

**Churches of All Saints, Madison Lake, MN
& Immaculate Conception, St. Clair, MN**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2009**

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm - St. Clair / 5:30pm - Madison Lake

Sunday: 8:30am - St. Clair / 10:00am - Madison Lake

Confessions: Saturday 11:00am - Madison Lake / Sunday 8:00am - St. Clair

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to invite all to strengthen their experience of the message and Spirit of Jesus.

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245-3893 Steve Kruse
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Mass Intentions

December 7, 2009 - December 13, 2009

Mon	5:30pm	St. Clair	Marv Steel †
Tues	No Mass	St. Clair	
Tues	10:30am	Madison Lake	Wilbur & Marcella Lang †
Wed	No Mass	Madison Lake	
Fri	8:00am	Madison Lake	Emily Beutler †
Fri	9:00am	St. Clair	Logan & Anastasia Hager †
Sat	4:00pm	St. Clair	Henry & Irma Seys †
	5:30pm	Madison Lake	Parishioners
Sun	8:30am	St. Clair	Darlene DeMars †
	10:00am	Madison Lake	Jim Benson †

*Scripture Readings can be found on usccb.org/nab

** December 8th is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Please note the Mass times above for both parishes.

Stewardship: November 28 - November 29, 2009

	A.S.	I.C.
Adults	\$ 3,714.00	1,818.15
Students	\$ 15.50	9.00
Children	\$ 22.50	6.00
Offertory	\$ 520.38	<u>281.77</u>
Online Giving	\$ <u>295.00</u>	
Total	4,567.38	2,114.92
Adult Envelopes	94	64
Student Envelopes	13	9
Human Development	\$ 55.00	2.50
Thanksgiving	\$ 968.00	574.50
Christmas Flowers	\$ 240.00	117.50
Building Fund	\$ 510.00	
Votives	\$ 33.00	

Parenting Pointers

As we wait for Christmas, it's a good time to develop the virtue of patience as a parent. Focus on being patient with your children this week, whether they are infants who don't want to sleep when you planned, toddlers who break things, teens who think they know everything, or young adults who are far away.

By Sue Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

CALENDAR

December 7 2009 - December 13, 2009

- Mon - Rosary & Litany - Immaculate Conception - 6:00pm
- Tues - Senior Citizens Dinner - All Saints - following 10:30am Mass
Bloodmobile - All Saints - 1:00pm-7:00pm
- Wed - Faith Formation - Immaculate Conception - 6:30pm
Youth Christmas Shopping - All Saints - 6:30pm at River Hills Mall
- Thurs - Chili Cook Off Meeting - All Saints - 7:00pm
- Sat - First Reconciliation - Immaculate Conception - 2:30pm
- Sun - Sunday School - Immaculate Conception - 8:30am
Christmas Program - All Saints - 11:00am

Holy Father's Intentions for December

That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms; and that at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.

Word of Life

"Every child asks for our love. This night, then, let us think especially of those children who are denied the love of their parents. Let us think of those street children who do not have the blessing of a family home, of those children who are brutally exploited as soldiers and made instruments of violence, instead of messengers of reconciliation and peace. Let us think of those children who are victims of the industry of pornography and every other appalling form of abuse, and thus are traumatized in the depths of their soul. The Child of Bethlehem summons us once again to do everything in our power to put an end to the suffering of these children; to do everything possible to make the light of Bethlehem touch the heart of every man and woman."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Midnight Mass, December 25, 2008

Stewardship

This season celebrates the coming of our Savior. Stewards with in joyful anticipation for God's Word to continue to change the world. Stewards share this job as they work as disciples in support of the Church's mission of proclaiming, teaching, serving and sanctifying.

Liturgical Ministers - December 12 - December 13, 2009

	<u>I.C. SAT. 4:00PM</u>	<u>A.S. SAT. 5:30PM</u>	<u>I.C. SUN. 8:30AM</u>	<u>A.S. SUN. 10:00AM</u>
Readers	Linda Braun	Ben Schwamberger	Connie Johns	Howard Vetter
Servers	Charlie Ward Morgan Ward	Jordan Schmitz	Sam Schruin Neal Lang	Abby & Tom Volmary
Ushers	Bill Ward Troy Braun	Chuck Jamerson, Tyler Jung, 2 Volunteers	Derrek Hall Jerome Lang	Bo Borchardt, Joe Breckner, Tom Fritz, Terry Guentzel
Eucharistic Ministers	Marie Ireland	Sharon Dauk	David Kruse	Greg Thompson

Pastor's Message

Thoughts from Fr. Anthony K., St. Mary Church, 106 Providence St., Mobile, AL 36604

In the gospel, John the Baptist challenges us to prepare the way for the salvation of "all flesh", including our own, by true repentance leading to the renewal of our lives. Quoting Isaiah, John declares that He has come to prepare a royal road in our hearts for our Savior, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God.

Life messages:

#1: We need to prepare the way for the Messiah in our hearts: We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls formed from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist way of living our faith. We have to straighten out whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make restitution.

If we have been harboring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris. As individuals, we might have to overcome deep-seated resentment, persistent fault-finding, unwillingness to forgive, dishonesty in our dealings with others, and a bullying attitude. And we all have to level the "mountains" of our pride and egocentrism by practicing true humility rendering humble service to others.

#2: We need to repent and seek forgiveness from God and fellow-human beings: John's message calls us to confront and confess our sins. We have to turn away from them in sincere repentance and receive God's forgiveness. Next, we have to forgive others who offended us and ask forgiveness for our offenses. Jesus was very explicit about this in Matthew 6:14 and 15. He says, "For if you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."

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 service. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. An envelope is in your contribution box or you may place your check (with Retirement Fund' on the memo line) in a clearly marked envelope, in the collection basket. Please be as generous as you can.

Christmas Programs

All Saints - Faith Formation - Sunday, December 13th at 11:00am
All Saints Day School - Monday, December 21st at 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception - Faith Formation - Wednesday, December 23rd at 6:30pm

Advent Reconciliation Services

Immaculate Conception
Saturday, December 12 - 2:30pm



Lord, you come in judgment and hope. Be for us the hope, and light, of the world. Amen.

"For the day of the Lord is near."

Joel 3:14

All Saints

School News *Monday, December 7th, the Sheriff's Department will give a presentation on Winter Weather Awareness. Students will be given a survival kit with many necessary items to survive an emergency. They will also watch a Snow Plow video. ***2-hour late start** on Tuesday, December 8th. Reminder: Morning Enrichment Camp is available on scheduled two hour late start days at 7:00am. Students are in the library until 9:25am. *Tuesday, December 8th, students will be singing at the Senior Citizens Dinner. *Looking ahead: The school Christmas program will be Monday, December 21st at 6:30pm.

Faith Formation Congratulations to the Second Grade Students from All Saints who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 5th. Liza Anthony (Dale & Holly), Ben Groebner (Rick & Deb), Alyssa Hammond (Jason & Lisa), Jaxson James (Nick & Megan), Ellie Kleist (Tom & Tricia), Amber Kosak (Mike & Patty), Jaimi McClintock (James & Nikki), Tanner McDonald (Michael & Linda), Gavin McGowan (Anthony & Melissa), Garrigan Morgan (Scott & Sue), Matthew Karst (Jeremy & Chrissy), and Mazie Anderson (Charlie & Kate). Please continue to prayer for these students as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion in the spring. On Sunday, December 13th, the Faith Formation students in Sunday School thru Fifth Grade will present their **Christmas Program**. This will take place immediately following the 10:00am Mass (approx. 11:00am). Please stay after Mass and enjoy the sounds of the season. No classes on Wednesday, December 9th, to allow the students in Grade 6-10 to participate in **Christmas Shopping** with Youth Coordinator Miranda Hodapp.

Service Project On Wednesday evening, members of the 9th Grade Faith Formation Class spent time cleaning the church. Thanks to: Kayla Milbrandt, Hannah Sieberg, Liz Dauk, Karissa Borchardt, Andrew Feddema, Andrew Brunsen, Jordan Schmitz, Jake Baynes, and Cole Ward. We appreciate your good work.

Youth Bake sale **today!** Don't forget to stop down at the bake sale after both masses this weekend. The Catholic Aid Association will be giving us a 20% bonus on money raised. Youth grades 6-12 will be using the money to go shopping for the Theresa House Shelter in Mankato on Wednesday December 9th. If you plan to go shopping and have not let me know yet, please e-mail me so I can have teams ready. mhodapp1@hickorytech.net

Little Saints Child Care Center in Madison Lake has openings for preschoolers and toddlers. We are a small Christian based Center with lots of learning, laughing and loving. If this is the environment you want for your child, call 243-3010 for a tour.

Contribution Envelopes Your 2010 contribution envelopes are available to be picked up at the main entrance to the church. If you were missed and would like weekly envelopes, please sign out a box and be sure to put your name on the first few envelopes to insure proper credit. Please contact Mary at the parish office for children's envelopes. These envelopes are not dated and may be used at any week-end Mass.

Senior Citizens Dinner The Senior Citizens Dinner will be Tuesday, December 8th at All Saints Church, Madison Lake. Mass will be at 10:30am and dinner will follow in Scheid Hall. All area senior citizens are welcome. The complimentary dinner is sponsored by the St. Ann's Altar Society. Come enjoy a good meal and warm fellowship!

Chili Cook Off Meeting Thursday, December 10th at 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

Volunteers needed We are looking for volunteers to help with set up and take down of tables and chairs for different church functions. Please contact the parish office at 243-3319 if you are willing to volunteer.

Sympathy Please remember in your prayers Ken Nelson, brother of Barb Lamont, Jim, Don and Leonard Nelson, whose funeral service was held at All Saints on Saturday, December 5th. May he rest in peace.

Immaculate Conception

Faith Formation Classes for grades 1-10 will be held on Wednesday, December 9th from 6:30-7:30pm. Practice for the **Christmas program** will be on Wednesday, December 9th, from 6:30-7:30pm. Students in grades 3-12 are invited to be a part of the Christmas pageant. The Christmas program is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 23rd beginning at 6:30pm. Sunday School will meet in the religion building during the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, December 13th.

First Reconciliation Please keep in your prayers the second grade students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 12th: Chase Baker, Lexi Braun, Juliana Hauptman, Kyle Hoehn, Quinton Kollos, Lucas Kruse, Maria Kruse and Gary Morson.

Musicians Wanted As we approach the season of Advent and the upcoming celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, our thoughts turn to the joys of Christmas. Make this Christmas season even more joyous and special by joining the Immaculate Conception Church Choir for our Christmas Eve and Christmas morning Masses. The time commitment is small - the rewards enormous! Rehearsals are immediately following the 8:30am Mass Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30am. We are in need of singers and one or two flute players. For more information, please contact Gayle Depuydt at kgjj594@hickorytech.net.

Coffee and Rolls The CCW ladies will be serving coffee and rolls in the church basement after Mass **this** Sunday. Stop down and check out any goodies left over from the Winter Festival.

Church Picture Directory An interest has been expressed in having a new parish picture directory printed. There is a need for two or three people willing to volunteer to organize the making of the new directory. Please contact the parish office to volunteer.

Baptism Welcome into the faith family Chloe Alina Kahaulani Hoppe, daughter of Corey Hoppe and Jamie Magsayo, who was baptized on Wednesday, November 25th.



Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:28-33

Christmas Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

Thursday Children's Mass - 4:00pm
Friday Christmas Mass 8:30am

All Saints

Thursday Children's Mass - 5:30pm
Thursday Christmas Eve Mass - 8:00pm
Friday Christmas Day Mass - 10:00am

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!

This week's response points to the joy that is ours when Christ comes to us and transforms our lives.

Area Happenings

Christmas at Bethany The Bethany Lutheran College Music Department presents **Christmas at Bethany** December 6th at 4:00pm at Trinity Chapel. Free admission-advanced reservations encouraged. Reserve tickets online at www.blc.edu/ChristmasAtBethany or call 507-344-7365. A free will offering will be collected at the concerts.

Understanding Grief A supportive gathering for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Thursday, December 10, 2009, 6-7:30pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd Street, Mankato. There is no charge for this seminar, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Hospice office at 507-38502618 or 800-327-3721, extension 2618.

Mentors Needed! Make a difference! Volunteers mentors are needed for the Mankato YMCA Brother/Sister Program for youth ages 6-14. For more information contact: Mankato Family YMCA Brother/Sister Program, 1401 S. Riverfront Drive, Mankato, 345-9815, ybs@mankatoymca.com

Bloodmobile The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Scheid Hall on Tuesday, December 8th from 1:00-7:00pm. Give blood - Save a Life!

Holiday Train is coming to Janesville on Monday, December 7th, and will stop at **Veteran's Memorial Park at 9:00PM**. The light-bedecked train is a show in itself. There will also be a free show with gifted musicians and Santa will make a stop. The Holiday Train is all about feeding the hungry. They ask everyone to bring non-perishable food or money to the drop-off that will be in the corner of the park. All food and proceeds will stay in Janesville for the Community Food Shelf. They will also present a check to the Janesville Community Food Shelf.

Medo Lutheran Church's 11th Annual Cookie Walk Saturday, December 12, 2009 9:00am-10:30am, CTY. RD 53, 3 miles south of Pemberton. **Let the Medo Lutheran Church members make your Christmas baking and candy making easy! Bring your friends.** Coffee and warm apple cider will be served while you shop. Cookies will be sold by the half dozen or dozen. Candy will be sold by the pound. Medo Lutheran Church is wheelchair accessible.

Advent Retreat December 13, 2009 2:00-4:00pm with Fr. Marty Schaefer from Sacred Heart Church, Waseca, THE THREE COMINGS OF JESUS. Come awaken the spirit of Advent with input and reflection and song. Location: Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 3864 420th Avenue, Janesville, MN, 507-234-5712.

Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Give the gift of your time and undivided attention by taking them on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**. The next scheduled weekend is Valentines Day Weekend - February 12-14, 2010 at the **BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center** in Irene, SD. For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org.

Upcoming Pilgrimages

Oberammergau and Alpine Europe May 10-20, 2010. Join us for an 11 day springtime tour of Alpine Europe including Switzerland, Germany and Austria and the world famous Passion Play of Oberammergau, Germany. The **very low price of \$3999** includes Passion Play tickets, airfare from Minneapolis, hotels, guides, buses, most meals, etc. For information and a brochure, call Fr. Steve Peterson at 507-346-7565.

Pilgrimage to Alpine Europe Fr. John Sauer, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Owatonna, will be leading a pilgrimage to Alpine Europe in September of 2010. In celebration of his twenty five years of priesthood, he invites you to join him for this pilgrimage which will include tickets to the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau as well as stops in Heidelberg, Salzburg and Munich among others. For information, please contact Fr. Sauer at (507)451-1588 or by e-mail at pastor@sacredheartowatonna.org.