

St. John Vianney Church

November 27, 2011

1st Sunday of Advent

Hope



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent
 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
 8:30 AM Mass (Parish Family)
 10:30 AM Mass (Alexander Kapla)

Monday, November 28

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
 8:30 AM Mass (Marckini Family)

Tuesday, November 29

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
 8:30 AM Mass (Luchtman Family)

Wednesday, November 30

Saint Andrew
 Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 9:00 AM Mass (Frank Dara)

Thursday, December 1

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 8:30 AM Mass (Father Mike Alber)
 9:00 AM Holy Hour (Pray for Vocations)

Friday, December 2

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 8:30 AM Mass (Anna Nguyen)

Saturday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier
 Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
 8:30 AM Mass (Parish Family)
 10:30 AM Mass (Vincent & Rosemary Wasciuk)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 27

CLOSED SCRIIP Sales-Scrip Office
 11:00 am Adult Dismissal-CPLR
 6:00 pm *Rosary-CH
 7:00 pm *High School Youth Group-YR

Monday, November 28

9 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration-CH (In case of a funeral, Adoration immediately following)
 9:15 am Adult Bible Study-PO #2
 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study-PO #2

Tuesday, November 29

6:00 pm God's Kitchen Too-VH
 7:00 pm Just Faith Module-CPLR

Wednesday, November 30

2:30-6:30 pm SCRIIP Sales-Scrip Office
 3:30 pm Middle School Youth Group-YR
 6:00 pm Children's RCIA Reconciliation Class-CPLR
 6:30 pm Elementary Religious Education-CH
 6:30 pm Middle School Religious Education-PO #1
 6:30 pm High School Basic Catholicism-FFLR
 6:30 pm Men of Emmaus-YR
 8:30 pm Adult Men's Basketball-gym

Thursday, December 1

9:00 am Holy Hour (Pray for Vocations)- CH
 6:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program-Gym
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Cantors 6:30 pm)-RM 1

Friday, December 2

9:00 am Coffee and Donuts-PO #1

Saturday, December 3

7:00 am Men of Emmaus (Rosary)-CH
 7:30 am Men of Emmaus-RM 1

Sunday, December 4

9:30 -10:30 am SCRIIP Sales-Scrip Office
 11:00 am Adult Dismissal-CPLR
 11:00 am Children's Dismissal-FFLR
 11:30 am Children's Reconciliation Retreat-VH
 6:00 pm *Rosary-CH
 7:00 pm High School Youth Group-YR

***PLEASE NOTE:** Sunday's Rosary is now in the Church through April at 6 PM

- CH-Church
- PPR-Parish Planning Room (Teachers Lounge)
- PO #1-Parish Office Main Floor Room
- PO #3-Parish Office Main Floor Room
- GA-Gathering Area
- YR-Youth Room in Parish Office Basement
- CPLR-Caring Place Living Room-2nd Floor
- FFLR-Faith Formation Living Room-2nd Floor
- PO #2-Parish Office-Main Floor Room
- FFRR-across from RM 1
- VH-Village Hall

LOST and FOUND

A garage opener was found in the Parking Lot outside of church a couple weeks ago. Please call Patty Hudson in the Parish Office to identify if you think it may be yours.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Renata Aulbach, Sophia Blaser, Faye Lynn Bowman, David Burnett, Len Carboneau, Sophie Hindenach, Tim Hollern, Cara Kidder, Kim Miller, Joanne Pannill, Jackie Pearson, Linda Peck, Carmella Raimondo, Larry Schafer, Dave Trout

Remember all those we know and love who are ill

OUR PRAYER CHAIN LINE-You can call Audrey at 878-7125 or Renee at 532-7008. They will contact others who have committed to praying for your loved one.



RESPECT LIFE

"Life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future depends." Pope Benedict XVI

SOCIAL JUSTICE

God's Kitchen Too

November 29th –Team #13
Knights of Columbus—St. Pius

Parishioners in need are welcome to attend. The evening is first come—first served. Doors open at 5:30 PM and the meal is served at 6 PM.

PJM CHRISTMAS DRIVE:

We are asking parishioners for donations to our annual Prison/Jail Ministry Christmas Drive. We are collecting: **NEW-PACKAGED plain white tube socks** and **NEW reading glasses, 1.25 to 2.25 strengths**. The donated items will be used at the various jails, shelters and juvenile detention centers within the Diocese. Please call Jude Granstrom at 616-475-1255 or email jgranstrom@dioceseofgrandrapids.org. Deadline is December 15th. Thank you in advance!



STEWARDSHIP



SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Average Number of envelopes used at Weekend Masses:

October	425
November	475

Average Number of envelopes dropped off or mailed in weekly:

October	40
November	40

First Sunday of Advent



The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of St. Mark: "Be watchful! Be Alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or honor our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

THURSDAY NIGHT'S FLEXIBILITY & TONING CLASS -

Due to low attendance and a busier schedule on my part, the exercise class has been cancelled on Thursday evenings. Sorry to those who came regularly.

Marge Wilcox

Parish Directory

We have added two more days for photography on Friday December 9th from 2:00 – 8:30 pm and Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. If you would like to sign up you can call Sandy at 724-3129 and make an appointment. Please do not wait until the last minute, and please call us rather than have us call you. We want as many families as possible in this book! All photos will be taken in the former Caring Place building – now the parish office.

Odyssey of the Mind News

Do you have extra warehouse space, empty office space or building space that could accommodate an OM team from November - May? We have four OM teams that are looking for practice space. Our teams are looking for a space where they could let their creative minds loose? They are in need of a space to build, create, sing, and act their little hearts out!! If you think you could help us, please contact Jen Hartman at 292-1115.



Database Maintenance

Keeping the parish database up to date is a formidable task at times, especially phone numbers. Many of you are no longer using land lines, only your cell phones, and we do not have those numbers. If you have a different /new phone number, please call and let us know. We have many, many phone numbers that are no longer in service. We would like to have the correct ones for our new directory. Call Patty Hudson at 534-5449 or Sandy Maxim at 724-3129 to update your information.

FAITH FORMATION

To register for any of the classes or activities offered below, please contact Barb Scott at (616) 724-3132, bscott@stjohnvianney.net.



Village Nights for 2011 *The Revised Roman Missal* December 14

The Liturgy of the Eucharist
The Communion Rite

Explore together the changes to the Nicene Creed.

Everyone in the parish is invited to a night of fellowship, faith, and fun! Each night runs from 6:00-8:30 pm, in the Village Hall beginning with a community meal (suggested donation of \$2 per person).

This year we will explore how to live out our Faith through the revisions of the Mass.

Advent Series

Wisdom Writings of the Old Testament
(Three-part Series)

December 6, 13, 20

7:00-8:30 pm each night

Youth room

Catechist Certification: 4.5 hours Content

The Wisdom Books of the Old Testament are a treasure trove of practical guidance for daily living. Biblical wisdom is cultural wisdom expressed through the lens of faith in God.

New CDs Now Available for the Advent Season!

New Advent CDs are available in the rack set up in the Gathering Area of church on various topics. For a donation (\$3 suggested) you can listen to more words of wisdom. **Check it out!**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Planting the Seeds and Growing the Kingdom Wednesday Night Religious Education

(Grades Pre K/K -5th Grade and Shepherd's Flock)

Your child must be registered before attending classes.

November/December 2011 Calendar

November 30	Advent Prayer Service
December 7	The Christmas Prayer Service
December 14	Village Night (Eucharistic Prayer and Communion) Christmas activities in classroom
December 21	No Class

Meet in church at 6:30 PM for Prayer Service.

Dismissal at 8:00 PM from the classroom.

YOUTH NEWS

High School Youth Group

Now taking Workcamp Registrations for July 8-14. Both Champaign, IL and Winnebago, NE are the same week. See Ken for details.

Sacramental Prep Update

First Reconciliation

Children's Reconciliation Retreat

December 4, 11:30 am (immediately after 10:30 Mass) until 1:30 pm

Meet in church by the Reconciliation Room
Reconciliation Lesson Binder due at or before the Retreat.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS:

December 10 and 17 at 10:00 am each day.

Confirmation

NET Retreat

December 4, 4:00-8:00 pm at Holy Spirit

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR PARISH FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

Gregory Lee Reynolds-Army Infantry in Afghanistan

Sean Rinard- U.S. Army in Afghanistan

Michael Simon-Air Force in Afghanistan

Daniel Wheeler-U.S. Army



If you have a family member you would like to add to this list, please email Patty Hudson at phudson@stjohnvianney.net

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students:

9th Grade: Katherine Lennon, Timothy Maxim, Regan Ora, Christina Scott, Corey Shafer, Adam Sremba, Skyler Stoll, Morgan Taylor

10th Grade: Olivia Barney, Lauren Burke, Erin Gallagher, Meghan Gerke, Michael Helm, Hanna Jeffers, Elizabeth Maddox, JP Nguyen, Edgar Ramos, Nathan Reeder, Angela Rysdyk, Spencer Stoll, Andrew Truszkowski

11th Grade: Regina Armock, Brooke Benner, Karl Cuncannan, Zachary DeMaagd, Aubrey Golembieski, Carolyn Jaglowski, Rebecca Johnson, Morgan Kernosky, Cassie Kovera, Matthew Lennon, Kendra Lozon, Samantha Sremba, Carley Taylor, Madalynn Zanoni

12th Grade: Allison Canum, Stephen Cimbalik, Daniel Gallagher, Michaela Irving, Jessica Jeffers, Mary Lefere, TrungHau Nguyen, Thomas O'Callaghan

(This information was supplied to us from CC directly.)



THEOLOGY ON TAP

For all young adults in the G.R. Diocese

Theology on Tap (TOT) is outreach and collaboration with young adult Catholics in pursuit of spiritual growth. It consists of learning more about your Catholic faith, coming together to share community, and feeling welcomed and valued in the Church.

The gatherings are open to 18-30ish aged men and women of all faith backgrounds.

Meet at 6:30 PM at **Buffalo Wild Wings, 44th St. SW**, share a meal together (meal is your cost) before the speaker presents at **7:00 PM**.

Check out the new series:

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| Dec 5 | Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas
~Charles Schwartz |
| Dec 19 | Praying With the Psalms: The Beauty of Liturgy of the Hours
~Ken Sokolowski & Barb Scott |

More dates through Catholic Connect, which will meet at **Derby Station in EGR at 7:00 pm**:

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| Nov 30 | Is the Church Really in Crisis?
~Fr. Lou Anderson |
| Dec 14 | Bearing the Cross
~Jim Murphy |

For more information contact Ken or Barb,
ksokolowski@stjohnvianney.net, bscott@stjohnvianney.net

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Liturgical Ministers:

Beginning next weekend there will be sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area for our upcoming holy days.



SCRIP NEWS

***The holidays are coming!
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It's that time of year and we are starting to see a swing in SCRIP sales!

Sunday Nov 27th - CLOSED

In anticipation of BIG sales, we have placed a double order of SCRIP this week. We are doing our best to anticipate your shopping habits and keep just one step ahead.....

CONGRATULATIONS! to every family who has been purchasing SCRIP. As of Sunday, we have surpassed 2010 sales by \$31,000!!! And with the busiest 4 weeks of the year left we are certain to set new records in savings for SCRIP families!!! With your support of SCRIP, you are reducing your payments and supporting your church and school -

THANK YOU!

Located behind the sanctuary next to the music room
Contact David & Tricia Rice with questions
616.257.9960 home; scrip@stjohnvianney.net

Wednesday's 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Sunday's 9:30 am – 10:30 am

CANCELLATION PROCEDURES OF PRESCHEDULED ROOMS



Anyone who has reserved a room in the Parish Office Building or School Building and has to cancel the pre-scheduled function OR if your meeting gets done extremely early, please contact Jim Kulfan on his cell phone (616-915-9623) to let him know so that he can lock the building. We do not want to leave the building unsupervised when it is unlocked. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you!

Our Feature Seminarian of the Week:

BISHOP WALTER A. HURLEY ASKS US TO
PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Loving God,
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We especially pray for:
Thomas J. Cavera
University of
St. Mary of the Lake
Mundelein Seminary
1000 East Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

**Advent Programs
at Catholic Information Center**

- Christmas Traditions Around the World
November 29 7:00 pm
- Cinema for Reflection: Mildred Pierce
November 30 2:00-4:00 pm
- Concert at the Cathedral: Treelighting Ceremony
November 30 7:00 pm
- Advent by Candlelight
December 1 7:00 pm
- Advent Family Story Telling Night
December 2 6:00-8:00 pm
- Concert at the Cathedral: GR Symphony
December 3 8:00 pm
- Mary is God's Mother
December 6 7:00 pm
- Cinema for Reflection: The Women
December 7 2:00-4:00 pm

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

- ◇ Depression. Many people experience depression after the holidays and during the dreary winter months. If you struggle with lingering sadness or anxiety, please call Catholic Charities West Michigan's Behavioral Health Department, (616) 456-1443, to schedule an appointment with one of our highly qualified counselors. We accept most insurances and have a sliding fee scale for those who do not have insurance. We are here for you.
- ◇ God's Kitchen, a program of Catholic Charities West Michigan, is in need of canned vegetables at this time. Also needed are canned cream soups and fruit of any kind. Call Director, Rob Miller at (616) 454-4110, if you have any questions or to arrange for pick-up or drop off your donations at God's Kitchen, 303 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids.
- ◇ God's Children Baby and Toddler Pantry, a new program of Catholic Charities West Michigan, is currently in need of donations of gently used clothing size 0-5T and gently used baby equipment (toddler beds, swings, high chairs, strollers, etc) If you are able to donate your gently used items please deliver to God's Children, located at 303 Division Avenue South in the lower level of God's Kitchen or contact Vickie Delands-Kochans at vdelands@ccwestmi.org or 616.551.5666.
- ◇ Do you enjoy art and wish you could work in a creative and fun environment? Catholic Charities West Michigan is in need of volunteers to help with daily operations of GALLERY 303 God's Kitchen Gift & Painting Studio – the newly opened Gift Shop, Paint your own pottery studio & Gallery located at God's Kitchen and benefiting the programs of God's Kitchen. A time commitment of 2 to 3 hours (Tues., Wed., Thur., Fri., or Sat) on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis is needed. For more information contact Julie Tamblin, Manager GALLERY 303, at (616) 224-1294 or jtamblin@ccwestmi.org.

Epiphany Service and Concert at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 7:00 pm.** The event is open to the public but free will offerings will be accepted.

HOW CAN WE HELP?
Do you have a need OR wish to volunteer?



Assistance is available for our Seniors and fellow parishioners with special needs. Volunteers provide rides, small home repairs, light house or yard work, visit homebound. Call Joanne at 534-1660.

MISSION OF THE CHURCH -

Of her very nature, the Church is missionary. This means her members are called by God to bring the Gospel by word and deed to all peoples and to every situation of work, education, culture, and communal life in which human beings find each other. The members of the Church seek to transform society not by power but by persuasion and by example.

- *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

PARISH STAFF/LEADERSHIP

Parish Office: **534-5449**

Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Mon. to Fri.
(closed 12:00-1:00 PM)

After Hours: 532-0588 plus extension # to leave
a message or use direct
dial numbers

After Hours Emergency Line: 724-3121

Fax: 530-8224

Pastor: Rev. Michael Alber Ext. 101
frmike@stjohnvianney.net - direct dial 724-3125

Associate Pastor: Rev. Luis Garcia Ext. 147
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clyons@stjohnvianney.net

Director of Parish Life: Sandy Maxim Ext. 129
smaxim@stjohnvianney.net - direct dial 724-3129

Sacristan: Shirley Haugen Ext. 116
opie1127@aol.com - direct dial (616) 538-7879

Parish Faith Formation: **532-2397**

Director of Faith Formation:
Barb Scott Ext. 201
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Coordinator of Religious Education:
Jeanne Anne Hudson Ext. 206
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Coordinator of Youth Ministries:
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St. John Vianney School: 532-7001

Principal: Tom Priest Ext. 301
tpriest@stjohnvianney.net

Secretary: Pattie Reynolds Ext. 303
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Preschool & Childcare: 534-5392

Director: Kelly Robertson Ext. 401
krobertson@stjohnvianney.net

Secretary: Paula Martin Ext. 402
pmartin@stjohnvianney.net

Finance Council:

Todd Curran, Shari Dick, Jean Eckelkamp, Rob Geer, Jennifer Golembieski, Ben Olds, Jerry Rose, Sue Rysdyk, Gerald Snyder

Sacraments:

Infant Baptism: Mary Witucki, 724-3128

First Eucharist: Barb Scott, 724-3132

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 PM or by appointment

Marriage: Fr. Alber (at least six months in advance)

Sacrament of the sick: Call Parish Office

Confirmation: Ken Sokolowski, 724-3133

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays, 9 AM to 7 PM

Holy Hour:

Thursdays, 9 AM to 10 AM—Pray for Vocations

Ill/Homebound: Mary Witucki, 724-3128

RCIA: Barb Scott, 724-3132

New Parishioner Registration:
Sandy Maxim, 724-3129

Bulletin Deadline:

Fridays by 5:00 PM in writing or email to
phudson@stjohnvianney.net – article will go in
the following week's bulletin