

All Saints / St. Joseph Catholic Churches

Second Sunday of Advent – December 6, 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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Secretary: Jean Smith Bookkeeper: Renee Hanshue allsaintsacctg@sbcglobal.net

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY December 5, 2009
 4:00 p.m. † Loretta Gorsky by Al Gorsky
SUNDAY December 6
 9:00 a.m. Parish Family
TUESDAY December 8 – Immaculate Conception
 8:30 a.m. † Marie Dahlmann by Bettie Stacey
FRIDAY December 11
 8:30 a.m. † Cora Cuddohy Strong by Frank Johnson
SATURDAY December 12
 4:00 p.m. Parish Family
SUNDAY December 13
 9:00 a.m. † Matthew Thrasher
 by Tom & Carol Bieberle

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday December 6
 RCIA after Mass
 Monday December 7
 Tuesday December 8
 11:00 am – CCW Christmas Party
 Wednesday December 9
 6:30-7:45 pm – Rel. Ed. Grades 1-8
 Thursday December 10
 9:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast at Side Street
 Friday December 11
 Saturday December 12
 Sunday December 13
 RCIA after Mass
 Sorting of Giving Tree gifts
 6:00-7:30 pm – ReJOYce Party

ST. JOSEPH MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY December 5, 2009
 6:00 p.m. † Tilly Eddy by the Nursing Home Visitation
 Team
SUNDAY December 6
 11:00 a.m. Parish Family
TUESDAY December 8 – Immaculate Conception
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
WEDNESDAY December 9
 6:00 p.m. †
THURSDAY December 10
 8:30 a.m. † Paul Sullivan
SATURDAY December 12
 6:00 p.m. † Jeanne Cooper by The Allers' family
SUNDAY December 13
 11:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday December 6
 Monday December 7
 Tuesday December 8
 Wednesday December 9
 7:00 pm – K of C Officers' Meeting
 Thursday December 10
 Friday December 11
 1:00-3:00 pm – Food Pantry open
 6:30 pm – K of C Christmas Social
 Saturday December 12
 Rosary Leader: Sally Palazzolo
 Sunday December 13
 Rosary Leader: Helen Hartley

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

ALL SAINTS PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

November 29, 2009 collection..... \$2,832.50
 Debt Reduction envelopes..... \$ 376.00
 Flower Donations..... \$ 314.00

Oct. 2009	Expenses	Income
Expenses.....	\$18,742	
<i>Loan Principal Paid</i> \$	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..... \$1,244.00
 Capital Fund..... \$ 5.00

Year to Date Income.....	\$42,742
Year to Date Expense.....	\$30,890
Total Accounts Payable 11/23/09	\$411.00
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.

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS:

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:
 Please call Karen Cross at 924-3008

St. Joseph: Please call Vi Van Dyk at 689-1466

Second Sunday of Advent – December 6, 2009

The Lord has done great things, leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.

From the desk of Father Peter:

We now have a new secretary for All Saints and St. Joseph Churches; Cindy Nestle. Cindy, her husband Gary, and their children are members of All Saints Church. My thanks to Tom Bieberle and Mary Rettig for their assistance in the hiring process. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who applied for the position. Cindy will begin working with Jean on December 14th.

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.



Ladies of CCW! Please join us on December 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. for a very special Christmas gathering. There will be no business meeting. Come and enjoy fun, food, and friends. This will be a Christmas potluck. Besides a dish to pass, please remember to bring food items for NCCS.

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 last holiday scrip card order will be going out on Monday morning, Dec. 7, by 10:00 a.m. If you want to order scrip cards for Christmas gifts, contact Jill mead at 924-7571 or allsaints_re@yahoo.com. The order should be in

by Wednesday or Thursday, Dec. 9 or 10. We can order for just about any chain store/restaurant. We also have several local retailers: Moon Dance Café, Koffee Kuppe, and Mancino's.

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.

New Year's Eve Party....Come celebrate the start of a new year with family, friends, food and good fun (sponsored by

Klompfen Klub) December 31, at All Saints Church Hall. Horsd'oeuvres, Champaign toast at midnight with breakfast buffet following. See the church bulletin board for more details. For reservations, call Mickey Conklin at 924-6132 by December 17 or contact Margaret Hillary.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS AND EVENTS



Our parishioners who will be lighting the candles of the advent wreath for the Second Sunday of Advent are: Saturday – Peggy Borkowski; Sunday – Therese Crisman.

The Knights of Columbus John Paul II Council #13939 will be having an **Officer's Only** meeting on Wednesday, December 9th, after Mass at about 7:00 p.m. It will be at Richard Thompke's home at Diamond Lake. If you need directions, call Rich at 689-0596.



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!



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.



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.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Social: All members of the Knights of Columbus, Council #13939, and their spouses are invited to join in the Christmas Social on **Friday, December 11th**. It will be at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph parish hall. Food and refreshments will be provided. If you have a favorite CD to dance to, bring it with you. You may bring your favorite cookies or dessert to share, if you would like.



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

The Visitation Ministry will hold Vespers at Transitional Health Services on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. We will open the Christmas season with caroling, scripture and prayer. This is for all faiths and is in cooperation with other churches of the area. If you have loved ones at Transitional, please plan to attend with them. Any questions, call Anna Skoczylas at 924-5002.

Food! Food!! Food!!! Come celebrate the staff of life with us at St. John's Episcopal Church, 124 S. Sullivan St., Fremont. On **Saturday, December 12**, the meal will feature Filipino Christmas fare including 3 side dishes, roll & butter, beverage and dessert. Served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$8.50 (\$4.00 children under 10). Carry out available; no reservation required. Half of the profits to support the Food Resource Bank.

Baptism Class and Adult Session on the Living Sacrament: Where? Our Lady of the Assumption in Rothbury. When? Thursday, December 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Who? Presented by Deacon Dave. Why? All who need this class for the prep of the baptism of your child, any adults going through the RCIA process, any catechist who would like to earn credits toward certification. Questions? Call Grace DeJong at 893-4518 or Randy Herrygers at 301-0788. Please join us for this informative evening.

The Grand Rapids Choir of Men & Boys, now in their 20th anniversary season, will be presenting the traditional Nine Lessons & Carols for Advent on **Friday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.** in the 1st Congregational Church of Fremont, 714 Hillcrest. Admission is free, but an offering will be received. The 45 men and boys begin their season in Holland, to be followed by four more performances in Fremont, Saugatuck, Muskegon and St. Andrews Cathedral in Grand Rapids. See our website at www.grcmb.org for more details.

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.



Handel's Messiah concert by the Newaygo County Community Choir will be held on **Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m. in the Dogwood Center.** The choir will be accompanied by an orchestra in this performance of the Advent and Christmas portions of Handel's popular masterpiece. Tickets are not required. Free-will offering. Punch reception following the concert.

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.

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. www.retiredreligious.org.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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