

All Saints / St. Joseph Catholic Churches

First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 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
Saturday: 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – All Saints
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – St. Joseph

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – All Saints
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph
Thursday: 8:30 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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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY November 28, 2009
 4:00 p.m. † Ruth Nagurny by Florence Roach
SUNDAY November 29
 9:00 a.m. Parish Family
TUESDAY December 1
 8:30 a.m. † Dorothy Bowers by Parish Family
FRIDAY December 4
 8:30 a.m. † Helen Johnson by Jackie Hoyt
SATURDAY December 5
 4:00 p.m. † Loretta Gorsky by Al Gorsky
SUNDAY December 6
 9:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday November 29
 RCIA Rite of Acceptance
 Monday November 30
 Tuesday December 1
 Anointing of the Sick at Mass
 Wednesday December 2
 6:30-7:45 pm – Rel. Ed. Grades 1-8
 Thursday December 3
 9:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast at Burger King
 Friday December 4
 9:30-12:30 pm – Adoration & Benediction
 Saturday December 5
 Sunday December 6
 RCIA after Mass

ST. JOSEPH MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY November 28, 2009
 6:00 p.m. For the intention of the children of Mary & Ed Zyniewicz and their families
SUNDAY November 29
 11:00 a.m. Parish Family
WEDNESDAY December 2
 6:00 p.m. † Mathew Borkowski by Parish Family
THURSDAY December 3
 8:30 a.m. † Charles & Mary Derby by Dan Derby
SATURDAY December 5
 6:00 p.m. † Tilly Eddy by the Nursing Home Visitation Team
SUNDAY December 6
 11:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday November 29
 Monday November 30
 Tuesday December 1
 Wednesday December 2 – Anointing of the Sick at Mass
 7:00 pm – Book Club Discussion
 Thursday December 3
 12:00 pm – Altar Society Christmas Party at Mary Bleilers'
 Friday December 4
 1:00-3:00 pm – Food Pantry open
 Saturday December 5
 Parish Movie Night after Mass in the Hall
 Rosary Leader: Midge Carrozza
 Sunday December 6
 Rosary Leader: Dave & Cheryl Cable
 Prayer Chalice for Vocations: November 29 – December 12:
 Midge & Ron Carrozza

ALL SAINTS PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

November 22, 2009 collection..... \$3,580.00
 Debt Reduction envelopes..... \$ 645.00
 CHD collection.....\$780.00
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 22, 2009 collection..... \$1,371.00
 Capital Fund..... \$ 157.00
 CHD collection.....\$243.00
 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.

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 Noon on Monday

Calendar Deadline: 20th day of the current month

Email: allsaintsfremont2@sbccglobal.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

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:

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

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We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.

ALL SAINTS NEWS AND EVENTS



Socks for Kids! The CCW will again be collecting “Socks for Kids” in connection with the Children’s Christmas Fund at NCCS. There will be boxes in both the front and rear entryways of the church.

Thank you for your support.

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, as it is a time for giving.

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.



Gifts – Gifts – Gifts! Wondering what to get everyone for gifts this year? Need some stocking stuffers? The Religious Education program sells gift cards for hundreds of retailers! Check out www.glscrip.com to see what’s available. Then

contact Jill Mead (924-7571 or allsaints_re@yahoo.com) to order your gift cards. We make a small percentage on each gift card sold, so you don’t even have to buy things you don’t really need or want to help support the Religious Education program.

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.

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. Horsd’œuvres, 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 first candle of the advent wreath for the First Sunday of Advent are: Saturday – Dan & Barb Mattinson; Sunday – Bob Post.

Remember to mark your calendars for the “Special Potluck” on December 6th right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

The Knight 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.



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.

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.

Food Pantry: We were able to pass out turkeys to 18 families on Friday, thanks to the Turkey Federation of Newaygo County. We were sorry that we didn’t have more as we had more families than that come through the pantry. Let us pray that we can continue to help those in need during these difficult times.



The Giving Tree: This year’s recipients of the gifts will be Bethany Christian Services foster children. The hats

and mittens will be distributed to Newaygo County area foster children. When you take a numbered tag, be sure to write your name and phone number on the list provided. Place the numbered tag on your wrapped gift. Any questions, please call Mary Bleiler at 689-6086.



The Catholic Book Club is reading for November "Saint John Vianney – A Priest for All People" by Elizabeth Marie DeDomenico, FSP. This book tells the story of St. John Vianney's life: his challenges, his heroism and his holiness. Discussion will be held on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Books are available from Mary Eggleston.

Substitute teachers are needed for CCD classes. If you are available to help, please contact Mary Eggleston at 924-5362.

Wesco Popcorn Buckets are on sale from St. Joseph Church members. This is a fundraiser for the church. Cost of the buckets is \$8.00. Anytime you take the bucket to Wesco, it is filled for free from now until the end of 2010. If you are willing to help sell buckets, contact Mary Eggleston 924-5362.

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.

Come join the Cathedral community and Diocesan Choir for a special concert and celebration for the feast day of Saint Andrew on November 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. The Diocesan Choir will present the Requiem by G. Faure with soloists and instrumental ensemble. After the concert, a special blessing of Advent calendars and hospitality will take place. Call 616-456-1454 for more information.

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 about the programs or to volunteer for the In-Home Respite Program contact Renee Kopach 231-689-0885 or 1-800-968-7734.



Everyone is invited to attend St. Mary Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, December 6, from 8 a.m. to Noon** at the St. Mary Parish Center, 919 Marion Ave., Big Rapids. This event includes a luncheon (on Saturday), handmade and wood crafts, bake sale, book sale, grandma's attic, jewelry booth, raffle and an array of fresh greens made into wreaths, swags and holiday centerpieces. St. Mary CCW sponsors this event. On Sunday morning, while shopping at the bazaar, everyone is welcome to attend the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast. Please call 231-796-5202 for more information.

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.

Thanksgiving Reflections: I am thankful for.....

- ❖ The mess to clean up after a party, because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- ❖ Household chores, because it means I have a home.
- ❖ The man behind my pew who sings off-key, because it means I can hear.
- ❖ The teenager who is complaining about doing the dishes, because it means he is at home, not on the streets.
- ❖ The alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means I am alive.

Lowell Yoder, Holland OH

