

All Saints / St. Joseph Catholic Churches

Fourth Sunday of Advent— December 18, 2011



All Saints Catholic Church
500 Iroquois, Fremont, MI 49412



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

ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Peter Omogo

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Reconciliation: All Saints: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

St. Joseph: Thursday 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Pastoral Emergency After hours: 924-0160 Fr. Peter Omogo's E-mail: peteromogo@yahoo.com

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

500 Iroquois, Fremont, MI 49412 * Telephone: (231) 924-7705 * Fax: (231) 924-7708

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

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Secretary: Cindy Nestle Bookkeeper: Renee Hanshue allsaintsacctg@sbcglobal.net

PARISH STAFF

	<u>All Saints</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY December 17, 2011
 4:00 p.m. Parish Family
SUNDAY December 18
 8:30 a.m. † Susan & Anthony Schubert
 by Virginia Whitman
MONDAY December 19
 8:30 a.m. † Gregory & Laurence Whitman
 by Virginia Whitman
WEDNESDAY December 21
 8:30 a.m. † Lucille Koch by Hilda Stariha
SATURDAY December 24-Christmas Eve
 4:00 p.m. † Eleanore Flotte by Virginia Whitman
 11:00 p.m. Parish Family
SUNDAY December 25-Christmas Day
 8:30 a.m. † Earl Whitman by Virginia Whitman

ST. JOSEPH MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY December 17, 2011
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
SUNDAY December 18
 11:00 a.m. † Byron & Margaret Fowler by Steve, Mary &
 Matt Bleiler
THURSDAY December 22
 6:00 p.m. † Jim & Mary Holmes by Wayne Thompson
FRIDAY December 23-No Mass
 8:30 a.m.
SATURDAY December 24-Christmas Eve
 7:00 p.m. † Marcy Chase, Katie Hawthorne, Nicholas
 Skowronski, Josie Rauch by Vi Shearer &
 Norrie Skowronski & Judy Rauch
SUNDAY December 25-Christmas Day
 11:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday December 18
 Youth Group-6pm
Monday December 19
Tuesday December 20
Wednesday December 21
Thursday December 22
 Ladies' Breakfast at Koffee Kuppe-9:30am
Friday December 23
Saturday December 24-Christmas Eve
Sunday December 25-Christmas Day

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday December 18
 Special Events Day Potluck
Monday December 19
Tuesday December 20
 Red Cross Blood Drive at hall 12pm-5:45pm
Wednesday December 21
Thursday December 22
Friday December 23
 Food Pantry 1-3pm
Saturday December 24-Christmas Eve
 Rosary Leader: No rosary-Christmas Carols
Sunday December 25-Christmas Day
 Rosary Leader: No rosary-Christmas Carols

ALL SAINTS PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

December 11, 2011 collection.....	\$3,112.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$30.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$76.00
Retirement Fund.....	\$226.00

July 1, 2011 – June 2012: Year to Date

Expenses.....	\$98,021	
<i>Loan Principal paid</i>	<i>\$ 20,893</i>	
Capital Expenditures	\$8,172	Total
Total Expenses.....	\$127,086	Income: 119,724
Total Bldg Fund owed 11/8/11	\$352,663	
Loan Interest Savings to Date:	\$104,421	

Questions, please contact Jim Merkel or Arvie Shinavier

Prayer Chalice for Vocations: December 11 – Dec. 24, 2011
 John & Sue Osterman

ST. JOSEPH PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

December 11, 2011 collection.....	\$1,117.80
Vigil Lights.....	\$2.00
Capital Improvement.....	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$28.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$50.00
Retirement.....	\$318.00
Holy Day.....	\$179.00
Year to Date Income.....	\$40,162.00
Year to Date Expense.....	\$39,258.00
Total Accounts Payable 12/12 /11	\$2,183.00

Questions, please contact a Finance Council
 Member: Shawn Smith, Mary Rettig,
 Steve Yonker, or Wayne Thompson

Calendar Deadline: 20th day of the current month

Bulletin Deadline: 12 Noon on Monday

Email: allsaintsfremont2@sbcglobal.net

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

Prayer Line Request: Please call Sandy Luchies at 924-4767

All Saints Church: If you are homebound and can not get out to
 church, even temporarily, please call Anna Skoczylas at 924-5002 and
 Communion will be brought to your home.

HOSPITAL COMMUNION:

If you or someone you know is a patient at Gerber Hospital 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 hospital.

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: Please call Vi Van Dyk at 689-1466

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David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.

ALL SAINTS NEWS AND EVENTS

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will be having a bake sale after the Masses this weekend, December 17 & 18. The Auxiliary would appreciate parishioners helping out with baking baked goods and dropping them off before the Masses. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Luchies at 924-4767.

Just a reminder, please return your Parish Census Sacramental Form to the Parish Office as soon as possible. If by chance you did not get one, give Cindy at the parish office a call or ask an usher after Mass. We need to contact everyone, so help us out so we don't have to find you. ~ Jim Merkel, Chairman

Christmas cards that keep Christ in Christmas are available for purchase from the Knights of Columbus. Ken Krapp has a variety of religious cards which he will be selling in the lobby by the parking lot following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. In keeping with the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, charity, all profits generated from the sale will be donated to local charities.

We know that many of you may be visiting our parish for the first time. We are glad that you are here and welcome you. If you have been away from the Church, we invite you to be an active part of us again. For more information on our parish programs and ways you can get involved, please contact Cindy at the parish office at 924-7705 or e-mail the office at allsaintsfremont2@sbcglobal.net

ST. JOSEPH NEWS AND EVENTS

The Giving Tree Gifts should be returned to the church by this weekend- December 18th. Bethany Christian Services will be picking up gifts on December 19th. If you have any questions, please call Mary Bleiler at 689-6086.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the wonderful people 80 years old and older that attended the dinner in their honor. You made the day special. Another huge THANK YOU to all those who prepared and served the food and to our entertainer.

Christmas Caroling for the parish will be on Wednesday, December 21st. The Youth will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the hall to prepare dinners and Christmas cards to be taken to the shut-ins and elderly. The rest of the parish is invited to join in with the caroling as we deliver the dinners and cards. We will leave from the

hall at 5:00 p.m. Make your Christmas special by sharing the joy with others.

We wish to thank the Croton American Legion Auxiliary for purchasing hats, gloves, boots, and coats for children from our Giving Tree at St. Joseph's. They generously chose to fulfill the wishes of 10 children.

Thank you everyone who signed up to take the Parish Chalice. We have a full schedule from now until May 26, 2012. At that time, we will complete 8 years of uninterrupted prayers for Vocations by St. Joseph Parish. You are dedicated and wonderful people. Thank you so much and I know God is hearing our prayers. Ferol B.

Food Pantry - Well, where do I begin to tell you all that has been happening at the pantry? First, a great big **thank you** to Cushman's Meat Processing for their donation of ground venison. Second, a huge **thank you** to friends for their very generous financial donation to our pantry. Third, to Pauline, **thank you** for your donation of knitted mittens for our clients. The Blessings keep coming and for this I am grateful. God Bless



The Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph Church, Council # 13939 will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 20th at St. Joseph Hall from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. Christmas is a time for giving, what better than to give blood and have lunch on us. ~To all a *Merry Christmas*.

The Altar Society has many new items in the religious case and more on the way. Please check these new items out when doing your gift buying.

Mark your calendar for January 8th! We are having a sledding party at John Graves Sport Complex. Look for more information on this fun event in future bulletins.

Snow Removal Chart: The snow will be getting pretty deep by February if people don't volunteer. A snow blower is available for your use. For more information call Mary Eggleston 924-5362.

Two high school students on Christmas break from December 17-January 2nd, would like to earn some money. They are interested in doing things like house cleaning, putting away Christmas tree and decorations, babysitting, or other odd jobs. Please call 689-1158.

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Holiday Office Hours

The office at All Saints/St. Joseph Churches will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Thank you!



If you would like to send a Christmas card to a fellow parishioner who is unable to get to church or is a shut-in, please call the church office and we would be happy to try and get you an address to send a greeting.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESE EVENTS

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

The holidays can be a stressful time for many people. If you are struggling with grief and loss, family or relationship issues, depression, anxiety, loneliness or any emotionally painful situation, please call **Catholic Charities West Michigan's Behavioral Health Department at 1-877-359-6523** to schedule an appointment to talk to one of our highly qualified counselors. We are here for you.

Help God's Kitchen feed the hungry this holiday season. We are in great need of food to offer a holiday meal for Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) client families and individuals who may otherwise go hungry over the holiday. Needed are frozen hams or turkeys, boxed scalloped potatoes, canned fruit and vegetables, cream based canned soups, boxed gelatin and boxed whipped topping. Please bring your donations to God's Kitchen, 303 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503. Contact Rob Miller, (616) 454-4110 for more information or to arrange pick up.

Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) is offering a Stress Management class. The class includes six sessions, meeting every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., beginning January 11, 2012. Topics will include promoting awareness and relaxation response, overcoming depression and anxiety and achieving anger management. The class will be held at First Park Congregational Church, located at 10 E. Park, downtown Grand Rapids. Cost is \$90 (\$30 for recent/current military veterans). Contact Instructor, Bill Weitzel, LMSW, at (616) 456-1443 or wweitzel@ccwestmi.org.

The Wood Ministry Team at Love In the Name of Christ has cut wood available for families who use wood to heat their homes. If you are a family in need of wood contact Love INC Clearinghouse at 231-652-4099.

A St. Nicholas' Note Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac (adapted)

"It is fitting that the feast of St. Nicholas comes at the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the shopper's season. As the patron saint of shoppers he proclaims, 'Keep it simple!' Keep it simple enough to fit in a shoe or a stocking.

"One gift that could fit in a...shoe, or in a stocking hanging on the fireplace, is a note that speaks of one of our most precious gifts, the gift of time. Such a St. Nicholas note might read: 'The gift I give to you is half an hour of quality conversation each night right after the dishes are done.' Or, 'The gift I give to you is one Saturday a month to be with you and do whatever you want to do.' We can appreciate the value of such a gift if we keep in mind that according to a recent survey, the average married couple in America has only 30 minutes a week of communication outside of exchanges that take place at the dinner table, and between parent and child is only 14 minutes. As you can see, the possibilities are almost unlimited for these St. Nicholas shoe gifts.

"Come, St. Nicholas, patron of shoppers and gift-seekers, and make Christmas this year fun, creative and love-filled."

