

Masses, Confessions and Devotions

(Saint of the day in parenthesis is for the Extraordinary Form)

Saturday, December 3rd—St. Francis Xavier (both)

6:35 am Exposition; 7:35 am Rosary; 7:55—8:10 am Confession

8:15 am Mass—**Int. All Volunteers**

3:00 pm Confession; 3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm (OF) Anticipated Mass for the Second Sunday in Advent—

Int. Praxes Bryant (†) by Danny & Maggie Brzezinski

Sunday, December 4th—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:15 am Exposition; 7:40 am Rosary; 7:35—7:45 am Confession

8:00 am (OF) Mass—**Int. For All Parishioners**

11:30 am Mass—**Int. Megan Couturier by Emily Couturier**

Monday, December 5th—Advent Weekday (Feria of Advent)

12:00 pm Exposition/Adoration for Vocations

7:10 pm Rosary

7:30 pm (OF) Mass—**Int. Claire Steck by Brad Nursey**

Tuesday, December 6th—Advent Weekday, St. Nicholas (both)

6:35 am Exposition; 7:35 am Rosary; 7:55—8:10 Confession

8:15 am Mass—**Int. The Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Kusmitch Family**

12:00 pm Exposition & Adoration for Vocations

7:30 pm Devotions; Adoration & Confession

Wednesday, December 7th—St. Ambrose (both)

6:10 am Exposition; 6:50—7:10 Confession; 7:10 Rosary

7:30 am Mass—**Int. Ed Kasben by Hilda Peplinski**

7:00 pm Anticipated (OF) Mass of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—**Int. Irene M. Pleva by the Edward & Irene Fleis Family**

Thursday, December 8th—THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

All At Holy Rosary

12:00 pm (OF) Mass—**Int. Brad Nursey**

7:00 pm (EF) Mass—**Int. For a Special Intention by Mrs. Nancy Brooks**

9:00 pm—1:00 am National Night of Prayer Exposition & Adoration

Friday, December 9th—Advent Weekday, St. Juan Diego (Feria of Advent)

6:35 am Exposition, 7:35 am Rosary; 7:55—8:10 Confession

8:15 am (OF) Mass—**Int. Robert Klein by Jim & Carole Roach**

9:00—3:00 pm Exposition/Adoration

3:00 pm Benediction; 3:15 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

7:00 pm Fr. Matthew of Opus Angelorum Talk followed by Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 10th—Advent Weekday (Feria of Advent)

6:45 am Exposition; 7:35 am Rosary; 7:55—8:10 am Confession

8:15 am Mass—**Int. Christopher Jacob Belanger by Chris & Becky Belanger**

3:00 pm Confession; 3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm (OF) Mass—**Int. Edward Garvin by Terri Kuhlman**

Sunday, December 11th—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—GAUDETE SUNDAY

6:15 am Exposition; 7:40 am Rosary; 7:35—7:45 Confession

8:00 am (OF) Mass—**Int. Fr. Walter Anthony by Virginia Eitzen**

11:30 am Mass—**Int. For All Parishioners**

For The Coming Week:

7:00 pm Wednesday, December 7th

Anticipated Mass for The Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Ordinary Form

Cantor: Emily Couturier

Lector: Brian Ursu

Servers: Jacob Salgat, Dale, Matthew & Jacob Pleva, Austin, Tristan & Cameron Tarsa

Ushers: Bryan Brzezinski, Glenn LaCross, Kent Zimmerman, Kevin Zimmerman

12:00 pm Thursday, December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Ordinary Form

Cantor: Donna Peterson

Lector: Rita Wilson

Servers: Caleb Hughes, Jack & Matthew Bardenhagen

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

7:00 pm Thursday, December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Extraordinary Form

Servers: Jack & Matthew Bardenhagen, Jake, Isaiah, Joshua, Levi & Elijah Belanger, Danny, John & Joseph Freundl, David Witkowski

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

4:00 pm Saturday, December 10th

Anticipated Mass for The Third Sunday in Advent

Cantors: Donna Peterson

Lector: Bonnie Barley

Servers: Christopher Ursu, Thomas Barley, Curtis Bunek

Ushers: Kent Zimmerman, Ron April, Felix Rice, Danny Brzezinski

8:00 am Sunday, December 11th

The Third Sunday in Advent

Cantor: Chris Steffke

Lector: Carole Roach

Servers: Dale, Matthew & Jacob Pleva, Jacob Salgat, John Mawby

Ushers: Bob Novak, Fred Peplinski, Frank Brzezinski, Dan Petroskey

11:30 am Sunday, December 11th

The Third Sunday in Advent

Servers: Jack & Matthew Bardenhagen, Jake, Isaiah, Joshua, Levi & Elijah Belanger, Nicholas Dubravec, Danny, John & Joseph Freundl, Caleb Hughes, David Witkowski

Ushers: Alfred Corps, Basil Bardenhagen

TAG

TAG had a great gathering of teens this last Sunday! We started the Advent season by making fresh green wreaths, symbolizing our Lord's "evergreen" love for us that has no beginning or end. Food pantry donations were collected, and congratulations goes to Justine Therrien for winning a Cold Stone Creamery certificate for bringing in the most items! After Adoration and Confession, Fr. Libby led a study and discussion on the first chapter of the YouCat book covering the basic tenants of our reason for being. We'll meet next on December 11th where we will be preparing for our January visit to the Maple Valley Nursing Home - **all parish teens are invited!** Contact Kate Bolton at 421-1223 with any questions.

For the Week Ahead

Sunday, December 4: Catholic Women's Club Christmas Caroling—meet at Holy Rosary at 12:45 pm

Monday, December 5: Bookstore Grand Opening 5:30—9:00 pm; Choir 6:30 pm

Looking Ahead...

Wednesday, December 7: First Reconciliation 5:45 pm; 7:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (**Holy Day of Obligation**)

Thursday, December 8: 12:00 noon (OF) Mass; 7:00 pm (EF) Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; National Night of Prayer 9:00 am—1:00 am—Exposition/Adoration

Friday, December 9: Advent Penance Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 10: Catholic Women's Club Baked Goods & Craft Sale after the 4:00 Mass

Sunday, December 11: Pancake Breakfast put on by the Parish Council 9-11 am. New members in 2011 eat free! Catholic Women's Club Baked Goods & Craft Sale after all Masses.

Fair Trade Coffee For Sale

Holy Rosary will be stocking our church kitchen with Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Coffee, for serving after Sunday Mass and at parish events, beginning December 11th at the parish breakfast. It will be available in Decaf and regular. The coffee is available for sale at Holy Rosary Books & Gifts.

Giving Tree/Christmas Food Baskets

Please consider providing a Christmas gift for a child of a financially-stressed family. The **GIVING TREE** in the vestibule has Angel Tags with "wish list" items for a boy or girl. Take a tag and **RECORD THE TAG NUMBER, YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE SIGN UP LIST PROVIDED.**

Gifts are DUE, wrapped—even those inside gift bags—by Sunday, December 18th. Leave in the Guadalupe room. Call Suzanne Franko at 228-5031 if you have any questions.

PACKING DATE FOR FOOD BASKETS is Monday, December 19th at 9:00 am at St. Rita's Rectory. **DELIVERY** OF FOOD BASKETS is Tuesday, December 20th at 9:00 am at St. Rita's. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for packing and delivery. Sign up lists are by the Giving Tree in the Vestibule. Christmas Food items (from the food request slips) can be put in the bins in the Guadalupe Room. Call Carole Roach with questions 228-7037. Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Women's Club

The Holy Rosary Catholic Women's Club is sponsoring a Baked Goods and Craft Sale after all Masses the weekend of December 10th & 11th in the Church Social Hall. Donations of baked or home-canned goods, jams, etc., labeled and priced, may be dropped off on Saturday, December 10th from 1-3 pm or before any of that weekend's Masses on the table in the Hall. Your crafted items, labeled and priced, may be placed in the marked box in the Guadalupe Room. Your donations to support the Catholic Women's Club are greatly appreciated! Contact Kate Bolton at 231-421-1223 if you have any questions.

Holy Rosary Books & Gifts Grand Opening Event!

You are cordially invited to attend the grand opening of Holy Rosary Books & Gifts, Monday, December 5th, 5:30 – 9 pm. There will be door prizes, light refreshments and free gifts (while supplies last) to mark this happy occasion. Store blessing at 6pm, door prize drawings at 8:45 pm.

November 19th & 20th

Envelopes...(94)...	\$3376.50
Loose	\$226.00
Total.....	\$3602.50
Tridentine...(14).....	\$415.00
Loose.....	\$38.00
Total.....	\$453.00

November 26th & 27th

Envelopes...(65)...	\$2008.00
Loose	\$309.00
Total.....	\$2317.00
Tridentine...(20).....	\$474.00
Loose.....	\$106.00
Total.....	\$580.00

Your Delicious Recipes Are Needed!

We are going to be publishing a Parish cookbook with the proceeds to benefit the Capital Campaign. You may submit your recipes to us by filling out and dropping off a form (in the Guadalupe Room), by emailing them to Caroline Bardenhagen at bosshagen@gmail.com, or to her by mail at 7850 E. Horn Rd., Lake Leelanau, MI 49653, or by calling either of the numbers below. Recipes for everything from Paczki to Fried Chicken are needed especially any traditional recipes from our Polish heritage and any gluten-free recipes that you have tucked away for when Father stops by! This is our chance to **shine forth** in our cooking talents to the community. To submit a recipe or have your questions answered, please call Joan Garvin at 228-6557 or Caroline Bardenhagen at 271-3369.

Sponsor a Seminarian for the March For Life

Seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum need the help of sponsors to attend the March For Life in Washington, DC this year. The cost for each seminarian to attend is about \$125. If you would like to assist in this matter, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Seminarians –March for Life" and put it in the collection basket or drop it by the Parish office.

Advent Play

Please come out to see the kids of our parish as they present *A Jesse Tree Play!* This production will give young and old a deeper

understanding of the Jesse Tree Devotion.

Saturday, Dec. 17th at 7:00pm in the school. A light reception will follow.

National Night of Prayer for Life

2011 22nd Annual National Night of Prayer for Life—Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego. Join us Thursday, December 8th from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am as we adore our Lord and honor Our Blessed Mother by praying for her intercession for the establishment of a Culture of Life and to ask Our Lord to REVIVE OUR LAND. During the HOUR OF UNITY, from 12:00 midnight to 1:00 am, we will be united with churches across the country in prayer to end abortion and in reparation for sins against the Gospel of Life.

8th Annual Catholic Women's Advent Retreat Hosted by St. Mary's church Lake Leelanau.

Join us December 10th as we share and learn about Angels, our Divine Messengers from Fr. Michael and guest speaker Fr. Matthew Hincks from Opus Angelorum. The day starts with mass at 8:30 am and concludes at 3 pm. \$15/person includes breakfast and lunch. Register this week to guarantee your spot!

A Blessed Advent to All,

Into our second week we come to that great solemnity—the patroness of the United States—the Immaculate Conception. Make sure to not miss this **holy day of obligation** this week, where we remember our Lady, through the merits of Christ’s passion given in advance, was preserved from all sin, even the effects of original sin. She still needed Christ to die for her however, just like all of us. But He was pleased to give her this privilege in advance. All merits come from Christ’s passion, even the ones in the Old Testament before Christ.

With a nice, new, dry roof over our head, and tower brick restored (Thanks be to God), we now turn our heads to ‘what’s next’ for the capital campaign and future planning. Immediately, we hope to move into the heart of parish’s need to ‘renew the sanctuaries of our hearts’ through the restoration of the convent chapel. With a significant portion (over half) of the amount needed for the chapel already donated (by 2 non parishioners no less), the rest is a relatively inexpensive cost in the campaign expense, and yet spiritually, vital for the life of the parish and each individual. With this, ***I have a bold goal for us:*** along with each family making a pledge for at least some amount for the campaign (the average is still above \$3,000/family-keep it up!-and make sure to tell the office if you have donated and your name wasn’t on the list in our latest newsletter) I also challenge each of you to **give one hour of your week to prayer** in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament once our chapel is completed. Over the next six months, I want to have a spiritual campaign paralleling the financial one. Just as it would ***really help*** our planning if each of you could get in your financial pledge now, even if you can’t pay right away (the capital campaign committee keeps telling me to remind you-and it is a good time for end of the year gifts too), I want you to consider ‘pledging’ at least 1 hour a week to keeping our adoration chapel thriving. If we reach 336 people, we could have perpetual adoration of the Lord—around the clock (2 people each hour, 7 days a week). A bold goal-but no less bold than our financial needs--and look how well you have responded so far. As Our Lord said in the Garden of Gethsemane to the Apostles “Couldn’t you spend one hour with me?”. If half that number, that would still be great, and so forth.

When we have our **penance service** this Friday Dec 9, on the Feast of St Juan Diego, it will be exactly **6 months** until the Feast of Corpus Christi—the date I hope that the chapel will be open! Both the Pope and our Bishop have been pushing the idea of adoration for each person as a vital part of our spiritual life, and bishop assured me that he would make sure whoever follows in my footsteps would not shut down the chapel in the future. He (our Bishop) also noted that many ‘cold weather’ dioceses have perpetual adoration chapels thriving even through the bad weather months. **“Yes We Can!”**--The logo on the vehicle of one of our parishioners reminds me every morning it goes by...

The other projects will follow according to us reaching our pledge goal. For example, choosing between the bathrooms, the Church basement windows, and the paving, the paving most likely will happen this Spring due to the county having money to pay for all the prep work, saving us a significant amount—money that they might not have in the future. And then there is mother nature’s ‘input’--the latest torrential down pour a couple of weeks ago revealed delightful new surprises to a pastor planning his budget--the convent is going to need some minor work—about \$1,000 (to keep our secretary dry after water started coming in around the chimney flashing), and the confessional needs a touch up too. The leaks in the school roof can wait about 5 years, though we really should get to the back overhang next Spring. The other brickwork on the rest of the Church and the school can be spread out over the next 12 years or so--some needs more immediate attention, other parts can wait. The apse (sanctuary) roof of the Church might have to be replaced sooner than expected, and might be good to have done before we do the plaster (we’re looking at this now) in case it starts taking on water as it has in the past (if you’ve seen the hole right above my chair in the sanctuary).

So—the bottom line is that we are in good shape with our original plan of needing a capital campaign only once in ten years. 80-100 years of aging brickwork and roofs is catching up with us, but with a balanced budget, the chicken dinners, and your pledges sooner than later, all will continue to be well. Deo Gratias!

A Blessed Advent,
Fr Libby

Rosary Society Leads the Holy Rosary

The women of the Rosary Society lead the Holy Rosary on the first Sunday of every month with each month being led by a different group of Rosary Society Members. December's First Sunday Rosary was led by Band Leader Kate Bolton, along with Band Member Rebecca Belanger.

Christians Must Use Their Talents—Pope Tells Audience

The failure to use our talents is a serious rejection of God's grace, Pope Benedict XVI told his midday audience on November 13. "God calls each one of us to life and gives us talents, at the same time entrusting us with a mission to accomplish," the Pope said in his meditation on the day's Gospel, which recounted the Parable of the Talents. "It would be foolish to think that these gifts are our due, just as refusing to employ them would be to fail in the goal of our lives." The Pontiff said that the faithful should bear in mind that "the Lord will return and will wish to see in us the fruits of His love."

Adult Men's and Women's Coats Plus Sizes and Insulated Gloves Needed

The Father Fred Foundation clothing department is in need of adult men's and women's winter coats in plus sizes and insulated gloves in all sizes. Donations can be made 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tues – Fri and Wed 10 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. at 826 Hastings Street.

Necklace Found

A gold necklace was found some time ago on a paved parking area in front of our church. It has some religious symbols attached and may be of sentimental value to someone. Please call the office and identify if it belongs to you or a loved one. 228-5429

Fresh Cut Christmas Trees

Offered by the Cedar/Maple City Lions Club Saturdays (10-5) and Sundays (12-5) the weekends of December 3/4, 10/11 and 17/18. Cost is \$10/spruce and \$25/fir. Located 11.5 west of Tom's West Bay on M-72. Proceeds to benefit food pantry & community needs.

Christmas Trees and Flowers

Just a reminder not to water the Christmas Trees and flowers without first checking with Dosie Kermode or the Parish Office. And if you plan to make a flower donation, please turn in your envelope soon! Thank you.

Please Keep the Pews Neat

The 8.5" New Translation sheets are put in sideways and not straight up so that when people come into the pew or go to Holy Communion, their coats won't catch them and pull them out on the floor and dirty or bend them in the process. Thank you for your help in keeping our worship aids in good condition, and able to be found and used at the next Mass.

Discovering True Womanhood

For girls in grades 7-12 on Saturday, December 10th beginning with Mass at 10:30 am and ending at 2:00 pm at the Carmelite Monastery in Traverse City. Visit and meet the Sisters, including those who have recently entered; decorate cookies; finalize the name and logo of the Diocese of Gaylord Girl's Group. Mothers are welcome. Please pre-register for a lunch count by calling 989-705-3523

Ushers Meeting

There will be a meeting for all those who signed up to be Ushers after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, December 10th and after the 81:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 11th.

Right to Life Newspaper Signature Ad

We will be taking names for the ad in the Record Eagle the weekend of December 17th & 18th after the Masses. The cost is \$3 for a line with a student rate of \$1 per line.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be a *mandatory* meeting Saturday, December 17th from 5:15—6:15 pm for all those who have attended the Diocesan Training to be certified to be an Extraordinary Minister. This is complete the Diocesan requirement and to be commissioned. You will also receive your certificate then.

Preparation for Baptism

Baptism classes are taught by Deacon Wigton and are arranged with families at least three months in advance of baby's due date. They are for families who have not had a child baptized at Holy Rosary before. Please call the office to make arrangements to meet with Deacon Wigton.

St. Andrew Task Force Retreat—On a Mission From God!

Young men in grades 9-12 are invited to a retreat at St. Mary Cathedral School in Gaylord, MI to listen to presentation by Bishop Hebda and vocation director Fr. Don Geyman. Our seminarians will also be participating in the retreat. The cost is \$25 which includes all activities and meals. If you need financial assistance, please contact Fr. Geyman at 989-705-3532. Arrival is 7:00 pm Friday, December 16 and departure is Sunday, December 18th at 10:30 am after Mass and breakfast. Registration is limited and the deadline is December 9th. Call Fr. Geyman's office to register.

Missing Wet/Dry Vac

Does anyone know what happened to the small wet/dry vacuum that was stored in the furnace room downstairs? The box is there, but alas, no vac. It's been missing since Spring. Please contact the office with any information. Thank you.