

**Masses, Confessions and Devotions**

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

**Saturday, December 17th—Advent Weekday (Ember Saturday)**

**\*No Morning Mass\***

**11:00 am Priestly Ordination of Joseph Ortega at the Cathedral of St. Mary's in Gaylord**

3:00 pm Confession; 3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Anticipated (OF) Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent—**Int. Peter & Bernadine Galla by Family**

**Sunday, December 18th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

8:00 am (OF) Mass—**Int. Al & Margaret Peplinski**

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

**Monday, December 19th—Advent Weekday (Greater Feria of Advent)**

12:00 pm Exposition/Adoration for Vocations

7:10 pm Rosary

7:30 pm (OF) Mass—**Int. The Special Intentions of the Kusmitch Family**

**Tuesday, December 20th—Advent Weekday (Greater Feria of Advent)**

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

8:15 am Mass—**Int. Emily Petroskey (1st Anniversary) by Dan, Donna, Larry, Cheryl, Ron Gerry & Barb**

12:00 pm Exposition & Adoration for Vocations

7:30 pm Devotions; Adoration & Confession

**Wednesday, December 21st—Advent Weekday (ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE)**

6:10 am Exposition; 6:50—7:00 Confession; 7:10 Rosary

7:30 am Mass—**Int. Cecelia Smith by Janet Blake**

**Thursday, December 22nd—Advent Weekday (Greater Feria of Advent)**

**\*All At St. Rita\***

6:55 pm Rosary

7:30 pm (OF) Mass—**Int. Ed Petrowski by Ele Brzezinski**

8:15—9:30 pm Exposition, Adoration & Confession

**Friday, December 23rd—St. John of Kanty (Greater Feria of Advent)**

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

8:15 am (OF) Mass—**Int. George Petritz by the Steve Kermod Family**

9:00—3:00 pm Exposition/Adoration

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

**Saturday, December 24th—Advent Weekday (Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord)**

8:15 am Mass—**Int. In Thanksgiving for the Prayers of Family, Friends and Holy Rosary Parishioners by Christina Lukas**

3:00 pm Confession; 3:15 Kolende

4:00 pm (OF) Vigil for the Nativity of Our Lord—**Int. Francis Forton Dezelski by Al & Karen Laskey**

**Sunday, December 25th—THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

11:30 pm Carols

12:00 am Midnight Mass—**Int. For Brad Nursey**

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

11:00 am (OF) Mass (with Latin parts)—**Int. Virginia Commins by Al & Marie Zywicki**

**For The Coming Week:**

**4:00 pm Saturday, December 24th**

**Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord**

Cantors: Donna Peterson

Lector: Bonnie Barley

Servers: Christopher Ursu, Curtis Bunek, Jacob Salgat, Alex Eckler, Gabe Maday, John Mawby

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

**12:00 am Midnight Mass**

**The Nativity of Our Lord**

Servers: Isaiah, Joshua & Levi Belanger, Peter, Danny & John Freundl, Jacob & Sam Grant, Caleb Hughes

Ushers: Bill Becker, Bill Huddleston

**8:00 am Sunday, December 25th**

**The Nativity of Our Lord**

Cantor: Donna Peterson

Lector: Dave Popa

Servers: Dale, Matthew & Jacob Pleva, Xavier McKillip, Victor Kranz

Ushers: Bob Novak, Fred Peplinski, Steve Peplinski, Dan Petroskey

**11:00 am Sunday, December 25th**

**The Nativity of Our Lord**

Cantor: Emily Couturier

Lector: Rita Wilson

Servers: Austin, Tristan & Cameron Tarsa, Leif Mohrman, Jack & Matthew Bardenhagen, David Witkowski, Micah Thoreson

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

**TAG**

TAG met last Sunday evening at St. Rita's Teen Room to make Christmas cards and small decorations for the residents at Maple Valley Nursing Home in preparation for our visit there on January 8th. Following Adoration and Confession, Fr. Libby continued leading us in the YouCat catechism, discussing our ability to know God and reasons for believing in Him. We also presented the upcoming NET Ministries event that will be taking place January 15th at Immaculate Conception. (More information will be shared on this event in the coming weeks.) Thank you to Cindy Mohrman for helping with the craft activities and to those who brought homemade treats for everyone to enjoy! TAG will not meet again until January 8th at 3:00 at St. Rita's where we'll gather before visiting the Maple Valley Nursing Home. We will end the outing back at St. Rita's Teen Room with a pizza party and conclude by 5:00. All Holy Rosary Teens are invited!

**Thank You!**

The Catholic Women's Club thanks all of those who supplied delicious baked goods and craft items for their craft and bake sale this past weekend, and those who purchased them! The proceeds of our sale will be used to purchase new blazers for our ushers.

**Holy Rosary Books & Gifts**

Stop in our parish store for Christmas shopping! Christmas Hours are Sat. 9-12pm, Tuesday Dec. 20th 6:30-8:30pm, and Sundays for 1 hour 9am & 12:45pm.

<b>December 3rd &amp; 4th</b>	
Envelopes...(87)...	\$3373.00
Loose .....	\$233.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3606.00</b>
Tridentine...(17).....	\$496.00
Loose.....	\$144.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$640.00</b>

<b>December 10th &amp; 11th</b>	
Envelopes...(86)...	\$4758.00
Loose .....	\$384.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5142.00</b>
Tridentine...(21).....	\$675.00
Loose.....	\$126.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$801.00</b>

<b>For the Week Ahead</b>	
<b>Monday, December 19:</b>	Choir 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, December 20:</b>	Parish Council 7:30 pm Convent
<b>Thursday, December 22:</b>	Choir 6:45 pm at St. Rita
<b>Saturday, December 24:</b>	Kolende 3:15 pm; 11:30 pm Prelude Music; 12:00 am Midnight (EF) Mass
<b>Sunday, December 25:</b>	8:00 am (OF) Mass; 11:00 am (OF) Mass with Latin parts
<b>Looking Ahead...</b>	
<b>Monday, January 2-6:</b>	Parish Retreat—Details Coming Soon

**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 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 have your questions answered, please call Joan Garvin at 228-6557 or Caroline Bardenhagen at 271-3369. Deadline is January 31, 2012.

**Re-Enactment of the Christmas Gospel Christmas Eve**

Children ages 4-12 are invited to take part in the re-enactment of the Christmas Gospel ruing the Kolende on Christmas Eve. Practice will be December 18th after Faith Formation in the School. If your child is unable to make practice, they still may be part of the play as a shepherd or angel. Please call Jill Anderson for more information at 228-4066,

**Christmas Trees and Flowers**

Just a reminder **not to water the Christmas Trees or flowers** without first checking with Dosie Kermode or the Parish Office. Also, those of you who are donating flowers in memory of loved ones need to have their envelopes to the office by December 21st to be included in the Christmas Program. Envelopes received after that will be included after Christmas.

**Office Hours for Rita and Donna**

**Rita:** Mon & Tues 9-3 with 12-1 Break, Wed 9-12 and Fri 9-10  
**Donna:** Mon 1-2; Wed 9 and Fri 1-3

**Theology on Draft with Fr. Don Geyman-TC Frassati Group**

Join TC Frassati (a group named after blessed Pier Georgio Frassati, a vibrant young man who served others and brought many to Christ) for a holy hour at the St. Francis Chapel Tuesday, December 20th from 7-8 pm then on to “Brew” in Traverse City for Theology on Draft. This is for young adults ages 18-40. For more information, check us out on Facebook or call Justin Leugers at 944-4074.

**“Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior!”** (Isaiah 45:8--Entrance antiphon for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent)

Our longing has come to an end—we are about to see the one promised from long ago, the Messiah, the son of God. Let us prepare well for the *beginning* of the Christmas season which ultimately ends with the New Ark of the Covenant, Mary, presenting her son in the temple on February 2nd as a ‘Light to the Nations’.

Thanks to all who have helped so much getting us this far—the floral arrangements (thanks Dosie and all the ladies), the Christmas trees (special thanks to Fred Peplinski and all the men that helped with the trees), Frank Novak for our new ‘bookstand’ redone at the entrance to the Church, the Knights of the Altar for their daily watering of the trees. What a work of love.

And now, prepare to enter into these sacred mysteries. Conception, birth and then the great series of manifestations to the world: to the shepherds, the magi, John the Baptist and the baptism, the wedding feast of Cana, and ending in the great presentation to the world at Candlemas, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Though some of these are chronologically many years apart, the Church celebrates them with an inherent symbolic connection. It is only when we understand that this is just the beginning of Christmas, that it makes sense to keep Christmas out of Advent and prepare well! Make sure then to mark on your calendars and come to enter in to these mysteries in a special way during the **week of Jan 2-6**. That is when we will have our mission for the season with talks each day and evening with priests and a sister from the Canons Regulars of the Holy Cross.

Also, as Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, one has only one mass obligation (the Christmas mass is the Sunday obligation this year). But please note that you **have 2 envelopes**—one for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in December (which happens to be Christmas) and one for our special Christmas collection. The same is true for the following weekend: Mary the Holy Mother of God—a holy day of obligation on Sunday. Especially in this time of the capital campaign remember how we depend on our weekly giving to be maintained as well as the special collections for the Holy Days, Christmas particularly. A great time for a year end gift too. You’ve done a great job so far keeping those weekly collections up.

Parish council is going to be meeting this Tuesday, with its three new members—Michael Kelly, Patti Keim and Neil Witkowski, thanks to your recommendations. One of the major issues we will be discussing is whether to move up the timeline on the apse or sanctuary roof in order to ensure that we have absolutely no leaks when we do the interior plaster work, as well as to get a timeline for the other projects of the campaign, though these still depend upon many who have not yet made a committed pledge. So get those pledges in so we can plan and serve you well with the needs you’ve voiced in the parish survey about a year ago now!

Thanks to those that came to the Usher’s meeting. We’ll soon implement the Diocesan things discussed. Please remember—slacks, no jeans/shorts, we’ll be ordering the burgundy jackets (let us know if you want to buy your own personal one) so people can spot the ushers in an emergency or need, we’ll be looking into making sure we have the correct medical needs available, and start having the ushers acting as greeters 15 minutes before mass, as well as being up front at communion time. Thanks for all your help!

Blessings,  
 Fr Libby