Family |
| Eleanor & Harold Barbeau | Frederick E. Voss | Family, Brothers & | Uncle Bill Broehmann |
| Rose Mary Barbeau | The Temme Family | Grandparents | John & Clara Schmitz |
| Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dufek | The Voss Family | Harold & George | Edward & Marion Lenz |
| Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Dufek | Junk & Noworatzky | Lorraine & Harry Witczak | William & Loyola Kurth |
| Evelyn Teteak | Families | Helen & Louis Sleger | Dennis P. Franz |
| Mr. & Mrs. William | Jerry Ebert | Francis Strauss | Charles J. Parworth |
| Damman | Harry, Emily & Angeline | Marcella Holschbach | Francis & Lois Franz |
| Rita Scott | Zinkel | Leo & Odelia Kattner | Dennis E. Franz |
| Bill Garceau | Frank Resch & | Leroy & Maureen Kattner | Lester Parworth |
| Leonard Kocourek | Dorothy M. Resch | Joe & Clara Franz | Marisol Alvarez |
| Evelyn Kocourek | Vivian Pigeon & | Eugene Franz & | |
| Leona Heinz | Rose Linzmeier | Elaine Thone | |
| Donald Heinz | Bob Rott | Margaret Meyer | |

*Additional names in
next week's bulletin*



Holy Family Memorial

Sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

Where *Healing* Begins and *Caring* Never Ends

- **Music from the Heart returns . . .**

HFM's Heart and Vascular Center will again sponsor a music concert featuring HFM doctors. The concert will be held at Roncalli High School on Sunday, February 27 at 2 p.m. This popular concert played to a nearly full house last year and will see the return of many of the physicians plus some new faces.

This year the Roncalli Jazz band will play on stage in the auditorium as concert attendees arrive between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. The concert will benefit the HFM Heart and Vascular Center and the Roncalli Music Department.

Tickets are \$15.00 and are now available the HFM Gift Shoppe, 2300 Western Ave., and the Wellness Center, Harbor Town, 1650 S. 41st Street. Cash, checks or HFM Gift Cards are accepted. Christmas envelopes are included for those purchasing Christmas gifts.

- **Michael Hazelberg, DO ...** has joined the award-winning HFM Family Medicine team at Harbor Town. Call today to schedule a FREE, no obligation "meet and greet" with Dr. Hazelberg to help you choose a new healthcare provider. 320.4500

- **Marjorie Delo, MD,** a family medicine physician specializing in sports medicine, will join Lakeshore Orthopaedics at Harbor Town in January. Watch for the start of a sports concussion clinic in 2011.

- **Obstetrician/Gynecologist Dr. William Leach, Jr.** will soon join HFM Women's Health at 600 York Street, Manitowoc. He is now accepting appointments. 320.6705

- **Audiologist Erin McCarville-Ciseski, Au.D** has joined Lakeshore Ear, Nose & Throat. She has experience treating hearing disorders & impairments in people of all ages. Appointments can be made at 320.4380.

- **Is your New Year's resolution to lose weight or eat healthier?** Then check out the HFM Wellness Center's WELL BASH on **December 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** This FREE event allows you to try several of their most popular classes and attend cooking demos, all at no cost! Then cap off the day with wine tasting featuring Festival Foods wine experts. Located at the Harbor Town Campus. Call 320.4600 for more details.



RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Over the years Mr. Olson, Roncalli High School Principal, has been humbled to receive such nice comments regarding the letters he occasionally writes for the school's monthly *Insights*. This year we have put together an illustrated collection of approximately 30 of those letters. They will be available mid to late December in the school office for \$15.00 with ALL proceeds going to Roncalli's annual Christmas Drive. We would like to thank Bill Fricke and Fricke Printing for their generosity in helping us make this collection possible. There will be a limited number available, so we ask that you call the school at 682-8801 to reserve a copy.

~ **Roncalli Christmas Liturgy** ~
 Wednesday, December 22, at 1:50 PM
 All are invited!

March for Life January 22-25, 2011

Catholics on Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

For reservations and information call
 Dawn 920/336-0613 or Sara 920/882-1334
 Lamers Tour & Travel, Milwaukee

New Tour: Italy 2011

Experience an 11-Day Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice

With Bishop Robert Banks from
 April 30-May 10, 2011

To request a brochure, contact Amy Kawula at 920-272-8212 or toll free 1-877-500-3580, ext. 8212.

St. Vincent de Paul Help Corner

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

What's happening at...



Can You Carry a Child?

The 2010-2011 school year has brought many requests for financial assistance at a higher level as compared to prior years. This is a direct result of the current economic times. *Currently, \$137,472 has been distributed to 136 children of our school families. These requests have exceeded the available tuition assistance funds by over \$20,000.* A significant amount of our parish families have seen a reduction in work hours or have had their jobs terminated. Covering the cost of tuition becomes an overwhelming task; our goal is to help as many families as possible experience the positive impact of an affordable Catholic education. Any contribution to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Please complete the form below and return to:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Office
 Attn: Candice Giesen
 601 North 8th Street
 Manitowoc, WI 54220

Can You Carry a Child?

Cost of educating a child \$5,355



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____



\$5,000

\$2,500

\$1,000

\$500

Other _____

Check Enclosed

Credit Card

“I have done what is mine to do, may Christ teach you what is yours to do.” - St. Francis of Assisi



Parish Office Phone: 920-684-3718 / **School Office Phone:** 920-683-6880

Central Office: 601 North 8th Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220
Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs. 7:30 AM—5:00 PM; Fri. 7:30 AM—Noon
www.sfamanitowoc.com / parish email: info@sfamanitowoc.com

Parish Worship Sites

Grand Ave. & S. 14th St. ~ Marshall St. & S. 21st St. ~ Waldo Blvd. & N. 14th St.

Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr. Dan Felton Fr. Richard Klingeisen
Dcn. Bob Beehner Fr. Daniel Viertel
Sr. Renee Delvaux, OSF

Parish Deacons

Deacon Rich Bahnaman Deacon Bob Beehner
Deacon Alan Boeldt Deacon Mike Dolezal
Deacon Bob Drobka Deacon Paul Kieffer
Deacon Kenn Nelesen

Parish & School Team

Sr. Lynne Jagemann.....Director of Worship
Barbara Kratz.....Director of Faith Formation
Ann Lensmire.....Director of Music
Joel Stepanek.....Director of Youth Ministry
Candice Giesen.....Development
Connie Heinzen.....Development
Patrick Brandel.....Stewardship
Linda Bender—Principal
 St. Francis Xavier (PreK thru 5).....683-6888
 St. Francis de Sales (K thru 5).....683-6892
Jim Clark—Principal
 St. Frances Cabrini (6, 7, 8).....683-6884
John Stelzer—President, Tim Olson—Principal
 Roncalli High School.....682-8801

Faith Formation Center

1001 Marshall St., 683-3897

Want to become a Catholic?

There is a process to connect with the Spirit and the Church. Call the parish office and ask about RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

We Welcome You to St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community!

- Our most important involvement in the parish community is our presence at the Sunday Eucharist—“the source and summit of our life in Christ”.
- Our parish Christian stewardship is based on prayer, service, and sharing. We are called to give back to God as generously as God has given to us.
- If you wish to find out more about our parish community, please contact the parish office, or complete this form and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. You will be contacted by a member of the parish staff.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Mass Schedule

Saturday: Marshall site: 4:00 PM
Grand site: 4:00 PM
Waldo site: 4:30 PM

Sunday: Waldo site: 7:30 & 9:30 AM
6:00 PM LifeTeen Mass
Marshall site: 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Grand site: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Weekday: 6:30 AM at Marshall, 7:15 AM at Waldo

Radio Broadcast Mass: Sun. 9:30 AM, WCUB 980AM

Cablecast of Sunday Mass: Tues. & Wed. at 2:00 PM
Comcast Cable Channel 20

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Marshall site: Saturday, 9:30-10:30 AM
Grand site: Saturday, 3:00-3:30 PM
Waldo site: Saturday, 3:00-4:00 PM
Anytime by appointment.

Baptism & Marriage

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

A communal celebration is offered three times per year. Individual anointing is available upon request.

Pastoral Care of the Sick/Homebound

Please notify the parish office of family/friends who are homebound, in care facilities, or hospitalized.