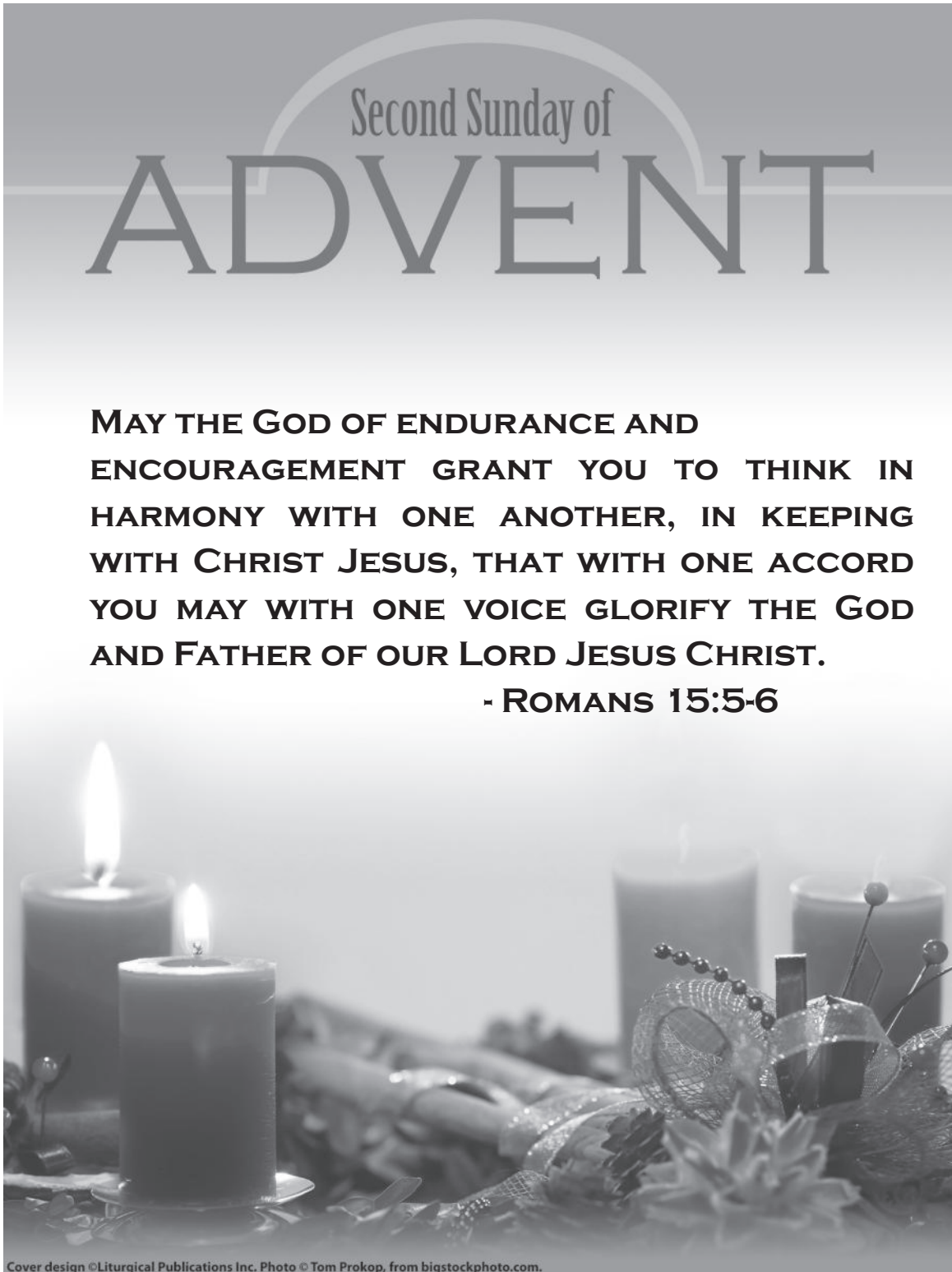


Saint
Francis of Assisi Parish *Welcome to...*



Second Sunday of
ADVENT

MAY THE GOD OF ENDURANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT GRANT YOU TO THINK IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER, IN KEEPING WITH CHRIST JESUS, THAT WITH ONE ACCORD YOU MAY WITH ONE VOICE GLORIFY THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

- ROMANS 15:5-6

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December 5, 2010 • Second Sunday of Advent



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners & Friends of the Parish,

Advent greetings to you! The second week of **Advent** always anticipates the arrival of **John the Baptist** onto the gospel scene. **Prepare ye the Way of the Lord!** John the Baptist challenges us to prepare our hearts and homes for the arrival of the Christmas Christ. If we can place our "Things to be done before Christmas" list in this context, then the wrapping of gifts, decorating the tree, making the Christmas candies & cookies and sending the Christmas cards will be understood as ways to prepare the way for the Lord!

This week we will also pause to celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**. In a special and sacred way, God prepared Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 8 December, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary reminds us that we are all prepared by God to fulfill the special and sacred role that is entrusted uniquely to each one of us as we carry out God's plan of salvation. Since this is a Holy Day of Obligation, please see the Mass schedule that has been provided in this bulletin. **Let our praise of the Mother of God help us to prepare the way of the Lord!**

Lots of Christmas concerts are happening in the schools in our area, including the **Roncalli Christmas Show** this weekend, the **St. Francis Xavier & St. Francis de Sales Campuses Christmas Program** on Monday and the **Cabrini Campus Band Concert** on Tuesday. Embracing the songs of the season is another great way to prepare our hearts for the way of the Lord.

John the Baptist reminds us that we'd better work seriously to make straight our own paths and to clean up the wastelands in our own lives. Here's a challenge to each and every one of us: *what one thing will we do differently this week to prepare the way of the Lord?*

St. Francis & St. Clare, pray for us!

Fr. Dan

Advent Reconciliation

All Parishioners may attend ANY of the following Reconciliation Services:

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

Saturday, December 4th

"Open the Vaults of Heaven", 7:00 PM
Roncalli Christmas Show at Roncalli High School

Sunday, December 5th

"Open the Vaults of Heaven", 2:00 PM
Roncalli Christmas Show at Roncalli High School

Monday, December 6th

**St. Francis de Sales & St. Francis Xavier
Campuses Christmas Program**
7:00 PM at Roncalli High School

Tuesday, December 7th

Cabrini Campus Band Concert, 7:00 PM
Cabrini Gym

Vigil—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass Schedule:

Grand: 4:30 PM, Waldo: 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation—Mass Schedule:
Marshall: 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Grand: 9:00 AM

Waldo: 7:15 AM, 9:00 AM

*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

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 5th—

Stewardship Social: following the morning Masses at the Grand site

Flicker of Hope Luminary Display: 5:00—8:00 PM throughout area neighborhoods

Monday, December 6th—

Grief Share Drop-In Group: 6:00 PM parish office

Daughters of Isabella: 7:00 PM Grand site Letz Center

Tuesday, December 7th—

Prayer Shawl Meeting: 7:00 PM parish office

Wednesday, December 8th—

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy day of obligation, see page 1 for Mass schedule

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

Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 PM parish office

Respect Life Meeting: 7:00 PM parish office

Thursday, December 9th—

Military Outreach: 7:00 PM parish office

Friday, December 10th—

NOMADs (Nurturing Other Mothers As Disciples) -

spiritual fellowship group for mothers; childcare provided: 9:00—11:00 AM, LifeTeen House

Serra Club: Noon at Holy Family Memorial

Saturday, December 11th—

Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party: 11:30 AM—3:00 PM at Holiday Inn, \$10.00 per person, call 684-3836 with reservations by December 6th.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

Sunday, December 19th—

- Rosary Recital: 12:15 PM at Knollwood Memorial Pk

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

Sunday, December 12

Grand at 8:30 AM: *Gloria Dei*

Waldo at 9:30 AM: *Celebrators*

Marshall at 10:00 AM: *Cecilia 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 4th—Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 PM M †Elaine Woytal; †Nic & Elaine Everard & Bob Johnson
 4:00 PM G †Mary Ann Mitchell; †Viola Hill
 4:30 PM W †Sylvan Oswald;
 †JoAnn Hodas and Joe & Violet Brockhoff

Sunday December 5th—Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 AM W †Victor & Agnes Zeman; †Richard & Helen Fischer
 8:00 AM M †John J. Poklenkowski; †Salvatore & Virginia Sgarioto
 8:30 AM G †Charles Bunzow; †Allen Longmeyer
 9:30 AM W For the Parish
 10:00 AM M †Stanley (Dziadziu) Rajzer; †Betty Hanson
 10:30 AM G †Bob & Irene Moore; †John & Hazel Stuiber
 6:00 PM W †Jeanette Ewen

Monday December 6th—Advent Weekday

- 6:30 AM M Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist
 7:15 AM W †Beatrice & Quirin Sleger

Tuesday December 7th—St. Ambrose

- 6:30 AM M †Salvatore & Virginia Sgarioto
 7:15 AM W †Art & Lucille Kornely; †Marge & Mary McNulty

Wednesday December 8th—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 AM M †Steve Berger
 7:15 AM W †Lawrence Lensmire; †Adam Nebel
 9:00 AM G †Jean Trainor; †Sigward, Alice & Jerry Rugowski
 9:00 AM M †Sophie & Edwin Peaschek
 9:00 AM W †Fred, Katherine & Elizabeth Granzow

Thursday December 9th—Advent Weekday

- 6:30 AM M †Anna & William Smazel
 7:15 AM W †Norma Krema

Friday December 10th—Advent Weekday

- 6:30 AM M †Floyd Strohfeltd; †Archie Tadych
 7:15 AM W †Don & Bernice Barta; †Christine Ziarnik and
 L/D Mbrs of the Ducat & Degrand Families

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 Brandl; †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; †Bernadette Damman
 10:30 AM G †John & Hazel Stuiber;
 †Ray & Connie Mertens and Leo & Marcella Samz
 6:00 PM W †John & Mary Skubal

Second Sunday of Advent

Fr. Dan
Viertel



*"A voice of one crying out in the desert,
prepare the way of the Lord, make straight
his paths." (Mt 3:1b)*

God revealing Himself in the desert is frequently seen in Sacred Scripture. Moses and Elijah, received their vocation in this setting. Jesus prayed to the Father in the desert. The prophet Hosea pictures God as leading His people into the desert where He speaks to their hearts. The trek of the Hebrews through the wilderness stands as the definitive desert experience by which a people received divine revelation and became God's own. John the Baptist echoes a prophetic voice of repentance and forgiveness from the wilderness. On any given day we find ourselves crying out in the wilderness, looking for God to ignite hope.

One of the greatest challenges we face in our world today is the sense of entitlement that seems to intrude on our many requests and demands. We're entitled to the good life and have everything work for us. If it doesn't, someone must be to blame. Whoever is at fault, it isn't us. Access to God is not an entitlement.

Perhaps we are called to be voices in the wilderness. We are often so caught up in our own needs, our own requests that we forget that it is about Jesus, perhaps our sense of entitlement is to be replaced with a sense of responsibility to our Baptism. By virtue of our Baptism we are part of a community, one body in Christ. We are invited to draw near to Him within this body that looks out for each other. Perhaps we are to use our voices to say, "It is not about me, it is about Jesus," especially at this time of the year. We prepare the way of the Lord by supporting each other, setting aside our own needy egos, and helping each other to live our lives with meaning and purpose.

John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord.

- Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

St. Clare Corner

GOOD FOOD! GOOD COMPANY! GOOD ENTERTAINMENT!

Come celebrate this joyous season with your friends at the annual **Christmas Party**, on December 14th, at the beautiful Silver Valley. There is still time to make a reservation. The cost is \$14.50. Call Ruthanne at 682-6676 to make your reservation. See you there!

More good news...

Catholic Financial Life has awarded matching funds for the October 30th rummage and bake sale in the amount of \$500 to bring our total profit to **\$4,173.50!** Thank you for your generosity. This added incentive, along with the other donations to the rummage and bake sale, encourages us to continue this fundraising event. Thank you again, Catholic Financial Life!

Retirement Fund Helps Senior Religious

“As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund,” notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please **Share in the Care** and give generously to next week’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:

Michael Krueck

Marcella Masiak

Elizabeth Olsen

Ralph Pekulik

Mary Ann Rohrer

August Schuette

Sister Blanche Bilodeau

3rd grade teacher at St. Boniface 1944-46

May all the faithful departed rest in peace.

PARISH SUPPORT

Received Week of 11/21/10

| | <u>Total</u> | <u>Per Family</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 34,937 | \$ 11.01 |
| Loose Offering | \$ 2,338 | \$.74 |
| Total | \$ 37,275 | \$ 11.75 |
| Support Budgeted/Week: | <u>\$ 45,962</u> | <u>\$ 14.49</u> |
| Difference this Week: | (\$ 8,687) | (\$ 2.74) |

Received Week of 11/28/10

| | <u>Total</u> | <u>Per Family</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 28,591 | \$ 9.02 |
| Loose Offering | \$ 2,605 | \$.82 |
| Total | \$ 31,196 | \$ 9.84 |
| Support Budgeted/Week: | <u>\$ 45,962</u> | <u>\$ 14.49</u> |
| Difference this Week: | (\$ 14,766) | (\$ 4.66) |

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday, December 8th

Many people mistakenly believe that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ conception was most assuredly immaculate—but the Immaculate Conception does not refer to Jesus at all. The Immaculate Conception is a doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church in regards to Mary, Jesus’ mother. An official statement of the doctrine reads, “...the blessed Virgin Mary to have been, from the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Savior of Mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin.” Essentially the Immaculate Conception is the belief that Mary was protected from original sin, that Mary did not have a sinful nature, and was, in fact, sinless.



In Memory of...

For the month of December

Hosts are...

In Thanksgiving at the Grand site

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

All ages are welcome!

Please bring scissors if you can. If you have questions please call:

Grand site: Nancy at 682-2950
Waldo site: Susan at 684-4534

**Readings for the Week of December 5, 2010**

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 OR
OL Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38
or 1:39-47
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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!

New Business for Scrip:

Little Caesars gift cards are available in \$20 increments at *8% profit*.

LaDeDa Books & Beans has also joined scrip. Certificates can be ordered in any dollar amount at *10% profit*. Scrip certificates cannot be used to purchase consignment books.

Accidentally omitted from the Scrip business listings from last week's bulletin was **Book World**. Certificates can be ordered in \$10 or \$25 amounts at *9% profit*.

**Sales for the week ending
November 28th were
\$5,054 and total profit was \$206**

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*

**LifeNight for December 12th:****On Loan**

We were given the earth as a gift, and are called to be stewards of it. So how have we been doing? In our own lives are we conscious of the gift God has given us in our environment, or are we stuck not caring? Check out what the Church teaches about "going green" at this great LifeNight.

**Old Made New**

We've gotten through the Old Testament, now its time to see its fulfillment in the New! Join us as we begin our section on the New Testament at this great EDGE Night!

Next week's LifeNight is sponsored by:

**Jack Cashman & Mary Govier
In thanksgiving for
Grandsons, Jack & Conor**

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.



The Stewardship Award for Service was initiated with the beginning of our parish of St. Francis of Assisi in 2005. Last year's award was presented to the Funeral Dinner Volunteers.

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. May we all continue to serve one another with love and compassion.

Featured group: JAIL MINISTRY

Mission: To visit those in jail.

Type of Stewardship: Service

Contacts: Deacon Bob Beehner, 629-3525
bob.beehner@sfamanitowoc.com

The first time I went into the Manitowoc County Jail with Deacon Rich and Cal Naidl, I remember the sound of the first door and its pneumatic latch closing behind me. We were in a short receiving hall, unable to see the guards behind the mirrored glass, but the locking sound and the feel of enclosure hit me in the chest like a heavy weight. From then on, the term "inside" has taken on new meaning.



There are several newer jail visitors not shown in the photo. Each has a high level of spiritual maturity and each has gone through the door for the first time. Once "in," the ministry begins. In our Monday night liturgy, music is shared, the Sunday readings are read, discussed and prayed about. Men and women in the county jail are not "bad" people. They are ordinary men and women, often young and often involved with drugs or alcohol, who got caught.

When you are at bottom – and being incarcerated is near that point – you are much more open to the spiritual than we on the outside. The combination of their need and the Holy Spirit is powerful. We meet in small groups, reading the Word and talking to find what is meant and what is real. In this exchange it is a good feeling for the visitors and those who are "in." "For I was...in prison and you visited me." Mt 25:35-36
Our jail ministers who visit bring all of our church in with them.

FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL...

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

Dec. 5—Grand site Dec. 12—Marshall site Dec.19—Waldo site

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



SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

GIVING TREE PROJECT

St. Francis of Assisi Parish has begun its annual Giving Tree Project.



At each of the three parish sites there is a tree decorated with stars. On each of the stars there are written gift suggestions for someone in the community who would benefit from our generosity. Parishioners are invited to take one or more stars from a tree and purchase a gift or gifts from the suggestions.

The gift should be wrapped with the star securely fastened (**number side up**) and returned to the site from which the star was taken. (Stars are a different color at each site. Marshall is blue, Grand is yellow and Waldo is white.) **The gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 12th so that they can be sorted and distributed.**

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

Please make our annual Giving Tree Project at St. Francis of Assisi Parish a success by taking a star and providing a gift for someone in our community.

For further information contact:

Waldo (white stars)
Susan Cisler, 684-4534

Grand (yellow stars)
Nancy Censky, 682-2950

Marshall (blue stars)
Bob & Helen Cichantek,
682-4727



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.

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 |
| 1 Donated | |

Maintenance & Facilities

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Vacuum Cleaners (3) | \$600 each |
| Snow Blowers (3) | \$700 each |
| Entrance Mats for Worship sites | \$2,500 |
| Fold-up Scaffold for Marshall site | \$75 |
| Heavy-Duty Socket Set | \$100 |
| Heavy-Duty Wrench Set | \$100 |
| Commercial Carpet Dryers (3) | \$275 each |

Religious Education

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| 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 | \$625 |
| LifeNight Sponsor | \$200 |
| Summer Leadership Conference Sponsor | \$500 |

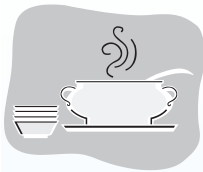
Worship

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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) | \$150 each |
| Refillable Candles for Marshall Site | |
| Candelabras (4) 1 Donated | \$50 each |
| Icons for Marshall site (4) | Donated |
| Christmas Cloth for Flags/Altar, Waldo | \$50 |
| Advent Wreath for Waldo site | \$150 |
| Stands for Candles/Wreath, Waldo | \$150 |

Parish School

| | |
|--|----------------|
| 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 |

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...

Feeling Icky in the Most Wonderful Season of All

By: Kristina DeNeve, Ph.D.

Do you wonder if you are getting the most out of the holidays? Good news: that feeling is the meaning of Advent! We are SUPPOSED to feel some emptiness during Advent. Advent is the season of waiting, waiting for the Lord to come to us. Deep inside, we know we are incomplete. We yearn for more. "Our hearts are restless, Lord, until they rest in you", said St. Augustine. Jesus is the reason for every season, including Advent when we are reminded that, in this life, some things will always be amiss.

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!

Baptism Preparation for First Time Parents



This month's Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Sunday, December 12th at 6:00 PM** at the **parish office**. This class is required for all first time parents. Come meet with other young parents and find out about your child's Baptism. Babies & Godparents are welcome. Parents who are expecting their first child are also welcome. You do not need to pre-register for the class. Call the parish office with questions at 684-3718.

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.

Let's Keep Christ In Christmas



The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Woman's Club are selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" magnets that may be displayed on your car or refrigerator.

The purpose for this joint project is to promote the idea that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." The magnets will make a great gift and will be available for **\$5.00 after all Masses this weekend of December 4th and 5th.**

CHRISTMAS AT SILVER LAKE

On December 4th and 5th, Silver Lake College will present its third annual “Christmas at Silver Lake”. Beginning at 7:30 PM on Saturday, December 4th, the Silver Lake Chorale, the Concert Choir, and the Hand Bell Ensemble will present a concert of classic and modern Christmas works.

Saturday night’s concert will also feature pieces combining the Concert Choir and the Hand Bell Ensemble, as well as carols, with which the audience will be invited to sing along.

On Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 p.m., the Silver Lake College instrumental ensembles, under the direction of Jeremiah Eis, will present their Winter concert. The Silver Lake Jazz Ensemble will conclude the instrumental concert with a series of jazz favorites. Both concerts will take place in the Silver Lake College Chapel, and are free and open to the public.

All are encouraged to stay after each concert to enjoy complimentary hot cocoa, and to talk with the students and directors.

Holy Spirit Parish Music Ministry Presents

David Haas & Lori True In Concert

Friday, December 10th at 7:30 PM

Holy Spirit Parish

600 E. Kimberly Ave, Kimberly

Visit www.holyspirit-parish.org for more information

Christmas CD Release!

The release of Deacon Rich Bahnaman’s newest CD “Joyeux Noel” will be **Saturday, December 11th** at the Damascus Center in the Life Teen House, following the Saturday evening Masses that weekend, until 10:00 PM. Along with the CD’s, pie, hot coffee and coffee by the pound will be sold.

Rich will perform that night, along with his son Ryan, Ann Lensmire, Mike and Karen Cisler, Kent Aubrey, Janet Rank, Lauren Svacina, and other friends. All profits go to fund mission activities in the U.S. and around the world. *Don’t miss it!*

Advance copies are on sale, for \$12 each,
at the following locations:

SFA parish office ~ LaDeDa Books & Beans
The Greatest Gift ~ Golden Ring Music

Glory to God in the Highest

December 12 at 3:00 PM

St. Peter the Fisherman Church, Two Rivers

Jennifer Kasten, soprano;
Karen Quicker, mezzo soprano;
Benjamin Horvat, tenor;
R. Benjamin Dobey, baritone

Manitowoc Symphony Orchestra has a special offer for members of area congregations. When ordering tickets for this show, mention the promo code **Inspiration** to get the special price of \$15.00 per ticket for the concert.

Tickets are available at the
Capitol Civic Centre box office, 913 S. 8th Street
Monday—Friday from 9:00 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Or by phone at 683-2184

Regular ticket prices are \$27, \$22 and \$5 for student tickets. The Family Ticket Package, available for this concert, includes tickets for two adults and any number of children between 5 and 18 years of age for \$25.00.



Make your daily experience of Advent special with Catholic talk radio. Helping you prepare room for Christ in the “inn” of your hearts.

Tune into Relevant Radio:

WJOK **1050AM** or
online streaming

www.relevantradio1050.com

March for Life January 22-25, 2011

Catholics on Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

Join fellow Catholics for a pilgrimage to the
“March For Life” Rally! Seats are limited.
Make your reservations today!

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

"Where There Is Sharing, Healing Takes Place" Grief Share Drop-In Group

This group is open to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group is non-denominational, providing the opportunity to find support, share memories, feelings and concerns, with others who have also experienced the loss of a loved one.

There is no fee; registration is appreciated but not necessary. Groups meet the first Monday of each month. The next meeting is **December 6th from 6:00—7:30 PM at the SFA parish office, 601 North 8th Street, in the Heritage Room.** Please call Sally at 973-7402 with any questions or concerns.

Overeaters Anonymous

Can't Stop Eating? We Can Help!
Meetings are for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively.

Monday 3:00—4:00 PM

1013 N. 11th St., Manitowoc

Tuesday 7:00—8:00 PM

Aurora Medical Ctr, 5000 Memorial Dr., Two Rivers

Friday 1:30—2:30 PM

St. Paul's United Methodist Church,
411 Reed Ave., Manitowoc

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, please report it to Ms. Ann Fox, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese of Green Bay, at 1-877-270-8174 or 1-920-272-8174.

If you prefer to report an incident to someone not employed by the Diocese, please call Mr. Bob Johnson, executive director of American Foundation of Counseling Services in Green Bay and a facilitator who can assist you in filing a report. Phone 920-437-8256.

We also encourage you to report the incident to local civil authorities.



Rosary Makers Guild

Are you interested in making rosaries for the mission? Let's keep Mary alive in our hearts and share her with others! A rosary making guild will be held on Tuesday, January 11 and again on January 25, from 1:00 PM—3:00 PM at the church office. We will teach you to make rosaries. Come and socialize with others and be part of an important mission. For more information, contact Dawn Holsen at 682-2864.

Survivors of Suicide Meeting

The next Survivors of Suicide meeting will be held at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, 3218 Tannery Road, Two Rivers, on **December 8th from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.** This non-denominational meeting will be held in the large conference room of the religious education center. All are welcome to attend these meetings, held every second Wednesday of the month. Enter through the middle door of the church, off of the west parking lot. For more information call Sister Pat at 794-7454 or Betty at 794-1572, or visit the website: www.afsp.org.

St. Peter the Fisherman, Adult Religious Opportunity

Epic: A Journey Through Church History

Our identity as Catholics means that we are the inheritors of the deeds of holy men and women who for 2,000 years have built a great civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Church history is not just the recitation of popes, people, places and events; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion.

Sessions are held on Thursdays, from January 6—May 26, 2011 at St. Peter the Fisherman, 3218 Tannery Road in Two Rivers. For additional information call Sr. Jacqueline at 793-4531 ext. 205 or email: jspaniola@stpeterthefisherman.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Help Corner

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.



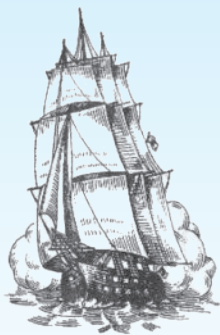
RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL



Roncalli High School is a Christian learning community educating the whole person in the Catholic tradition emphasizing academic and spiritual growth.



Roncalli students have been busy as the holidays approach with school work, sports and community activities. Several alumni are currently serving overseas in the military so students have packed up boxes with holiday items to be sent to them. The Roncalli Singers have been performing at various locations in the county and many students recently attended the Fall Fling costume dance.



The Christmas Schooner A Holiday Musical

Singing the Charles Dickens Blues? "Nutcracker" got you down? Is the thought of one more Christmas Pageant enough to make you scream? Take a ride on "The Christmas Schooner!"

This critically acclaimed holiday treat tells the true story of a Michigan shipping captain who braves the deadly winter weather to bring Christmas trees to homesick German American families in turn-of-the-century Chicago. His voyages become a yearly tradition despite his wife's misgivings-until a fateful voyage makes her realize the true importance of his mission.

December 16, 17, 18, 2010 – 7:00 pm

December 19, 2010 – 1:00 pm

Roncalli Zimmer Auditorium

\$15 Adults \$10 Students

Call 920-686-8145 Monday thru Friday (8am to 4pm)

After 4pm or weekends, call and leave message

Proceeds to benefit Roncalli Tuition Aid Fund

What's happening at...



Upcoming SFA School Holiday Shows ~ All are welcome to attend!

Xavier & deSales Christmas Program
Monday, December 6th—7:00 PM, Roncalli High School

Cabrini Campus Band Concert
Tuesday, December 7th—7:00 PM, Cabrini Gym

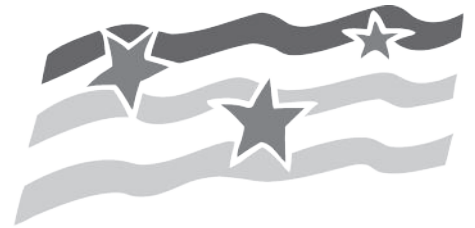
Cabrini Campus Choral Concert
Thursday, December 16th—7:00 PM, Cabrini Gym



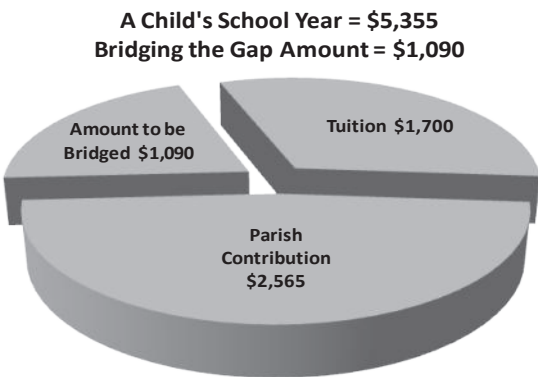
BRIDGING THE GAP

The total cost to educate each student in our St. Francis of Assisi School is \$5,355. Tuition/scholarships and parish subsidy cover \$4,265 of this cost and third-source funding makes up the “gap” of \$1,090 per student.

A donor has generously offered an additional gift of \$10,000—*if* \$16,000 can be raised. Currently, \$9,100 has been raised through donors at the International Food Fair. Your gift, in any amount, will greatly help to “bridge the gap” and meet the donor’s challenge.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Yes, I would like to help “bridge the gap” with my gift

- of:
- \$1,000
 - \$750
 - \$500
 - \$250
 - \$100
 - Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Completed forms can be returned to the St. Francis of Assisi parish office at:
601 North 8th Street, Manitowoc Attention: Candice Giesen



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.