

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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Celebration of the Sacraments

Eucharist

Please note the schedule in this bulletin.

Marriage

Active parish membership of 6 months is
required before a wedding date may be set.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 9:30 am, or call for an appointment.

Baptism

Please call the parish office 2 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office anytime.



November 29, 2009 • First Sunday of Advent

Working with the Scriptures (*Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*)

"Happy New Year!" This greeting is often accompanied by questions like, "What are you doing to celebrate?" or "Are you going to any parties?" At least, those are the questions we're usually asked when the person wishing us a Happy New Year is talking about January 1. So why are we bringing it up today? Because, liturgically speaking, the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29 this year) is the Church's New Year's Day. But, then, if this is the Church's New Year's Day why does the Gospel focus on "dismay" and "fright" instead of on celebration? That certainly doesn't sound like any way to begin a New Year! Well, perhaps we should try reversing things. Perhaps Luke is telling us that before we can celebrate we must first overcome dismay and fright.

"I feel like a new man." "It's like I have a new lease on life." You might expect to hear this from someone who has found the support of a 12-step group or been welcomed into a warming shelter, or from someone who has realized the dream of owning his or her own home through the generosity of Habitat for Humanity. But listen again. It's actually the person who *works* at the shelter who is speaking. And it's the person who *works* for Habitat for Humanity who has found a new lease on life.

Luke describes the signs that will precede the coming of the Son of Man. Well, we certainly don't have to look far to find tribulations. Just read the newspaper! So when will the Son of Man come? How about *right now*? Every time we receive Eucharist and say "Amen" - "Yes, I believe" that I must become what I eat, the Body of Christ - the Son of Man is present. But we have to be "*awake*" when we say that "Amen." We don't have to work in a shelter or for Habitat for Humanity; we only have to be "*vigilant*" for opportunities to make Christ present - in our homes and in our workplaces - *right where we are*. The problem? First we have to wake up. Happy New Year!

Vinal Van Benthem

Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

November 12—Jodi Ulman—\$25.00
 November 13—Peggy Busch—\$25.00
 November 14—Nathaniel Smith—\$25.00
 November 15—Carl Thiel—\$50.00
 November 16—bob and Peg Sauer—\$25.00
 November 17—Karin and Ron Posdal—\$25.00
 November 18—Alice Krebsbach—\$25.00

St. Bernard, Appleton

"Just Christmas," a unique and alternative gift-giving opportunity at St. Bernards. Saturday, Dec. 5 before and after 4:30PM Mass and Sun., Dec. 6 before and after 8:30 & 10:15 Masses.

**Please Pray For...**

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
 Dan Kenneavy & Dorothy Burton.

Please also remember our nursing home residents and shut-ins.

Please remember to pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died:

- Jack Mignon

Children's Christmas Play

We are looking for boys and girls of all ages to participate in St. Joseph's Christmas play which will be held during the 6:30PM children's mass on Christmas Eve. We are looking for actors, narrators, and singers. Practices will be held in church on the following Sundays from 11:30-12:30 (right after 10:30AM mass): December 6, 13 and 20. There will be a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 23 in the early evening.

If your son or daughter is interested in participating, please come to the first meeting on December 6 at 11:30AM in church. The children will be given their parts and costumes for the play at the meeting on December 6.

Any questions, please email Jodi Huebner: mjhuebner@sbcglobal.net

Religious Education

First Reconciliation is Tuesday, December 1, 6:30PM at St. Joseph Church, or December 3, 6:30PM at St. Mary Church. Please keep these children, who have been preparing for several weeks in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament for the first time.

Christmas Family night: Inter-Parish Religious Formation is hosting "Christmas in Scripture and Song" on Wed., Dec. 16 at 4:30 or 6:30PM in St. Joseph Church. Each program is approximately 50 minutes long, with time for cookies, hot chocolate, or cider afterward. Children and families will be bringing stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, jams/jellies, and milk money to benefit St. Joseph Food Program. Parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information please contact the IPRF office, 738-7413, or visit our website, www.inter-parish.org.

Youth Ministry

We pray for all you deer hunters during the hunting season! For safety, appreciation of nature, and good bonding time with your friends and family.

Middle School Students - join us for an Open Gym night on Friday, December 4 from 7-10PM at St. Thomas More. Friends welcome!

High School Students - Enjoy the warmth of God's love on a retreat that is being planned and led by your peers! We will gather from 6PM on December 5 through 2PM on December 6. The time will be filled with fun, prayer, activities, laughter, Gingerbread House-making... Friends welcome!

Adult Education

Advent Evening of Reflection - Thursday, December 10, 6:00-8:00PM, with Fr. Andy Cribben, O.Praem., *Hope in Our World*, St. Joseph Parish Center, Holly Hall. Our evening begins with supper: build your own salad, choice of soups, hot ham and turkey sandwiches, homemade desserts. Please RSVP so that we can plan for supper (Carol - 739-5119 or cjensen@stmaryparish.org). Fee: \$6.00 per person or 2 adults for \$10.00. *Fr. Andy Cribben received a degree in Business Management from U.W.-Whitewater and a Master's degree in Systematic Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. Ordained in 1994, he has worked as an associate pastor, a caseworker at Catholic Charities and as a novice master and Director of Vocations for St. Norbert Abbey. He currently works at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality.* Fr. Andy's talk will focus on finding hope in scripture and in our world today - don't we all need more hope?

Christmas Caroling - Young Adults - Thursday evening, **December 17**. Young Adults in their 20's or 30's, single or married are invited to join us as we carol to parish shut-ins throughout the city. We'll gather for pizza at 5:00PM, do a short warm-up and then do our visits. Carpooling available. Please RSVP in advance - 739-5119 or cjensen@stmaryparish.org.

Christmas Bell Ringing - Young Adults - Tuesday, **December 22** at Woodman's, 6:00-8:00PM. We have three sites inside the building to cover. Bring your Christmas spirit! Please let us know if you can help us - 739-5119 (Carol).

Ministry of the Week
Children's Liturgy Facilitator

Lead the elementary children's liturgy of the Word which takes place during the 9:00 or 10:30AM Liturgy. Leave with the children after Father's greeting and prayer, and return before the petitions. Necessary lesson materials provided which explain the Sunday's reading to children and apply it to their lives.

Commitment: Must be familiar with the children's readings before Sunday's Liturgy. Serve once per month. Must attend periodic in-services that review and update this ministry.

Annual Bake Sale and Holiday Craft Fair

Don't forget the Parish and Family Life Committee Holiday Bake Sale and the Holiday Craft Fair next weekend after all the Masses. Please bring your donated baked items to the parish office by Friday, Dec. 4th, or to the Great Hall before any of the Masses next weekend. What a great reason to get your holiday baking done early! Thank you for your support, many parishioners look forward to this every year. Be sure to check out the large assortment of cut-out sugar cookies, and watch for St. Nick who will be there!

Giving Tree Reminder

Don't forget to return your Giving Tree Christmas presents by December 6th. Gifts can be placed in the Giving Tree Donation box in the Great Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Read the Compass

"Joy is consequent upon truth. Read well."

Bishop Morneau

Call Barb at 920-437-7531 x 8208 or toll free 877-500-3580 x 8208.

Financial News

Tithing Needed \$15,675.00
Last Week's Tithing \$12,117.44
Children's Collection \$47.60

Thank You!

Your special offering to help keep us on target would be appreciated.

**Readings for the Week of
November 29, 2009**

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1
Thes 3:12---4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/
Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/
Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/
Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/
Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/
Lk 3:1-6

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Thank you

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our Bread for the World Sale. Your support of this effort and the Warming Shelter is greatly appreciated!



"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." - Lk 21:36

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Monday, November 30, Andrew, apostle

12:05 pm Dec. Amelia Mae Heinz

Tuesday, December 1

12:05 pm Dec. Francis and Eunice De Groot

12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, December 2

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Thursday, December 3, Francis Xavier, priest

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, December 4

12:05 pm Dec. Dick Zanzig

Saturday, December 5

4:30 pm Dec. Helen Guyette

Sunday, December 6

7:30 am Dec. Tom Lesselyong

9:00 am Dec. Robert and Jacqueline Drexler

10:30 am Members of St. Joseph Parish

6:30 pm Dec. Esther and Joseph Smyrneos

This Week in Our Parish

Monday

Faith and Light, 7:00PM, Rm. LL11

Tuesday

Chime Choir, 5:45PM, Holly Hall

First Reconciliation, 6:30PM, church

Social Concerns, 6:30PM, Rm. 205

Twinning Mtg., 6:30PM, Rm. 209

Wednesday

Senior Citizens Gathering after the 11:00AM

Mass in Holly Hall

IPRF Classes

Thursday

Fundraising, 5:30PM, Rm. 210

Choir, 6:30PM, church

Prayer Shawl, 6:30PM, Rm. LL09

Saturday

CLC, 9:00AM, Rm. LL09

Bake and craft sale after 4:30PM mass,
in the Great Hall

St. Nick will be there after the 4:30PM mass

Next Sunday

RCIA, 10:30AM-12:45PM

Bake and craft sale after all the masses in
the Great Hall

St. Nick will be there after all masses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Scrip is available after all masses this weekend.
2. The Craft and Bake Sale will be held next weekend, Dec. 5/6 in the Great Hall after all the masses.
3. December 8th Holyday Masses will be 12:05 noon and 6:30PM. There will be no Vigil mass on the 7th at St. Joe's. St. Mary's has a vigil Mass on the 7th at 4:30PM.
4. Next Sunday is the food collection for the Food Program.
5. Reservations need to be in for the Senior Citizens gathering by Monday, Nov. 30th.
6. The Nicaraguan tree will be in the Great Hall starting this weekend.



Anne Siegrist, DDS

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Thank you!

Friends of Appleton Library Children's Committee

The Friends of the Children's Committee Give-a-Book campaign is collecting and distributing new and slightly used books for children to age 12. Low income at-risk children throughout the Appleton area will receive the books for Christmas. Drop off new and gently used books near the entrance to the Children's Services area at the Library or send a check to Appleton Library Foundation-Give-a-Child, 225 N. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911. Books can be hard or soft covered, unwrapped. Thank you.

Monte Alverno Retreat Center

SPECIAL FOR MEN AND WOMEN:

Advent Reflection Evening & Day Programs

Theme: "The Lord Comes: Presents and Presence"

Presenters: Fr. Keith Clark, OFM Cap. And Sr. Marlene Weber, FSPA

Monte Alverno Retreat Center is offering an Advent Evening of Reflection, Dec. 1, 5:30-9:00 PM. The evening begins with a meal at 5:30PM. Suggested donation: \$25.00. The Advent Day of Recollection, Dec. 8, 9:30AM-3:00PM includes the noon meal. Suggested Donation: \$30.00. Both programs include presentations, Mass, and an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. Registration required. 733-8526, montealverno@juno.com, www.montealverno.org.