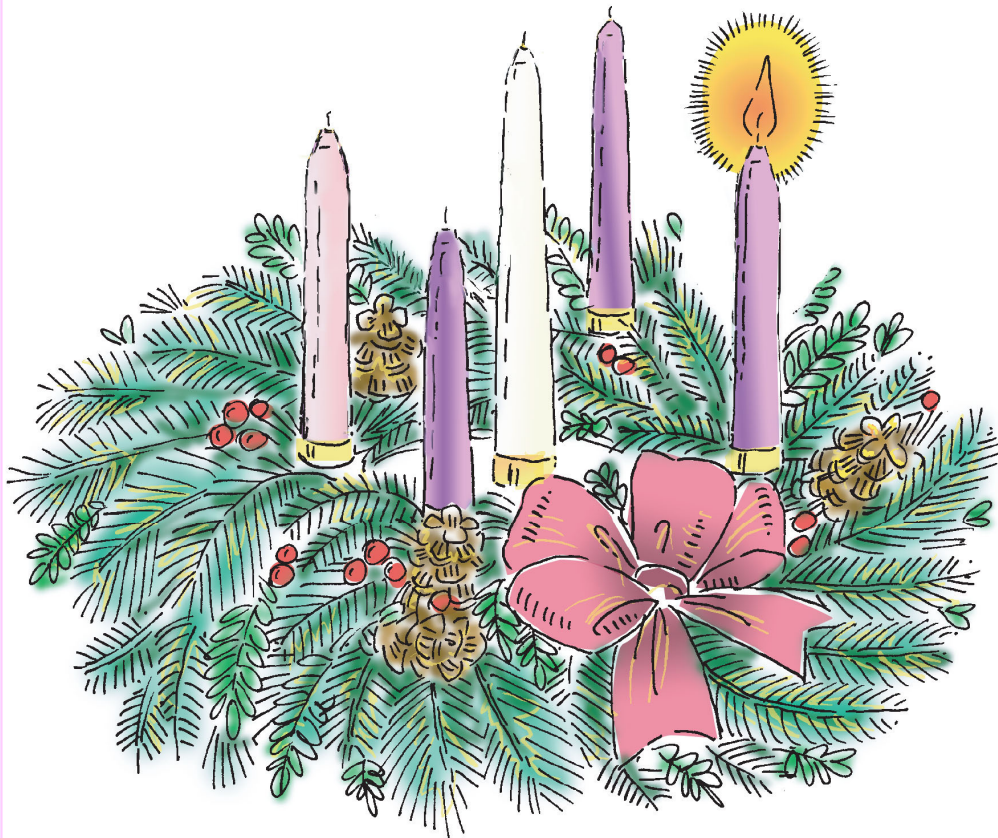


Saint John the Evangelist Journal

November 30, 2014



First Sunday of Advent





Some Notes from Fr. Dwight's Desk.....

Happy New Year!

No, I haven't skipped a few weeks on my calendar. The Church begins a new liturgical year each year on the First Sunday of Advent. This beautiful season has a very unique spirituality and sense all its own. It is also one of my favorite seasons of the liturgical year because it encourages all of us to do something that can be very challenging in our modern times: wait and watch. So, with that in mind, I thought I might take this opportunity to reflect a bit on this season that begins a new year and share some insights about how we celebrate it in particular and unique ways here in our parish community.

The place to begin is with the color of the season. Here at St. John there has been a long-standing tradition of using deep bluish purple as the color of vestments and three of the four candles on our Advent wreath. This color is used for two important reasons. First, it helps us to remember symbolically that as a people of faith, our Advent waiting and watching parallels the waiting, watching and anticipation that the Blessed Virgin Mary would have known as she carried the infant Jesus in her womb. Blue is a color that is traditionally associated with the Blessed Virgin, and our use of it during the weeks of Advent encourages us to be mindful of our own waiting and watching for the presence of the Lord in our lives—just as Mary waited and watched.

This time of waiting is one of quiet anticipation. Any of us who have waited expectantly for the birth of a child—a daughter or son, niece or nephew, or grandchild—can relate to this particular sense of these Advent days and nights. I know that when my brother and sister-in-law were expecting each of their two children all of us in the family were filled with the same sense of anticipation and wonder. Not only were we trying to patiently await the birth of Amy, and then Adam two years later; each of us, in our own way, began thinking and wondering about what each child would be like. We wondered not only what they would look like, but also who they would be and become—what would their personalities be like, what foods would they like or dislike, what would be their favorite activities, games and sports—who will they become over time?

We can imagine that the same thoughts must have occupied the Blessed Virgin's mind as she patiently waited to bring the Savior into the world. During this season of Advent, we join our waiting and watching to her own. We, too, wonder what our unfolding, developing and growing relationship with the Savior will mean for each of us. In the year (and the years) ahead, how will we come to know him more fully and enter into relationship with him more deeply? Through what events, in what times and places will we encounter him and his love and care for each of us? This is all part of our Advent waiting, and the colors we use as part of the liturgy help us to be mindful of this.

Here in the northern hemisphere, this waiting and watching occurs at the darkest time of the year. As we wait and watch for the coming of the Lord, the night sky takes on a deep blue and purple hue. The use of the deep bluish purple of Advent reminds us of this. I know in my own life there are times when standing out under a starry night sky is one of the times I feel closest to God and the wonder of the world God has created for us. The new banners that hang in the sanctuary on either side of the tabernacle help us to remember this time of waiting and wondering—just as did the Blessed Virgin, as she waited with Saint Joseph to welcome the Son of God. Likewise, this is the color and look of the morning sky just before sunrise during this time of year. During Advent, we await the dawning of the Son of Justice!

Let us pray for and with one another as we wait and watch for the coming of the Lord during this beautiful and holy season of Advent and in the days and seasons ahead; and so I wish us all a happy and blessed new year!

December 8: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Christians remember the conception of Christ on the solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25). Because John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ, Eastern Rite Christians celebrate John's conception on September 23. The celebration of the conception of Mary falls nine months before the celebration of her birth, on September 8. Mary's conception day became a feast in the seventh century. The Church teaches that Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. This special grace prepared her to be the mother of God. Mary did not earn this freedom in any way. It was simply a gift bestowed by God. The medieval scholar, Duns Scotus, explained that "no one owes more to Christ than Mary, the immaculate one."

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is an opportunity to celebrate God's gracious gift to Mary as part of the plan for our salvation. **Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 8, at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.** All Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated in the main church. For the sake of clarification: this particular Holy Day is not subject to the Saturday/Monday rule that applies to others. This is because this Holy Day of Obligation is the patronal feast of the United States. As such, it is also a time to pray for the Blessed Virgin's continued care and protection for our nation and its people. It is also important to keep in mind that the 6:00 PM Sunday Mass for Sunday, December 7, will be for the Second Sunday of Advent, not the Immaculate Conception. Sorry—no two-for-one specials.

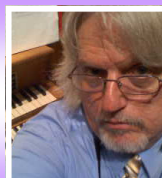
Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests (Franciscan and Dominican sisters, brothers and priests are examples of this group) spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals and social-service agencies, often for little or no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for more the more than 35,000 elderly religious and their religious communities who are assisted by this collection each year. There is a special envelope in your envelope booklets for making a gift to this annual nationwide collection the weekend of December 13 and 14. Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime.

Mass Intentions for the Week		December 6 & 7, 2014				
		Mass	Lectors	E. M.	Usher	Servers
Monday, December 1, Advent Weekday-Is 2: 1-5 Mt 8: 5-11		5:00 pm Sat 12-6	Medich, D	Dorland, P	Claxton, K	Kenrick,
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Chapel	Guilbault, R		Dorland, S	Niec, M	Olivia &	
9:00 a.m. Rita Gifford Michael & Sharleen Carrigan			Alger, T	Packard, R	Hunter	
			Tryles, S	Herrman, D	Meyers,	
			Pettinger, M	Nitoski, D	* Michael	
			Bombach, S			
			Holsinger, I			
			Husse, J			
Tuesday, December 2, Advent Weekday-Is 11: 1-10 Lk 10: 21-24		8:00 am Sun 12-7	Spaniola, J	Dzido, T	Porritt, J	Heim, Anna
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Chapel	Arthur, T		Williams, K	Boyden, E	Olkowski,	
9:00 a.m. Mick Terry - his wife Cecelia			Dembny, J	Bommarito,D	Mark &	
			McDowell, K	Jewell, M	Katie	
			Novak, J	Gifford, K		
			Knight, M			
			Cornillie, C			
			Menzies, N			
Wednesday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest-Is 25: 6-10a Mt 15: 29-37		10:00 am Sun 12-7	Dudek, K	Dudek, J	Wagner, D	Brenden,
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Chapel	Howd, P		Faricy, L	Wagner, G	Sophie	
8:30 a.m. School Mass-Church		Draeger, T	Rothley, R	Sass, Carter		
Roseanna Lynne Purzycki, 2nd anniversary of death - her Family		Erber, A	Rothley, W			
		Erber, J	Gardner, G			
		Engel, J	Tatro, R			
		Frakes, J				
		Kenney, D				
		Kenney, M				
		McKee, T				
		Burdick, S				
		Burdick, K				
Thursday, December 4, Advent Weekday-Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church-Is 26: 1-6 Mt 7: 21, 24-27		12:00 pm Sun 12-7	Logan, E	Newblatt, T	Langeway, C	Blissett,
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Chapel	Logan, S		LeVasseur,J	McDonald, S	Carson	
9:00 a.m. John McKim - Morris Family		Taylor, A	Cooper, S	Dziadzio,		
		Tolene, N	Glinke, T	Sarah		
		Dziadzio, J	Rheingans, J	Koester,		
		Sciturro, R	Walters, L	* Ellie		
		Lockwood, P				
		Schneider, M				
Friday, December 5, First Friday Advent Weekday-Is 29: 17-24 Mt 9: 27-31		6:00 pm Sun 12-7	KalFs, T	Ladwig, J	Gilbert, M	Ameel,
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Chapel	KalFs, E		Ladwig, T	Ladwig, S	* Mary	
9:00 a.m. Lucille Rodgers - Steve & Barb Kroflich		Kunkel, L	Farleo,	Grace		
		Bundy, T	Makenzie	Daskey,		
		Jankowski, L	Lenze, L	Andrea &		
		Stilson, D	Beste,	Allison		
		Stilson, N	Megan			
Saturday, December 6, Advent Weekday-Saint Nicholas, Bishop Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 Mt 9: 35--10: 5a, 6-8						
Second First Sunday of Advent Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3: 8-14 Mk 1: 1-8						
5:00 p.m. Dorothy Potts - her Friends						
Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent						
8:00 a.m. Joe Nagy - Flo & Family						
10:00 a.m. People of the Parish						
12:00 p.m. Jerry Schafer - Joe & Carolyn Witherow						
6:00 p.m. Lenio Mansueti - Mansueti Family						
<i>The Sanctuary candle will burn this week in church in memory of the Joe Nagy.</i>						
<i>The Sanctuary candle will burn this week in chapel with special intentions of Leah Hastings.</i>						



from Fr. Jim....



Worship

Christ IS Coming!

Come Lord Jesus! It's hard to believe that Advent is already here and that we're moving steadily along towards Christmas, to Jesus' birth, to the Incarnation, God becoming man in order to save us. But the Church doesn't simply give us the season of Advent to give us time to get Christmas shopping done, rather, **it's a time of waiting, of watching, of expectant hope.**

I remember as a kid having an Advent Calendar and bounding down the stairs each morning to have the opportunity to open another one of the windows. There was a real joy and a sense of eagerness each day because it was one step closer to Christmas. At the time I'm sure I was much more excited about what Christmas had to offer me (presents) than I was excited for the real meaning of Christmas. But that image has always stuck in my mind: each day of Advent should be a day of great joy, a day in which we anticipate the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Advent is a time for us to be anxiously waiting for the coming of Christ.

We all know that Jesus came into the world at Christmas, but Advent is also a time of waiting and watching because we are looking for the second-coming of Jesus. This refers to the time when He will return in power to establish His kingdom for all eternity. Every week in the Creed we profess: **He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.** Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for Christmas, but it is also a time of eager longing for the second-coming of Christ. So this Advent, let us prepare our hearts to receive Jesus, in the Eucharist, at Christmas, and at the second coming.

Tim Garback.....

1st Sunday of Advent

*"Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we
shall be saved."*

Psalm 80

*May we be called to
Fellowship with our Lord,
Jesus Christ!*

Amen!

During Advent, we will be using the "Mass of Creation" ordinaries:

Holy, Holy

Gather 198

Memorial Acclamation

Gather 199

Great Amen

Gather 202

We will continue to use the "Mass of Wisdom" Lamb of God.

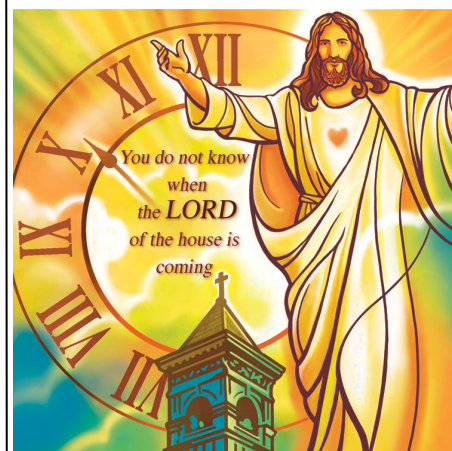
We will return to the "Mass of Wisdom" during the Christmas season...

Pax Adventus,

Timothy J. Garback

Director of Music Ministries/Liturgy

tjgarback@hotmail.com





Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Kyle Ulrich.....

Greeting in Christ,

The past youth group meetings this month have been amazing. We discussed the Churches view on War and the age old question if God is all powerful why is there evil in the world. Each week we have a different interesting topic and it is a great way to meet new friends and learn more about your faith. We have our Senior High Winter Retreat December 6th- the 7th. This is an amazing way to get out of the pews and involved in your community! For more information on the Retreat please contact the RFP office. I cannot wait to see you there! Have an amazing week.

Be Peace...

Important Dates:

Jr. High Youth Group

Dec 10th Dec 17th Jan 14th

Senior High

Dec 3rd (6th-7th Retreat) 10th 17th Jan 14th

Confirmation Sponsor and Candidate Retreat Date for class of 2015 is Sunday, May 3rd from 3:00pm-6:00pm. For more information please contact the RFP office. The Youth Group is still collecting Men's Winter Coats for our Street Ministry. Coat Donations can be dropped off in the RFP office. Thank you for your generosity.



Director of Religious Formation

Helene Paulik.....

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come..." Mk 13:33

When I was in elementary school, Advent lasted an eternity. What I wouldn't give to drink in that sense of time today. Don't let this beautiful & sacred season slip away without notice in your home! Take just a few minutes to decide how and when you will make time & space to honor these four weeks of waiting. If an advent wreath is not already a part of your prayer, consider starting a new tradition. Try to simplify your calendar if you can... and make some space for quiet. Let's choose to watch and wait before celebrating Christmas!

RFP NOTES

NO RFP CLASSES November 30th.

RFP CLASSES resume December 2nd; last class before Christmas is on December 10th.

NO Parent Child Reconciliation Retreat December 13th; it has been moved to January 10th.

Blessings on your week!

Helene Paulik



St. John Children's

Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 24th

6:30pm Mass

All Children 5yrs - 11yrs are invited to take part in the acting out of the first Christmas during the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the RFP Office. Any questions contact Helene Paulik 248-534-5431 or hpaulik@stjohnfenton.org

Name _____ Age _____

Phone _____

Parents Name: _____

Practice will be Saturday, Dec. 20th, 10-12pm in the Church

DUE IN RFP OFFICE DECEMBER 15TH



Director of Adult Education



OUTREACH

Dan Medich.....

We light an advent candle today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. But we light it because we are a people of hope, a people whose faith is marked by an expectation that we should always be ready for the coming of the Master. The joy and anticipation of this season is captured beautifully in the antiphons of hope from the monastic liturgies:

See! The ruler of the earth shall come, the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile

The Lord will come soon, will not delay.

The Lord will make the darkest places bright.

We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten – doing all these works hastens His coming (www.ewtn.com).

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them saying,

“I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Let’s take this time during Advent to prepare for Christmas spiritually, so the real celebration can take place on the birthday of Jesus, **Christmas Day.**

Jesus Others then Yourself

Maureen Ottney.....

Being Thankful

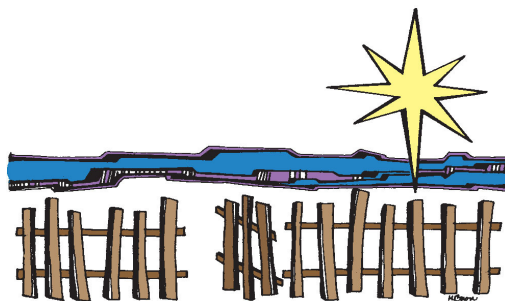
Every day is a day for which we give thanks.

Thanksgiving day is a reminder for all of us that each day of our lives gives us another chance to say thank you, Lord for everything. We also give thanks for all the people who have touched our lives. We also give thanks to God for giving us another day to do His work.

I have found that the many families getting help from Outreach are most grateful.

The *Adopt a Family Christmas* program, helping families in need, is making sure that all who call us are going to be helped. Thanks to all the families who call in to be of help. We have not had to turn anyone away.

Thank you, parishioners and friends who make it all happen.



St. John School "Education in Faith"

HELPING HANDS



Seventh grade students served at the North End Soup Kitchen recently.

Both seventh grade classes will return to the soup kitchen later in this winter.

Our Parish Life Together

Events for the Week

Monday, December 1,

- 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting - A Room
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA - Founder's Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Grand Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship - A Room

Tuesday, December 2,

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary - Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Novena - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting - A Room
- 2:00 p.m. Bible Study Leader-Conference Room
- 3:30 p.m. Bible Study - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. "CRHP" Training-Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Women's "CRHP" - Founder's Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Men's "CRHP" - A Room
- 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council
St John Knights Hall

Wednesday, December 3,

- 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting - A Room
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Activity Center
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Church
- 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Intercessory Prayer Group - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir - Church

Thursday, December 4,

- 9:00 a.m. Endow Women's Group
Founder's Hall
- 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - A Room
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. ID 916 - Activity Center
- 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight - Grand Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir - Church

Friday, December 5,

- 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting - A Room
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Bingo
St John Knights Hall

Saturday, December 6,

- 3:30 p.m. Confessions - Church

Sunday, December 7,

- 8 & 10:00a.m. RCIA host coffee & donuts following
8 & 10 a.m. Masses-Grand Hall

Financial Barometer

for Week of November 22 & 23, 2014

*will appear in next week's bulletin.
Because of the holiday, the bulletin was
sent for print early.*

Thank you.

Offertory Observation...

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

Next week, the monthly collection for newspapers & magazines will be taken up during all the Masses.

Vocation Views...

Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready!

Please Pray for Our Sick

Geraldine Allen
 Donalda Bak
 Mamie Berta
 Christian Brabb
 Norman Brainard
 C. J. Callaghan
 Dave Callaghan
 Patrick Carmody
 Virginia Carmody
 Bridget Carrette
 John Cislo
 Erin Dagenais
 Amanda Duy
 Mercedes Fisk
 Daniel Foy
 Laura Foy
 Nora Francis
 Beth Grah
 Rachel Hagan
 Walt Henry
 Toni Hodgkin
 Lee Johnson
 Michael Jozwik
 Jim Kielczewski
 Linda Lach
 Rosalind Lee
 Michael Lenze
 Jim Lueck, Jr.

Keith McDaniel
 Sharon McDonald
 Chris Muehl
 Dan O'Rourke
 Eleanor Pellegrino
 Jim Perczak
 Anthony Polsinelli
 Suzanne Popovich
 Donna Potter
 Paul Quinn
 Matt Riegel Family
 Joyce Rolston
 Angie Rourke
 Irv Schroeder
 Mary Schroeder
 Rose Sekulich
 Irene Skerjance
 Russel Stidham
 John Squires
 Susan Tokarsky
 Orpha Verhelle
 Isabella Starrs Ward
 Virginia Westfall
 Jaymi Whalen
 Eloise Wild
 Cohen Witten
 Becky Young

December Weekend Rosary

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us. Take a break and spend some time with your mother, Mary pondering the wonder of it all--God showing us Love incarnate in the infant born of Mary. We will be praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary one half hour before the 5:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. weekend Masses. Our intention for the month of December will be the same as the intention of Pope Francis: "That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will." You are invited to join us.
HAPPY Advent!



***A Presentation On
Our Lady of Guadalupe
by Christine King.***

Thurs., Dec. 11 at 6:30 in the Knight's Hall.

***Christine is a renowned speaker and
an "expert" on Our Lady of Guadalupe.***

A lite dinner will precede the presentation
which starts at 7:00pm.
Please RSVP by calling Dan Medich
at (248) 982-5355 by Dec. 8th.



Advent by Candlelight

December 4th

6:15 p.m.

Council of Catholic Women News.....

Advent Blessings to all! If only the Advent season could be a quiet and prayerful time, preparing for Christ's coming on Christmas. Instead we hustle and bustle around getting ready. Open you're ears and hearts to the Lord this Advent.

35 of our women enjoyed a special introduction to Christmas at **Whiting last Saturday**. What a beautiful and meaningful presentation. My thanks to Jean and Kathy putting this together for us and those who pitched in and helped with the meal preparation. We enjoyed a great meal and theater experience!

Please remember on **Wed., Dec 10th at 6:30** we will meet in the Grand Hall for our **first Cookie Exchange**. All ladies are welcome to attend. Those who want to participate in the cookie exchange are asked to bring 6 dozen of one kind of cookies and package 3 cookies in a package. Dessert and coffee will be served, **Wear you're party clothes. Invite a friend. RSVP-Sandy 629-3994 by Dec. 6 please.**

Our **Christmas dinner will take place at Lucky's Steak House on Wed., January 14, at 6:00p.m.** There will be 3 choices for dinner and you can make that choice at the restaurant. **This is a reservation only dinner.** Checks for \$20.00 need to be mailed to Shirley Russ by January 2. Following dinner, Silvia Oper will host the game "Left Right Center." We play this game for dines. Please RSVP-Sandy by Jan 2.

Be thankful for your faith and the freedom to practice. Remember in you're prayers those working and sacrificing to make peace.

Sandy Tryles

VET TO VET SUPPORT GROUP

1st Saturday of the Month

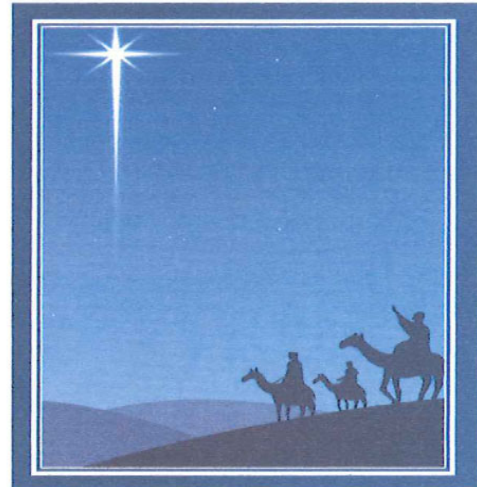
3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus Hall
Fenton, MI**

*Call Richard at 810-516-1397
for more information*

*St. Pius X Choir
and Holy Redeemer Choir
Under the direction of Diane Pierce and Daniel Schmit
Presenting*

"Festival of Carols"



*Accompanist Eun Lee
Alumni Instrumentalists from U of M Flint
and Michigan State University*

Friday, December 12, 2014

7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

St. Pius X Church

9-3139 Hogarth Ave — ph:# 235-8574

Father Harvey presents...

A Taste of the South Pacific

with Optional 3-Night Reef Endeavour Fiji Islands Cruise**
Post Tour Extension

October 12 - 24, 2015

Pick up a brochure at the parish office.



EXTRAORDINARY SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

For the fall of 2015, Ave Maria University is offering *The Southeast Michigan Diocesan Scholarship* worth \$28,000 over 4 years! This is in addition to all other applicable institutional and federal aid. This generous scholarship will be awarded to the first 30 qualified students from the (arch) dioceses of Detroit, Lansing or Saginaw who are accepted to the University. For full details and requirements, visit www.avemaria.edu/scholarships.

The Council of Catholic Women of Holy Redeemer Church, Burton is having a Cookie Walk.

Saturday, Dec 13, 2014: 5-7 pm

Sunday, Dec 14, 2014: 10am-1pm

It will be in the Convent Dining Room

Prices will be:

Small Box (8"x8"x3") \$ 6.00

Large Box (9"x9"x3.5") \$ 8.00

Specialty items are priced individually.

Thank-you,

Jessica Vanderklok

(3rd vice-president of Holy Redeemer CCW)

ADVERTISERS NEEDED

“Cathedral Directories is publishing our annual member directory and is looking for advertisers in support of this publication. If you would be interested in advertising this year or would like more information please contact Heather Stewart at Cathedral Directories, 248-545-1415 X115.”



Children's Christmas Party

You are invited to bring your children and grandchildren to see Santa at the

Children's Christmas Party

on Sunday, December 7th, 2014

from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Entertainment!

Presents!

Treats and Fun!

Christmas Remembrance



Christmas plants in “memory of” or “in honor” a loved one will be used as part of our annual church decorations.

A donation of \$20.00 and this completed form may be returned to the parish office or put in the offertory basket by Dec. 10, 2014.

A list of memorial gifts will be printed in the Christmas issue of our bulletin.

Please designate “in memory of” or “in honor of”

Memory of: _____

Honor of: _____

Presented by: _____

Knights of Columbus Council 7418

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December, 2014



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MEETINGS

1st Tuesdays

-- 8:00 p.m. Meeting

3rd Tuesdays

- 6:30 p.m. Social

- 7:30 p.m. Rosary

- 8:00 p.m. Meeting

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT.....

Here we are in the month of December; what a fast year this has been. Get ready for another busy month. We will be helping at the *Advent by Candlelight* evening on Dec. 4th. The knights involved have already been notified.

Corporate Communion will be at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sat. Dec. 6. The Knights Fourth Degree Christmas party will take place after Mass in the Activity Center. The following day, Dec. 7th, is the Christmas Party for the Children from 3-5 p.m. in the Knight's Hall. Bill and Cathy Bradburn have been working on the Christmas Party and will provide more information at the meeting on Tue., Dec. 2nd.

JUST A REMINDER THAT MONDAY, DEC. 8th IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. We have two Mary feasts this month during Advent to help us focus on her role in our salvation.

Mark your calendars for Thurs., Dec. 11 at 6:30 in the Knight's Hall. We are blessed to be hosting a presentation on *Our Lady of Guadalupe* by Christine King. She is a renowned speaker and an "expert" on Our Lady of Guadalupe. A lite dinner will precede the presentation which starts at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by calling Dan Medich at (248) 982-5355 by Dec. 8th.

George LaMarche is our *Knight of the Month*. George has been a knight since 1958. George has held many offices in our council, including past Grand Knight. He is a cook on many occasions and he occasionally does dishes. As if this wasn't enough George frequently is found helping out at Bingo Friday nights-- making sure his wife is honest about her winnings. Thanks, George for being a great asset to our council.

John and Carol Pegouskie are the *Family of the Month*. They are faithful workers at the Country Breakfast, and during Lent they can be found working Bingo or helping out at the Fish Fry. Carol is our "Mrs. Clean" and likes to keep our backroom in the activity center organized and scrubbed. She runs the turkey and ham bingos very efficiently for the Ladies Auxiliary. Recently she co-chaired the very successful "Ladies Night Out" fundraiser. She and John started the Wounded Warriors fundraiser dinner which will be held again this May. They are both willing to step forward whenever help is needed. Carol has been an advocate for families in our community needing assistance. We are grateful that they are part of our council.

Our 3rd. degree Christmas Party will be Dec. 16. Please bring a \$5-\$10 WRAPPED holiday gift for the "exchange". Be creative; gifts need not be functional, tasteful, useful, or practical—just fun to give. We will have a meal and dessert.

There will be no Bingo on Dec. 26 or Jan 2nd so we can all spend some time with our families. Euchre on Dec. 30 is also cancelled. Remember to wish everyone a *Merry CHRISTMAS*. Do what YOU can to keep Christ in Christmas. Lastly, from MaryAnn and I, ***Happy Advent and Merry Christmas.***

Rich Dixon

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3rd Thursdays, 8 p.m.



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MEETINGS

3rd Tuesdays:
- 6:30 p.m. Social
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting

FROM THE NAVIGATOR.....

On Tuesday, November 11, 2014, thirteen members honored our own WWII veteran (and former Faithful Navigator) Angelo Lamia at a luncheon in Sterling Heights. Angelo (pictured on the right with attendees) was very pleased to be so honored and wanted to thank ALL for their best wishes & honors for ALL veterans.



Those at the luncheon presented Angelo with a poster board that included many shots taken during his return from the Pride and Honor flight of Michigan (free flight for WWII veterans to visit memorials in Washington D.C.) by Assembly 2031 Color Corps and the Military Branch Color Guard (also members of Fenton Assembly)

You don't want to miss our annual Christmas Party held in St. John Activities Building at 6 P.M. on Saturday December 6, 2014. St. Joseph Council Sir Knights are this year's Chairmen. There will be six front rows reserved at St. John Church for those Knights who wish to attend the 5 p.m. Mass beforehand. This will also serve as Corporate Communion in lieu of the previously scheduled date on December 14; NO regalia is required, just your tuxedo or party attire.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, December 6, 2014 Annual Assembly Christmas Party at 6 P.M. in St. John Activities Building.
- Thursday, December 18, 2014 General Membership Meeting at 8 P.M. in Knights Meeting Room.

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