



Two weeks ago, I wrote about our meeting with Bishop Lennon concerning our plans to build a new rectory and office building, and to expand the school. The Bishop has granted us permission to begin a campaign to raise the needed funds and to hire an architect for the project. Our Vision and Planning Committee met on November 30 to begin the process. They will begin to put together the necessary information so that we can acquire bids from some architects. If any architects in the parish would like more information about the bidding process, please call me at the parish office.

Several months ago, I invited several parishioners to form a committee to begin the process of devising a plan to raise the necessary funds. Soon, I will be calling this committee together again. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be a part of this committee, please call me at the parish office.

This will be a great undertaking for our parish community. We have been planning and discussing this project for several years now. Last November, we had an open parish meeting to unveil the plan we had made. At that time the plan was very well received by those in attendance. The total cost of our plan is about 3.6 million dollars. According to diocesan policy, we will need 50% of that amount to begin construction. So, I ask for your prayers and cooperation so that we can be successful in this much needed expansion of our parish facilities. May God bless our efforts and give us a continued spirit of generosity in sharing our time, talents, and treasure.

As we begin this second week of Advent, a very important way that we can make this a prayerful and fruitful Advent is by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have our **Parish Communal Penance service on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 PM in the church.** There will be several visiting priests to help hear confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to grow in God's love and know His mercy in your lives. There will be additional times for confession before Christmas. Times and dates are in your Christmas schedule, which you should have received with your Christmas letter and envelope.

Today, in the bulletin, you will find an insert concerning the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On one side you will find some information about how and why to go to confession, and on the other side you will find an examination of conscience to help you prepare to make a good confession for Christmas. Please take time to read the insert so that you may better understand and prepare for this beautiful sacrament of God's love and mercy.

Don't forget this week's sessions of Generations of Faith will be all about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These sessions will provide valuable information concerning this very important yet much misunderstood sacrament of the Church. So, if you are not signed up to attend Generations of Faith, you can do so by calling the Religious Education Office.

I cannot stress enough the importance for all of us to continue our education and growth in our Catholic Faith. This is especially true for our children. Please take advantage of this opportunity to continue to grow in knowledge of our faith and to instill this precious gift into our children and young people. This is a serious obligation for all of us, especially parents, as we strive to live out the promises of our own baptism and the promises that every parent makes to God when they ask to have their child baptized. May God give us the courage and strength to live as His children every day of our life.



Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 9, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 5:00 p.m. Garth Wallace [Family]

Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. Joe Solitario [Rick Canestraro Family]
 9:30 a.m. For Our Parish
 11:30 a.m. Frank Muhl [Ushers of Sacred Heart Parish]

Monday, December 11, St. Damasus I
 8:00 a.m. Poor Souls

Tuesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe
 8:00 a.m. Loretta Hudak [Ciofani Family]

Wednesday, December 13, St. Lucy
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Special Intentions of Alex Cahill
 [Joe & Ruth Smisko]

Thursday, December 14, St. John of the Cross
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Doris Cottingham [Jean Segal]

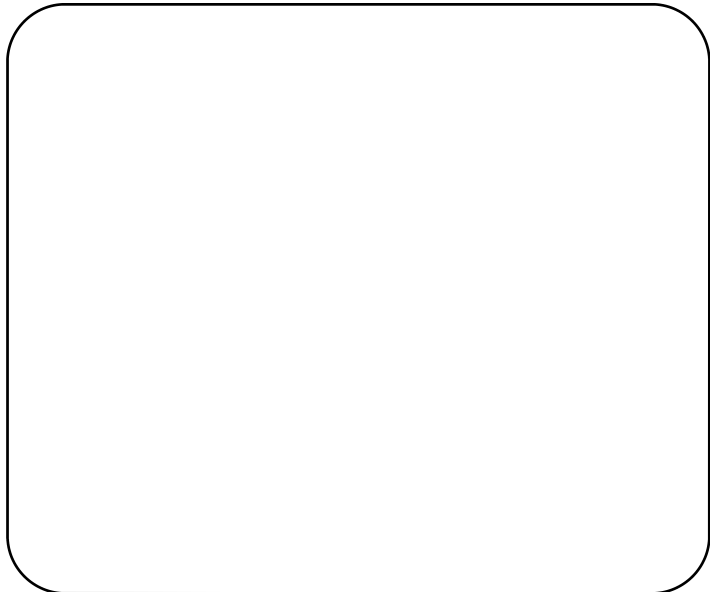
Friday, December 15
 8:00 a.m. Deceased of Horner & Owens Families
 [Rosa Owens]

Saturday, December 16, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:00 p.m. Deceased members of Kulton Family
 [John & Mickey Kulton]

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. James Ehasz [Elaine, Chris, & Dana]
 9:30 a.m. Joe Milici [John Puglisi Family]
 11:30 a.m. For Our Parish



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of *Richard Spicer*, father of Beth Jack and *Robert Dando*, father of Cathy Morello, who died recently. May our Lord grant Richard and Robert eternal rest.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- DECEMBER 3
 [5% of our collection was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society].

Offertory.....	\$16,927.10
Support Our School.....	\$510.00
Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$1,029.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$52.00
Christmas.....	\$175.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$20.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$56.00
Christmas Decorations.....	\$458.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	405

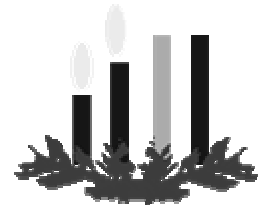
MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK
 [SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2006]

Question for Adults: How can we prepare the way of the Lord?
Question for Children: Can you share the story of your Baptism?

The Second Week of Advent

Father: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Then the eldest child lights not only the first but a second purple candle. Both candles burn during the evening meal as before.



THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED EVERY SUNDAY in the church, before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us!

LEGION OF MARY: ACTIVE, JUNIOR, & AUXILIARIES are all invited to the Akron Curia Annual Reunion which will be hosted here at Sacred Heart, this Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m., in church, with a reception to follow in McMahan Hall.



THE PARISH ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE will be on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a number of visiting priests to assist Fr. Joe. Please plan on attending.



LITURGICAL ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of December 11

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
 - Alexandra Matejczyk, Kyle Simon
 - Anthony Arnone, Maria Arnone
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
 - Josh Looser, Kristen Woods
 - Jon Zeiger, Ryan Cole
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
 - Stuart Turk, Anna Davies
 - Paul Davies, Sarah Davies

Saturday, December 16

- 5:00 p.m. - Laurysssa Reiger, Nick Santora
 - Tricia Bartram, Joseph Dean

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00 a.m. - Isaac Yetzer, Samuel Yetzer
 - Eric Yetzer, Kim Stafford
- 9:30 a.m. - Rachel Figliomeni, Elizabeth Huff
 - Adam Petersen, Nick Petersen
- 11:30 a.m. - Nick White, Joshua White
 - Sarah Price, Lauren Williams

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16

- 5:00 p.m. - Caesar Carrino, Bob & Chris Cotey
 - Kevin Dunn, Madeline Kelly

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00 a.m. - John Baker, Bill & Cece Bees
 - Dennis Busson, Fran Hammerly
- 9:30 a.m. - Dave & Pam Armstrong, Luke Carlisle
 - Bob & Donna Johnson

Cup Ministers

- Joe McNeill, Judy McNeill, Mike Krietemeyer
 - Frank Witschey, Cathy Anderson, David Smith
- 11:30 a.m. - Tim & Donna Bishop, Elaine Daigle
 - Lowell & Jan Knight

Wadsworth Hospital - Paul Cottingham

Altercare - Sisouphanh

Liberty Residence II - Weber

Magnolia - Clarks/Dunn

Sterling Oaks - McNeills

The Rosary is prayed at:

- Sterling Oaks on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 2:00 p.m.
- Magnolia on the 3rd Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m.
- Altercare on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16

- 5:00 p.m. - Lynda Carrino, Lisa Burns

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00 a.m. - Mary Katzenmeyer, Rosa Owens
 9:30 a.m. - Pat McNeill, Alice Henry
 11:30 a.m. - Kathy Principe, Richard Day

ADORERS NEEDED TO SHARE AN HOUR IN OUR CHAPEL for *Wednesday*, at 2:00 a.m. This is an urgent need; can you help? Please call the Parish Office, 336-3049, if you are able to help.



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, open to all women of the parish, will be held Monday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m., at the Galaxy. Please call Rita Strickler for reservations, 336-3740.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS, Wednesday, December 13, at 5:30 p.m., when we celebrate December anniversaries.

Religious Education Notes

THE CRYSTAL STEMWARE IS STARTING TO COME IN! *GOF* needs only 305 pieces more! Do you have any mismatched stemware that you are no longer using, any shape, size, height, etc.; needed by February 1. Could be cut, smooth, fancy, or plain. Please drop off on the porch of the Religious Education Office. **DONATIONS ONLY!**

PLEASE HELP REFILL OUR PARISH PANTRY FOR THE POOR! Parishioners attending *GOF* December 13 & 16 festivals are asked if they could help our St. Vincent de Paul Society restock the cupboards by bringing canned goods and paper products and placing them in the provided containers. The pantry is low due to the Thanksgiving baskets that were sent out.

GOF JANUARY DATE CHANGE from *January 17/20* to *January 24/27* due to the Christopher West opportunity sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church and Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday, January 20, at Medina High School.

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, & WIDOWED CATHOLICS will hold their monthly General Meeting with speaker, Sr. Marie Ellen Kuhel, Pastoral Associate, St. Eugene Parish, "Discerning God's Will in Daily Life." Visitors and prospective members are most welcome and encouraged to attend. For information on the group or meeting, call Fred, 330-923-1695, or Carol, 330-923-3638.



Prepare
For
His
Coming

NURSING HOME MASS Fr. Joe will celebrate the Holy Mass at Sterling Oakes on Friday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m. Please come and participate in this special liturgy with the residents!

TO ALL PARISHIONERS In the bulletin this week, Fr. Joe's letter announced that we have received permission from the Bishop to proceed with our parish facility expansion plans. The fund raising efforts and the interviewing process for an architectural firm for the expansion plans will run simultaneously. Bidding on any of the upcoming expansion projects at Sacred Heart is open to all parishioners. As a parishioner, if you are interested in bidding the architectural, mechanical, sub-trades, or construction management, please notify Donna at the parish office. You will be placed on an email list to keep you informed on the project.

**BIG
EVENT!**

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- *Oplatki sale after all Masses, church entrances*
- Donut Sunday after 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses, McMahon Hall
9:30 a.m. - RCIA class, McMahon Hall
1:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary reunion mtg., Andes Room
2:30 p.m. - Legion of Mary, church
3:30 p.m. - Legion of Mary reception, McMahon Hall
7:00 p.m. - Cadet mtg., Andes Room
7:00 p.m. - Youth Group Open Gym

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 1:00 p.m. - SHS Christmas concert, McMahon Hall
- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Praesidium, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer, church
- 7:00 p.m. - SHS Christmas concert, McMahon Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 5:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts, Conry Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 3:15 p.m. - Children's choir, Conry Room
- **5:45 p.m., GOF, church lower level**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 7:30 p.m. - Adult choir, Andes Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:00 a.m. - Women's Prayer Group, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Advent Communal Penance, church**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- **9:00 a.m., GOF, church lower level**
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church
- *Oplatki sale after 5:00 p.m. Mass, church entrances*
- **6:00 p.m., GOF, church lower level**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

- *Oplatki sale after all Masses, church entrances*
- 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Concert, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group, Humbolt House



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 17, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the K of C Hall on N. Lyman Street. Children nine and under eat free. The menu includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. Bring your cameras and take pictures!

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVERS!

The students listed below have earned academic awards for their outstanding efforts: **High Honors**-Kane Riggenbach, Alyssa Semrau. **Highest Honors**-David Bott, Mackenzie Bell, Alexandra Beery, Joseph Easton, Adam Gale, Allan Muzilla, Alexander Pero, Kristen Pero, Matthew Sunday. **Honors**-John Bott, Nicholas Reed, Clinton Riddell, Katherine Uhl, Lauren Williams.



ZACH WEIN & MARIA ARNONE, 8th grade students at Sacred Heart School, were awarded \$10,000 [\$2,500 per year] academic scholarships for their scores on the Catholic High School Placement Test. Congratulations!



POINSETTIA SALE The 7th graders from Sacred Heart School will be selling poinsettias to earn money for their 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., after all Masses December 16/17, and after the morning GOF on December 16. Thank you!

SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST NEEDED FOR

SACRED HEART SCHOOL 2.5 days, flexible schedule, competitive salary, Ohio License required. Please contact Susie Hummer, 800-841-4774, ext. 114, or email resume to: speech@psi-solutions.org.

THE FAITH GROUP HAS CHANGED ITS MEETING

DATE from Tuesday to Friday. We meet every other Friday at 9:15 am. Our next meeting is December 15th. We say the rosary, share witness, and are currently focusing on preparing our families and ourselves for Jesus' Birth in our hearts. We meet in the Andes Room where our children can play with the fun selection of toys while we pray and visit. Please come to join us!



OPLATKI [Angel Bread] will be sold the weekend of December 9/10, and December 16/17, at the East and South doors of the church, by the Altar & Rosary Society.

BLOOD DRIVE Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, January 7th from 8:30 am-2:30 pm in the Conry Room of the Church. Please come and give the gift of life. Donate blood.

WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL will begin on Sunday, January 7, at 8:30 p.m., in the school gym. Please call Joanne Holbert, 330-927-4530, with any questions.

