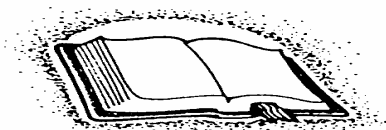


Scripture Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

Of Personal Concern . . .



Mon.: Isaiah 35:1-10
12/7 Ps. 85:9ab,10-14
 Luke 5:17-26

Tue.: Genesis 3:9-15,20
12/8 Ps. 98:1-4
 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
 Luke 1:26-38

Wed.: Isaiah 40:25-31
12/9 Ps. 103:1-4,8,10
 Matthew 11:28-30

Thu. Isaiah 41:13-20
12/10 Ps. 145:1,9-13ab
 Matthew 11:11-15

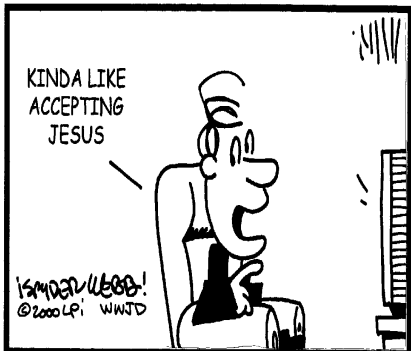
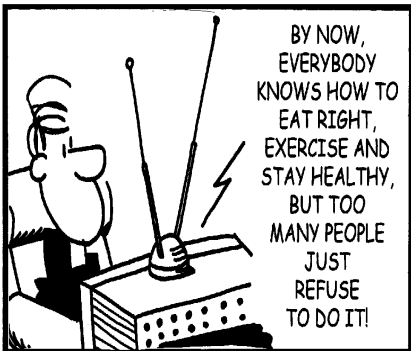
Fri.: Isaiah 48:17-19
12/11 Ps. 1:1-4,6
 Matthew 11:16-19

Sat.: Zechariah 2:14-17
12/12 (Ps.) Jdt 13:18bcde,19
 Luke 1:26-38

Sun.: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
12/13 (Ps.) Isaiah 12:2-6
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

Insights from Fr. Flood

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A Family Perspective

Parents feel outclassed by Twitter, FaceBook and MTV as they battle for their children's attention. Our high-tech culture can make a parent feel like an out-dated "voice crying out in the wilderness". As God came to John the Baptist "in the wilderness" God is with you in your "wilderness" moments as a parent.

In Sympathy

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the families of **LaVerna Harkness** and **Cheryl Bakewell** who were called to their eternal rest last week. Please pray for them and all our departed friends and relatives.

St. Mary's Movie Night
 Double Feature
 *6:00 P.M. *The Little Drummer Boy* (30 min) *6:45 PM *The Nativity Story* (1 hr 45 min)
 St. Mary's Commons Wednesday Dec. 30th
 *FREE ADMISSION *FREE POPCORN *FREE DRINKS*
 Bring your sleeping bag and pillows. Spend time with your family and fellow parish families this holiday season!

2009 Contribution Statements

Contributions for the tax year 2009 will be accepted up to and including December 31, 2009. Envelopes postmarked or received after January 1, 2010 will be credited for 2010. Hard copy statements are mailed upon request only. If you received a statement last year, you will automatically receive one this year. If you would like to begin receiving annual statements, please let us know by calling 419-625-7465 or email office@stmarysandusky.org.

Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - **Stifel Nicolaus Investment Services**



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Team 1 to count on 12/7

Please do not tape or staple your envelopes

RUN SO AS TO WIN! (1 Cor 9:25)*Preparing Well for God Himself*

Throughout Advent each passing day marks another step forward towards the celebration of our Redeemer's birth. Since God is coming to us, we have to get ready for Him. Advent is all about our *preparing well for the One who is no less than God Himself*. I suggest beginning with the end in mind - Christmas. When Christmas arrives, Our Lord should find us with everything in order and our soul fit to receive Him. We must make the required adjustments to correct the course of our lives and turn ourselves to God.

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A thousand thanks to **Laurie Rohrbacher** along with all the members of our parish family who graciously donated angel ornaments for the amazing parish Christmas Tree created for the Festival of Trees Gala at the State Theater.

Fr. Jason displayed athleticism that would have won the praise of OSU Head Coach Jim Tressel. On one play during the local Turkey Bowl, our young nimble sure-handed associate pastor caught a short pass from me and proceeded to scamper the length of the field, leaving opponents sprawled across the ground in his wake. Touchdown, baby!

During my Home Listening Sessions, comments were voiced to make Holy Day Masses between all three parishes more convenient for people. On **December 8** the Holy Day **Immaculate Conception** Mass offerings are as follows:

- (Mon) Dec 7 6:00 p.m.
- (Tue) Dec 8 8:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

In addition to **Confessions** heard 30 minutes before every Mass, we gladly are offering the following extra hours during Advent:

- (Mon) Dec 21 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Tri-Parish Service)
- (Tue) Dec 22 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

There will be no 8:15 a.m. Mass on (Thu) Dec 24.

Confessions will not be heard before Christmas Masses.

On **January 1** the New Year begins with the Holy Day **Mary the Mother of God** and we gladly are offering Masses at the following times:

- (Thu) Dec 31 4:00 p.m.
- (Fri) Jan 1 9:30 a.m.

The Church front doors have been restored and are back where they belong appearing as bold and beautiful as ever! I wish to thank **Bob Fischer** and **Nick Pasqualini** for their labor of love to complete the work along with timely assistance from **Al Geason**. Thanks also to **Bob Rengel** for graciously providing the space for the work to be completed.

For your Advent consideration:

- Men's Catholic Bible Study, Saturdays 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Lower Room
 - Women's Catholic Bible Study, Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Commons
- No previous knowledge of Scripture is required. Instead bring only an open mind and eager heart to hear God's Word and apply it more to your daily living.

Mark your calendars now for the next amazing **Theology of the Body - Adult Study Series** (Sat) January 9 at 8:00 p.m. - doors open with food, drink and music at 7:30 p.m.

**Mass Intentions****Sun., December 6**

- 7:30 a.m. Lawrence & 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.) & Irwin Grathwol
Clyde & Emily Hofacker

Mon., December 7 - St. Ambrose

- 8:15 a.m. Harry & Mary Deubel
Nell Didion
Carolyn McGavok

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:00 p.m. For the Parish

Tues., December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:15 a.m. For the Parish
6:00 p.m. For the Parish

Wed., December 9 - St. Juan Diego

- 8:15 a.m. Kay Brengartner
John & Richard Stanley
George Abraham

Thurs., December 10

- 8:15 a.m. Louis (Ann.) & Kevin McKenna
Paula Marie Cammalleri
Sandra Gurnick

Fri., December 11 - St. Damasus I

- 8:15 a.m. Louise Kinn
Gladys Young

Sat., December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:15 a.m. Kowmes Wilson
Helen E. Wilson
- 4:00 p.m. Clarence & Hildegard Stockdale
Jim Rupp
Ed Roll, Sr.

Sun., December 13

- 7:30 a.m. Chester & Kathryn Wade
Elizabeth Ferber
Ashley & Frances Galloway & Family
- 9:30 a.m. Robert Grohs
Ray Bush
Joseph Arnold
- 11:30 a.m. Eileen Schmidt
Audrey Windau
Gerald Clay
- 5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Confessions 1/2 hour before every Mass.



Dec. 8 - 8:15 a.m. Mass, Gr. 7-11, St. Mary's Church
Dec. 8 - 8:15 a.m. Mass, Gr. 1-6, Sts. P&P Church

Dec. 9 - Reconciliation Gr. 3-6, 9:15 a.m., Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Reflections for the Second Week of Advent



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the path! We hear the voice of John the Baptist calling us to prepare our hearts to greet the Lord. "Reform your lives, the reign of God is at hand," he says. In other words, take time this week to reflect on where you are failing to put Christ first in your life and come up with and execute a plan to change those habits. During this time also extend peace toward those you are upset with, give comfort to those in need and be patient for our Lord is coming. Prepare the Way.

The second candle: The candle of the Way

The second candle shows that Christ is the Way. Christians are lost in sin and Christ is the Light sent into the world to show them the way out of darkness.

Suggested Scripture and Prayer for the lighting of the Way Candle

Scripture: "May God, the source of all patience and encouragement, enable you to live in perfect harmony with one another according to the spirit of Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify God." – Romans 15:5-6

Prayer: Jesus, you are the light of the world. May the fire of your love burn away our sins. May it help us to prepare the way for you by being kind, forgiving and patient.

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Other Items of Interest

Do you have a three year old who would benefit from a caring, educational, enriching preschool or day-care? The Early Childhood Center at Holy Angels Campus will be enrolling students beginning in January. Call today at 419-626-3075 for more information. Also, we do have a few openings for four and five year olds.



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

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.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass, December 7 at 6 p.m., December 8 at 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Dec. 21 - Tri-Parish Reconciliation 7 p.m. St. Mary's



The Giving Tree is in the Commons with the names and addresses of our **parish seniors over 85 and 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.

SMCC Hall of Fame Tickets on Sale: Tickets are on sale for the 10th Annual SMCC Athletic & Achievement Hall of Fame banquet in January. The Class of 2009 will be honored at the 2 p.m. ceremony on Jan. 17 at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Tickets, \$25, can be obtained by calling Dave Mehling 419-625-4768 or Gary Erney 419-626-5389. The inductees are Julie Cairelli, Glenn Fairfield, Bob Hart, Ed Naufel, Jared Opfer, Kevin Roth, Ron Weyer and the 1959 golf team of Ron Loeffler, Bob Orshoski, Arnold Schuessler and Paul Windisch.

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.

Help Needed: We are in desperate need for Church cleaners on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Please call the Parish Office in you can help out.

Attention Please: All news for the December 27 bulletin, must be in the Parish Office by Thursday, December 17 at 5 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation!

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

SUN., Dec. 6	Second 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	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 Holy Angels Church
	6:00 pm	Teen Dinner and Life Night Holy Angels Church
	6:00 pm	Parish School of Religion 8th Grade Holy Angels School
MON., Dec. 7	9:00 am	Church Cleaners Team #4 Church
	5:00 pm	Bulletin Deadline Office
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception Church
TUE., Dec. 8	8:15 am	Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception Church
	8:15 am	Mass, Grades 7-11 Church
	8:15 am	Mass Grades 1-6 Sts. Peter & Paul Church
	6:00 pm	Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception Church
	7:00 pm	Parish Outreach Upper Room
	7:00 pm	RCIA Commons
	7:00 pm	Women's Catholic Bible Study Lower Room
WED., Dec. 9	4:00 pm	Community Supper Team 3 First Congregational Church
	5:45 pm	Parish School of Religion (PSR) Sandusky Central Catholic School
	5:45 pm	Fit-N-Faith SMCC Cafeteria
	6:00 pm	Catholic Coffee House SMCC Library
	7:00 pm	Contemporary Choir Practice Church
THU., Dec. 10	9:00 am	Church Cleaners Team #6
	2:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Holy Hour Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	7:00 pm	Men's Basketball Catholic Grade School Gym (Multipurpose Room)
	7:30 pm	Parish Choir Church
FRI., Dec. 11		
SAT., Dec. 12	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study Lower Room

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Dec. 12 & Dec. 13

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
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 receive the Holy Sacraments,
 and live in the heart of the
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Community News

March for Life Bus Trip - Immaculate Conception Church, Port Clinton has room on their bus. If interested, call Judy Geiger at 419-734-4004.

Dec. 8 - K of C Sandusky Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m.

Dec. 9 - 7 p.m. Taize Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, Sorrowful Mother Shrine. Any questions, call 419-483-3435.

Dec. 11-13 - The Annual Christmas Family Retreat, "Celebrating the Christmas Cycle from Advent to Epiphany", Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House, 321 Clay St., Carey. Registration begins on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and the retreat ends on Sunday, Dec. 13 at noon. Cost is based on the size of your family so call for more details at 419-396-7970 or email retreats@olcshrine.com. The retreat is open to all families big or small. It is geared for families of all sizes with activities as well as free time!

Dec. 12 - Annual Cookie Walk and Homemade Candy. St. Joseph's Hall, 117 Sandusky St., Plymouth. Christmas Cookies \$4/lb., assorted chocolate candies \$6/lb. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 13 - "A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols", 7 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Shrine. Open to the public and free. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with singing of Christmas carols and hymns.

The Vermilion Knights of Columbus invite you to join them on a Fall Cruise to New England & Canada. Sail on Sept. 18, 2010 on the Holland America Maasdam. Call Rob Skladan of Choose to Cruise Now at 440-967-5833 for details and pricing. A refundable deposit of \$350 per person holds your cabin.