

All Saints / St. Joseph Catholic Churches

Third Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2009



All Saints Catholic Church
500 Iroquois, Fremont, MI 49412



St. Joseph Catholic Church
965 Newell St., White Cloud, MI 49349

PASTOR: Rev. Peter M. Chukwu

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. – All Saints	Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – All Saints
Saturday: 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph	Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – All Saints	Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – St. Joseph
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – St. Joseph	Friday: 8:30 a.m. – All Saints

Reconciliation: All Saints: Saturday 10-11 a.m.

St. Joseph: Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Pastoral Emergency After hours: 924-0160

Baptisms: By appointment

Marriages: Please call Fr. Peter for an appointment at 924-7705. Minimum six-month preparation is required. In addition to meeting with the pastor, you will be asked to attend diocesan programs.

PARISH OFFICE

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Email: allsaintsfremont2@sbcglobal.net Website: www.rc.net/grandrapids/allsaints

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please call Karen Cross at 924-3008

ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY December 12, 2009
 4:00 p.m. Parish Family
SUNDAY December 13
 9:00 a.m. † Matthew Thrasher
 By Tom & Carol Bieberle
TUESDAY December 15
 8:30 a.m. † Bob Griffin & Elsie Burch
 by Dave & Val Hall
FRIDAY December 18
 8:30 a.m. † Helen Johnson by Frank Johnson
SATURDAY December 19
 4:00 p.m. † Louis J. Bilski by Connie Bilski
SUNDAY December 20
 9:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday December 13
 RCIA after Mass
 Sorting of Giving Tree gifts
 6:00-7:30 pm – ReJOYce Party
Monday December 14
Tuesday December 15
Wednesday December 16
 5:00-7:00 pm – FAWM food distribution
 6:30-7:45 pm – Rel. Ed. Grades 1-8
Thursday December 17
 9:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast at Side Street
 Knights of Columbus Party
Friday December 18
Saturday December 19
Sunday December 20
 RCIA after Mass

ST. JOSEPH MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY December 12, 2009
 6:00 p.m. † Jeanne Cooper by the Allers' family
SUNDAY December 13
 11:00 a.m. Parish Family
WEDNESDAY December 16
 6:00 p.m. † Mathew Borkowski by Mary Koster
THURSDAY December 17
 8:30 a.m. For the health of Kenny Lewis
 by Craig & Judy Grunow
SATURDAY December 19
 6:00 p.m. † Jack & Grace Dominiak by Mary Ann
SUNDAY December 20
 11:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday December 13
 9:00-10:45 am – RCIA class
Monday December 14
Tuesday December 15
 12:00-5:45 pm – K of C Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday December 16
Thursday December 17
Friday December 18
 1:00-3:00 pm – Food Pantry open
Saturday December 19
 Rosary Leader: Patty Ashker
Sunday December 20
 9:00-10:45 am – RCIA class
 2:30 pm – Christmas Carol preparation in hall
 5:30 pm – Parish Christmas Caroling
 Rosary Leader: Mary Eggleston

Prayer Chalice for Vocations: December 13 – December 26:
 Rich & Norrie Skowronski

ALL SAINTS PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

December 6, 2009 collection..... \$4,886.50
 Debt Reduction envelopes..... \$ 50.00
 CHD..... \$ 100.00
Oct. 2009 Expenses Income
 Expenses..... \$18,742
Loan Principal Paid \$ 3,407
 Capital Expenditures \$ 0 Total
 Total Expense..... \$22,149 Income: \$19,839
July 1, 2009 – June 2010: Year to Date
 Expenses..... \$76,335
Loan Principal paid... 14,148
 Capital Expenditures 3,754 Total
 Total Expenses..... \$94,237 Income: \$121,672
Total Bldg Fund owed 11/10/09\$449,868

Loan Interest Savings to Date: \$104,421
 Questions, please contact Jim Merkel or Arvie Shinavier

ST. JOSEPH PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

November 29, 2009 collection..... \$1,701.50
 Capital Fund..... \$ 30.00
 Christmas Flowers..... \$ 224.00
 Year to Date Income..... \$44,625
 Year to Date Expense..... \$34,439
 Total Accounts Payable 12/07/09 \$ - 0 -
 2009/10 CSA Pledges: \$8,498

Questions, please contact a Finance Council
 Member: Ron Carrozza, Shawn Smith,
 Gary Wendlowsky or Mary Rettig.

HOSPITAL COMMUNION:

If you or someone you know is going in the hospital at Gerber's or is a patient at Gerber's and would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office 924-7705, Anna Skoczylas 924-5002 (All Saints) or Midge Carrozza 924-4038 (St. Joseph's). Communion is brought daily to the sick.

St. Joseph Church: If you, or someone you know, are homebound and would like to receive Communion on First Friday of the month, please contact Midge Carrozza at 924-4038.

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 Noon on Monday

Calendar Deadline: 20th day of the current month

Email: allsaintsfremont2@sbcglobal.net

All Saints Prayer Blanket Ministry: Please call Arleen Frost at 924-3843 or Pat Rosenberg at 924-4909.

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS:

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Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.



THANK YOU so much to everyone for the surprise Retirement Potluck at St. Joseph's. It was truly a great retirement party. I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended, for the delicious food, for the gifts, cards, and well wishes. Thank you, also, to the set up and clean-up crew! I had a wonderful time, and I am going to miss all the super nice people at All Saints and St. Joseph's who I have had the pleasure to meet, to work with, and to work for through these past 15

½ years. Jean

ALL SAINTS NEWS AND EVENTS

Are you interested in filling a need at church? We need a new Funeral Luncheon Coordinator! MaryAnn Fix will stay on to train you! It can be chaired by one or more persons. We need your help. Please contact the church offices. Thank you.

For those who plan ahead: The next Food Distribution Truck will be here on Wednesday, December 16, at 4:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be available soon. Hope to see you there.



If you would like to help pay for our Christmas Flowers (any small amount will do), please feel free to use the November 29th envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" in your box of weekly envelopes. You can use this

anytime during the month of December by just placing it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.



The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus are having a **Bake Sale on December 19 & 20.**

Anyone who would like to donate baked goods, please bring your donations to the church on December 19th between 1 and 3 p.m. If you would like, you can also mark the price on your baked goods (optional). Thank you so much for your help. We would also like to thank you for the pies that you donated for our Soup and Pie Dinner. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Mason at 924-6004 or Cathy Fix at 924-6162. Thank you again.

Attention men of All Saints! It is time to make your reservation to spend a quiet, restful and holy weekend at St. Lazare Retreat House in Spring Lake. Each person is assigned their own room, meals are provided, and plenty of free time is available, as well as many opportunities to attend conference sessions and celebrate the Sacraments. Call Debbie at St. Lazare Retreat House (616-842-3370) to make your reservation for the weekend of January 22, 2010. Check out the website at www.stlazareretreat.org.



Pop Can Drive: Matt Rusco is requesting any pop cans that anyone wants to spare to help fund his trip with the Blue Lake International String Orchestra. Please place extra cans in the foyer with the shopping cart.

Giving Tree Gifts must be turned in by today, December 13.

If you encountered any problems, please contact Helen Weisneck at 924-4709. Sorting and distribution will be taking place this morning.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS AND EVENTS



Our parishioners who will be lighting the candles of the advent wreath for the Third Sunday of Advent are: Saturday – Mary Ann Elliott; Sunday – Woody and Sue Bowman family.

Support the Red Cross Blood Drive: The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive at the St. Joseph Church Hall. The Blood Drive will be held on **Tuesday, December 15th, from 12:00-5:45 p.m.** Donating blood is safe, it's simple, and it saves lives.



On Sunday, December 20, we need help from students and parishioners of all ages! Please meet at 2:30 p.m. in the parish hall to help make dinners, homemade cookies and Christmas cards to pass out to our Christmas caroling recipients. At 5:30 p.m. we will Christmas carol around town and then return afterwards to the hall for steaming hot chocolate, food, and treats!

The next parish potluck will be held on December 20th after Mass. There will be a euchre tournament following the potluck. If there is interest, beginners' tables will again be offered for those wishing to learn how to play.



Gifts for the giving tree must be wrapped, with the numbered tag on top, and placed under the tree no later than December 20th. If you have any questions, please call Mary Bleiler at 689-6086.

The ornaments on the Giving Tree were made by Helen Stankus for last year's tree, but were never used since we didn't have a tree. So the ornaments were placed on this year's tree instead. Thank you, Helen, for your time and talent in providing the lovely ornaments.

The Food Pantry will be closed on Christmas Day. We will be open on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, from 1-3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Rose Ann Troxtell at 689-6307. Thank you and God Bless.



Snow removal time is upon us. Again this year we have a sign-up sheet in the back of church. There are a few changes from last year. We have purchased an electric- start snow blower to use for clearing the sidewalks.

Shovels still need to be used on the stairs. Please indicate on the chart if you are familiar with the use of a snow blower, or if you would like to have instruction. Also, we need to sign a sheet kept in the garage indicating that the snow was removed and the date, as well as if you used salt on icy places. This is for insurance purposes. Please help keep our church, rectory and hall snow free, and sign up for at least one week.



The Catholic Book Club is reading for December "The Long Walk: A Gamble for Life" by Slavomir Rawicz. This is the true

story of an escape from a Russian prisoner camp in Siberia and a trek to freedom through the frozen tundra, the Gobi Desert, and the Himalayan Mountains to India. It tells of extraordinary human endurance. Books are available at the White Cloud Public Library. Discussion will be January 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESE EVENTS

Who are foster parents? They are your neighbors, your child's teacher, the cashier at the grocery store, the soccer coach. They are the people you see everyday. They are you and me, they are all of us. For more information, please call Catholic Charities West MI at 1-877-277-9378 and ask for a licensing worker.

Are you silently suffering the consequences of a traumatic event or simply at your wit's end with a rebellious teenager? Struggling with substance abuse? Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? If you have desire to address and overcome any other life challenge, know that help is available. We encourage you to call our **Behavioral Health Department** to gather more information about our counseling services or to make an appointment with one of our highly qualified counselors at 1-866-271-6796 (toll free). Catholic Charities West Michigan will provide you with a safe and confidential opportunity to address your pain and find hope and healing.

Family Health Care Senior Programs: In-Home Respite Program: volunteers provide companionship and supervision for people with memory loss or other conditions making it unsafe to be left home alone. This respite break gives the caregiver time to run errands or relax. **Adult Screening and Prevention Program (ASAP)** is designed to keep seniors living in their own home as long as possible by assessing their needs and making recommendations for programs and services to assist them. Seniors who benefit most from the program have one or more of the following: multiple health problems, not taking medications correctly, history of falls, have been hospitalized multiple times over the past year, demonstrates confusion or impaired judgment. For more information or to volunteer for the In-Home Respite Program contact Renee Kopach 231-689-0885 or 1-800-968-7734.

Catholic Radio on the Air Daily in Grand Rapids area! Be inspired and stay informed of current issues from a Catholic perspective.

Mon-Wed: 6-9 am on WTKG-AM 1230

Thurs-Fri: 6-8 am on WTKG-AM 1230

Saturdays: 8-10 am on WMJH-AM 810 (Spanish-Fr. Jose Quintana)

Sundays: 7-8 am on WTKG-AM 1230; 9-Noon and 6-9 pm on WPRR-AM 1680

Learn more at www.HolyFamilyRadio.net or call (800) 414-2834. "Faith comes from hearing!" (Rm. 10:17)

The Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids has a lot happening. Check out their web-site at www.catholicinformationcenter.org.

Attention West Catholic Class of 1979! Please reserve Saturday, January 23, 2010 on your calendar for your 30th class reunion at Tavern on Kraft, 2929 Kraft Ave., SE, Grand Rapids, MI. 7 pm till ? Every 1979 classmate should submit an updated mailing & e-mail address for invites to wcclassof79@yahoo.com.

New Year's Eve Party....Come celebrate the start of a new year with family, friends, food and good fun (sponsored by Klompen Klub) December 31, at All Saints Church Hall. Hors'd'oeuvres, Champaign toast at midnight with breakfast buffet following. See All Saints Church bulletin board for more details. For reservations, call Mickey Conklin at 924-6132 by December 17 or contact Margaret Hillary.

Alpha Family Center of Newaygo is currently accepting applications for the position of Executive Director.

Qualifications for the position include, but are not limited to having the following: A committed relationship with Jesus Christ; membership and active participation in a Bible-based church; strong administrative, managerial and organizational skills; computer skills including Microsoft Office; strong communication skills; experience in pregnancy care center crisis counseling (preferred); experience in non-profit fundraising and grant writing (preferred); availability for approximately 32 hours per week. If interested, please submit an email resume to newwaygoalpha@ncats.net attention: Chairman of the Board.

The New Life Ministry for separated, divorced, widowed, and never married will be having a Christmas gathering which will include an audio presentation of a Cantata, "And This Shall be a Sign." Everyone is welcome! It will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Catholic Information Center, 360 Division S., Suite 2A. Free parking available in the lower level of the Cathedral Square Parking Ramp. For more information, please call Joyce at 616-459-7267, ext. 1803 weekdays after 4 p.m.

Please join Bishop Walter A. Hurley for Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. For the first time ever the Mass will be broadcast live on FOX 17 beginning at midnight. A Prelude of Carols with brass, strings and choirs will begin at 11:15 p.m. preceding Mass. FOX 17 will broadcast a taping of the Mass at 5:00 a.m. Christmas morning. The Cathedral of Saint Andrew is located at Cathedral Square, 265 Sheldon Blvd. SE. For information, contact Mary Haarman 616-475-1240 or mhaarman@dioceseofgrandrapids.org.



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