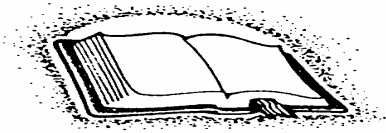


Scripture Readings

First Sunday of Advent

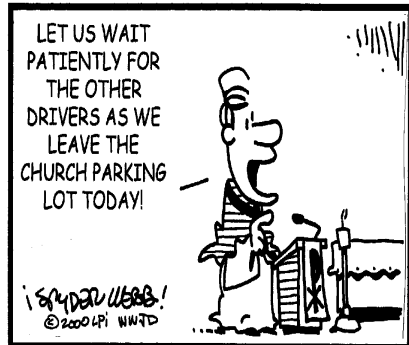
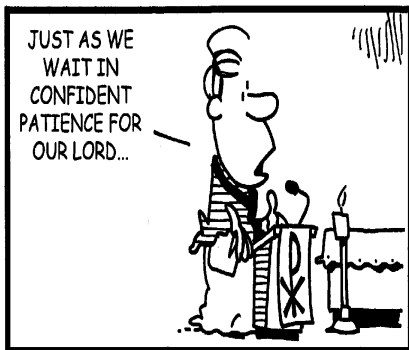
Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** Romans 10:9-18
- 11/30** Ps. 19:8-11
Matthew 4:18-22
- Tue.:** Isaiah 11:1-10
- 12/1** Ps. 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Luke 10:21-24
- Wed.:** Isaiah 25:6-10a
- 12/2** Ps. 23:1-6
Matthew 15:29-37
- Thu.** Isaiah 26:1-6
- 12/3** Ps.118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
Matthew 7:21,24-27
- Fri.:** Isaiah 29:17-24
- 12/4** Ps. 27:1,4,13-14
Matthew 9:27-31
- Sat.:** Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
- 12/5** Ps. 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
- Sun.:** Baruch 5:1-9
- 12/6** Ps. 126:1-6
Philippians 1:4-6,8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Insights from Fr. Flood

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A Family Perspective

The Christmas season pressures families to buy and consume. Today's gospel warns: "Be on guard and alert" lest you get caught up in the buying frenzy. The most important shopping you can do is in your own heart to discover what you can change. It is not what you get or give which makes the difference this Christmas, it is who you become.

In Sympathy

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of **Anne Stimmel** who was called to her eternal rest last week. Please pray for her and all our departed friends and relatives.

Project Rachel: Confidential help is available to anyone who is suffering from the grief of abortion. There are people with whom you can talk in confidence about your experience. **Project Rachel** offers lay counselors and trained clergy ready to help you find peace and healing. If you feel ready to talk with someone, we invite you to call the confidential help line at **419-260-5811**.

Pregnant and don't know what to do? The caring folks at **Heartbeat** will give you TLC, help you sort it all out and be there for you through it all. Heartbeat of Sandusky, 419-625-9511, www.heartbeatofsandusky.com.

Remember Your Parish in Your Will: Only you can divide your property as you want it divided. A Bequest to your Church can be a living memorial to the nobility of your life. A Bequest to your Church is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes, and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed. Your attorney will be happy to assist you.

Let us pray for all unborn children, that their families will prepare to welcome them with joy and awareness of the many gifts children bring into the world. We pray to the Lord.

Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - The Lunch Box



Stewardship Way of Life

Week of 11/22/09 - Due to the early bulletin deadline, figures are not available.

Team 5 to count on 11/30

Please do not tape or staple your envelopes

"Be on guard", Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

-Luke 21:36



As we hear this week's Gospel, we picture our Savior speaking directly to His followers about His second coming. He tells those who are listening to be vigilant and pray at all times, and that when the Son of Man returns, "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Luke 21:28). This redemption of mankind is only possible because of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, or as the Church calls it, the Paschal Mystery.

This semester Sandusky Life Teen has focused on the Paschal Mystery, and all that God has done for His people through His Son. We investigated the fact that since creation, God has planned for us to share eternal happiness with Him, which was won for us through the suffering of the Cross. The teens learned that they share in the glory of redemption only in and through Jesus. To be in communion with Christ means to be a disciple and to be in relationship with Him.

To have a relationship with Christ means to be speaking with our Lord daily. We would never expect to be in a loving relationship with someone without speaking to the person. For many of us, to go a day without speaking with a parent, husband, wife, sister, brother or friend is a difficulty. Why then do we believe that we can grow deeper and stronger in our faith without speaking with Christ, our redeemer, every day? The teens have been learning about, and experiencing different forms of prayer throughout the semester. We begin every Sunday Night with our Church's most powerful prayer, the Mass. We end every evening with three of the Church's most sacred and traditional prayers: The Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be. This semester teens have experienced Adoration, Reconciliation and Praise and Worship. They have partaken in Novenas and Intercessory Prayer with the Communion of Saints. Each week they are given the challenge of incorporating their faith into their daily lives by dedicating at least five minutes a day to quiet prayer with our Lord.

I am personally humbled every week by the faith in our teenage community. These young men and women have so much to teach each of us about standing up for Christ. Please continue to support the teenagers you know who are choosing to participating in Life Teen and encourage those teens who are not to come check it out at 5:00pm on Sunday Nights at Holy Angels Church. The youth are the hope of our Catholic Church. Please continue to pray for them; for it is only through prayer and the gifts of the Holy Spirit that the teens will continue to grow into the men and women God created them to be.

Be God's

Brittany Taylor
Executive Director, Sandusky Life Teen

Mass Intentions

Sun., November 29

7:30 a.m. Teresa (Ann.) & Alvin Beverick
Richard C. Andres
Bob & Dan Schmidt

9:30 a.m. **Baptism**

Deceased of Frank J. & Hilda (Ann.) Bouy Family
Elizabeth Ferber

11:30 a.m. **RCIA Rite of Acceptance**

F. Leo & Madelyn Groff
Joseph & Geraldine Strickfaden

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Mon., November 30 - St. Andrew

8:15 a.m. Elaine Fischer
Special Intention
Christopher Gruhlke - 30 days

Tues., December 1

8:15 a.m. Alice & Ned Smith
Sloma Family
Special Intention

Wed., December 2

8:15 a.m. Richard Pressler - 30 days
Merlin Higgins - 30 days
Special Intention

Thurs., December 3- St. Francis Xavier

8:15 a.m. Special Intention
Clarence & Hildegard Stockdale

Fri., December 4 - St. John of Damascus

8:15 a.m. Bill Voltz
Donald Burkel & David Herb,
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Dr. Ross Irons

(Exposition after Mass until 4:00 p.m.)

Sat., December 5

7:30 a.m. Rosary - First Saturday

8:15 a.m. Marilyn Butts
Elizabeth Ferber
Elaine Fischer

4:00 p.m. Andrew & Justine Sennish
Beverlie Ritzenthaler
Daniel Jacobs

Sun., December 6

7:30 a.m. Laurence & Margaret (Ann.) Fitzgerald
Esther (Ann.) & Harry Brownworth
Elizabeth Nath

9:30 a.m. For the Parish

11:30 a.m. Joseph Bodner
Ruth M. Parker

Deacon Joseph Singler
5:00 p.m. Marlene, Veronica (Ann.) & Irvin Grathwol
Clyde & Emily Hofacker

Confessions 1/2 hour before every Mass.

Dec. 2 - Mass Grades 7-12, 2 p.m. Sts. Peter & Paul's
Dec. 3 - Mass Grades K-6, 8:15 a.m. St. Mary's Church
Dec. 3 - Protecting Youth Workshop, 6:30 St. Mary's

Commons. To sign up, please call Cindy McClung at 419-626-1892, ext. 266.

Dec. 4 - Interims issued

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As a way for you, and your family to better prepare for the birth of Christ, we encourage you to participate in the traditional practice of using an Advent Wreath. Over the next four weeks, we will use this section to provide you with reflections and scripture on Advent.

Peace be with you and your family!



Reflections for the First Week of Advent

The first candle: The Prophecy/Hope Candle

The first candle in the advent wreath symbolizes God's promise of a Messiah and the hope we have in Christ.

Suggested Verses to read during the lighting of your own personal Advent Wreaths:

Prophetic Verse: "Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you appears his glory." Isaiah 60:1-2

The Fulfillment of Prophecy: "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Matthew 24:44

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Other Items of Interest

Dec. 5 - First Saturday Devotions: Rosary at the Commons Chapel 9 a.m., Mass 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 6 - Donut Sunday after morning Masses.



Christmas Memorials: Anyone wishing to remember their loved ones with a Christmas Memorial should place their donation and information in an envelope marked "Christmas Memorial" and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office **before Dec. 16**. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Thank you.

The 6th Grade PSR Class will again be collecting clean hats, mittens, coats and warm clothing during the month of November to be given to Victory Kitchen and Wednesday Soup Kitchen, to families in need. A box will be in the Commons area of the Church with the children's "hands" on it. "Helping Hands" thank you!

Evangelization Thought: Almost everyone's journey in life encounters at times detours, delays and dead-ends. But happy the person who can smile while he trusts in God to lead him back to the straight and narrow road.



The Giving Tree will be in the Commons beginning the First Sunday of Advent with the names and addresses of our parish homebound. Please take a name of one or more and either send them a Christmas card, stop by to visit, send a fruit basket or flowers. This comes to them as a surprise and they are extremely appreciative of this.



Please pray for the safety and protection of our policemen and women, area firefighters and all our parishioners serving in the military.

First Friday Devotions - Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament: As members of St. Mary's parish, it is important that we maintain this important devotion in our Church on the 1st Friday of every month from the hours of 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please come and be in the presence of Our Lord for just one hour every month. It is necessary that we not leave Our Lord alone at any time during these seven hours, so please call Ralph Kraus at 419-626-1053 and schedule a time slot.

Parish Owned Property for Rent

Efficiency apartment, second floor, completely remodeled. Available immediately. \$450 per month including all utilities. 412 Fulton Street.

One bedroom apartment, third floor, clean and updated. Available immediately. \$395 per month including all utilities. 412 Fulton Street.

Call Mark at 419-656-1456 for information.

Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere!

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

SUN., Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent		
	9:30 am	Childrens Liturgy of the Word (Grades K-2)	Parish Commons
	9:30 am	Good Shepherd Program (program FULL)	(Atrium) Parish Center
	10:30 am	NO Parish School of Religion 7th Grade	Lower Room
	10:45 am	Childrens Choir Practice	Choir Room
	11:30 am	Childrens Liturgy of the Word	Parish Commons
	11:30 am	Good Shepherd Program (program FULL)	(Atrium) Parish Center
	5:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Mass - No Life Night	Holy Angels Church
	6:00 pm	NO Parish School of Religion 8th Grade	Holy Angels School
MON., Nov. 30	9:00 am	Church Cleaners Team #3	Church
	5:00 pm	Bulletin Deadline	Office
TUE., Dec. 1	5:30 pm	Lay Carmelite Group	Lower Room
	6:00 pm	Holy Hour for Life	Church
	6:30 pm	Rosary	Church
	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council	Upper Room
	7:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee	Rectory - First Floor
	7:00 pm	RCIA	Sts. Peter and Paul Faith Formation Center
WED., Dec. 2	7:30 am	Finance Council	Lower Room
	2:00 pm	Mass Grades 7-12	Sts. Peter and Paul Church
	4:00 pm	NO Community Supper Team	First Congregational Church
	5:45 pm	Parish School of Religion (PSR)	Sandusky Central Catholic School
	5:45 pm	Bible Study	SMCC Library
	5:45 pm	Fit-N-Faith	SMCC Cafeteria
	7:00 pm	Contemporary Choir Practice	Church
THU., Dec. 3	8:15 am	Mass Grades K-6	St. Mary's Church
	2:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Holy Hour	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	6:30 pm	Protectiong Youth Workshop	Commons
	7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Catholic Grade School Gym (Multipurpose Room)
	7:30 om	Parish choir	Church
FRI., Dec. 4	8:45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
SAT., Dec. 5	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Lower Room
	7:30 am	First Saturday Rosary Devotion	Church
	8:00 pm	Theology of the Body - Adult Study	Commons

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Dec. 5 & Dec. 6

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
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 receive the Holy Sacraments,
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Community News

Dec. 2 - Daughters of Isabella Christmas dinner for members and guests, 6 p.m. at the K of C Hall. \$8. Reservations are requested by Nov. 30 by calling Sandy at 626-5089. Angel raffle and entertainment.

Dec. 4 - Church Women United - Christmas Salad Luncheon, noon, First Presbyterian Church, 225 William, Huron. Accepting canned goods for Care & Share.

Dec. 5 - Holy Angels 19th Annual "Christmas Cookie Walk" from 9:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. in the school gym. Tables will be stretched out with all kinds of festive Christmas cookies baked by the ladies of Holy Angels parish. Cookies can purchased by the pound. Free hot drinks will be available. Please use the Pearl St. entrance.

Dec. 6 - Breakfast with Santa, St. Gaspar Church, 16209 E. C.R. 46 Bellevue. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. See bulletin board for more details.

Dec. 6 - Ladies of the Sandusky Catholic Community: Are you willing to give one hour and a half in communal prayer and reflection on one Sunday afternoon in gratitude to our Lord and in honor of His Blessed Mother Mary? Please come to Sts. Peter & Paul Gathering Space from 1:30-3 p.m. and share in *"My Soul Magnifies the Lord: Women Gathered in Faith"*. This prayer service, intended for all the ladies in our community, is a great way to begin our Advent season as we gather together to raise our collective voices in song and prayer. Please call Sts. Peter & Paul parish office at 419-625-6655 to reserve your seat. Join us and make a memory to last a lifetime!