



St. Anthony Catholic Church

Temperance, Michigan

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“The Antonian”

November 30, 2008

Fr. Brian’s Blarney

How to Get a Christmas Card from the Pope

I was reading a blog that a religious sister posts on and she said that she used to send Pope John Paul II a Christmas card and she would get one in return. She has not tried it in a while, so she does not know if Pope Benedict XVI’s protocol has changed.

If it is the same, she writes “if you send the Pope a Christmas card and greeting, you will get back a letter from the Secretariat of State with a Christmas holy card.”

Address it:

**His Holiness
Pope Benedict XVI
Vatican City State
Europe**

Michigan Catholic

Joe Kohn from the Michigan Catholic called and wanted to do a story on farmers, so Michelle pointed him to a few of our parishioners (she couldn’t reach a few and a couple of families declined). So on the front cover of the Nov 21st edition is our own Earl Iott with a handful of corn. On the inside there are two other pictures, one of Earl Iott holding one of his famous tomatoes and another of Kevin Nusbaum with an ear of corn.

Thanksgiving

Both Earl and Kevin were thankful for their harvests. I have been blessed by all of you who have dropped off fresh fruits and vegetables for me to cook with here. I have even been blessed with eggs, jellies, and a ham.

We have truly been blessed here by all of those who have volunteered from the Spaghetti Dinner, K of C breakfast, to the different Councils and Commissions, to the care of the grounds and the flower beds, to the different repairs around the parish, to the volunteers in the choirs, lectors, and extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, to all of the activity at the school and our teams. Thanks for all that you do for us here at St. Anthony’s.

Thanksgiving Prayer

This was printed with the pictures of Kevin and Earl in the Michigan Catholic. Its source is the Novena in Honor of St. Isidore: patron of Farmers by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

O God, of Whose mercies there is no number, and of Whose goodness the treasure is infinite; we render thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the gifts You have bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Your clemency, that as You grant the petitions of them that ask You, You will never forsake them, but will prepare for the reward to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God Be Blessed!!!

This Week’s Advent Calendar

Tri-Parish

Communal Penance Service
with Individual Confession and
Absolution

Wednesday, December 3, 2008
7:00pm

St. Joseph Church (Erie, Michigan)

Advent Giving Tree

In conjunction with St. Anthony School, the Christian Service Commission has set up a Giving Tree in the Narthex by the stained glass window. The tree is decorated with ornaments that name an item for a needy family. These can be anything from food items to clothing to toys. Please take a tag, purchase the item and return to one of the decorated boxes under the tree **by Sunday, Dec. 21.**

Also in the Narthex:

“The Word Among Us” seasonal pamphlets for Advent/Christmas to inspire your prayer through the Advent season.

Calendars for 2008: provided free of charge.



One per family, please.

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Available for a donation



This Week’s Mass Schedule

December 1 - 5, 2008

Monday: 7:15am
Tuesday: 7:15am
Wednesday: 7:15am
Thursday: **No Mass**
Friday: 9:00am

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12Noon
Holy Days Check bulletin

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

Devotions

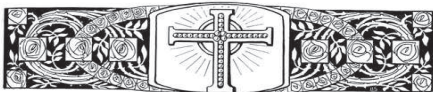
First Friday 7:00pm
First Saturday 8:00am Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Wednesday @ 6:45pm

Sacraments

Please refer to the monthly insert, the Parish Directory, or the Sacrament link on our web site.

Prayer Chain

Gloria Knaggs.....856-2389 or
Rachel Renn.....856-5151




When sending your Christmas cards this year, take one and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

Christmas Cards

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

St. Anthony Knights of Columbus will be in the Narthex today with Religious - themed Christmas cards. It can be difficult to find cards which reflect the real meaning of Christmas; these beautiful cards, available at a reasonable price, can help you "Keep Christ in Christmas". Before you purchase your Christmas cards for this year, please stop by the table in the Narthex next weekend November 23 & 24 and see what the Knights have to offer.




**Feast of Our
Lady of
Guadalupe
December 12,
2008**

A special evening Mass will be offered that day at **7:00pm** and will be followed by a presentation on the devotion of our Lady of Guadalupe. Homero Ortiz will explain the symbolism in the picture as well as Serenade Our Lady. All are invited

Contribution envelopes for

2009 are now in the Narthex. All registered families should have a box with their name on it; anyone who doesn't find a box should sign their name on the sheet provided.

The ongoing policy for contribution envelopes is that every time you attend Mass you should put an envelope in the collection basket, regardless of the amount inside. This is the best way for us to know that you are an active, practicing member of St. Anthony's.



Book of REMEMBRANCE *November is the month dedicated to the memory of all the Faithful Departed. A Memorial Book has been placed near the side entrance of Church; all are invited to write in the names of their beloved deceased to be remembered each Mass in November.*

This Week's Calendar of Events



Monday, December 1, 2008
7:15am - Mass
3:15 - 5:30pm - SACS Open Gym - K. Hall
4:45-6pm - PRE Grades 1-8
6:30pm - RCIA - Padua Hall

Tuesday, December 2, 2008
7:15am - Mass
Christian Mothers Christmas Luncheon
3:15 - 5:30pm - Sport Practice - Kenna Hall


Wednesday, December 3, 2008
7:15am - Mass
3:15 - 5:30pm - Sport Practice - Kenna Hall
6:45pm - Perpetual Help Devotions
7pm - Tri-Parish Communal Penance Service - St. Joe's, Erie

Thursday, December 4, 2008
3:15-5:30pm - Sport Practices - Kenna Hall
7pm - Choir Practice

Friday, December 5, 2008
9:00am - Mass
5:30pm - Rummage Sale Volunteer
Pot-luck - Kenna Hall
7pm - First Friday Devotions

Saturday, December 6, 2008
8am - First Saturday Mass
2pm - Wedding
3:30 - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass
Prayer Blankets in the Narthex
6:30pm - K of C Christmas Gathering
- Padua Hall

Sunday, December 7, 2008
8am; 10am; 12Noon - Masses
Prayer Blankets in the Narthex
1-6pm - Kenna Hall Rental
7:30pm - Boys Scouts - Kenna Hall
8:30pm - Adult Open Gym - Kenna Hall



"Father, we are the work of Your hands." Is God's work in you to be of service to Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office, Father Tim Birney, 313-237-5875, or visit www.vocationsdetroit.org.

Commission Fair
December 14
(In conjunction with the K of C Breakfast Buffet)

All Parish Committees will be represented at the Fair. Many volunteers are needed to continue to support the wide variety of functions and events in our Parish. Stop by the table to ask questions - maybe even volunteer!

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Monday, December 1, 2008

7:15am †Lucille Grodi
by Alan & Kris Ortman
Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

7:15am †Lawrence Rochowiak
by Bob & Jackie Nusbaum
Isaiah 11:1-10
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Francis Xavier, Priest
7:15am †Walter Eliason by Faith Weber
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4, 2008

John of Damascus, Priest, Doctor
No Mass
Isaiah 26:1-6
Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday, December 5, 2008

9:00am *Harriet Sweet* by Sister Paulena
on Behalf of the Staff of
St. Anthony Catholic School
Isaiah 29:17-24
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6, 2008

Nicholas, Bishop
Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
2pm ****Wedding - Burger & Westover**

Sunday Vigil

5:00pm †Ed Pakulski
by Jim & Cheryl Olszewski

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2008
8am †Keith Dressel
by Earl & Janice Iott
10am †Alex Kapela by Teresa Fox
on Behalf of the Family
12Noon *People of St. Anthony
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
2Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

LIGHT OF FAITH

Today we celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season. It is a time of joyous expectation for the coming of Jesus. Unfortunately our society misses the point of this season. We are to spend the time in quiet anticipation rather than noisy preparation and celebration.

The celebrations really shouldn't begin until December 25th. This is very hard to do in our society. It is even harder to cut time out of our busy schedules to spend time thinking about what this season is for, what we are supposed to be focused on. Unfortunately these thoughts are counter-cultural. But we are called to be 'in' the world rather than 'of' the world. It is not an easy task to fulfill.

Let us set an example for others to follow. Let's not get caught up in this world and all the noise. Rather let us spend some quiet time to reflect on this season and what we should be doing to prepare for Jesus' coming.

May God bless you with His peace during this season of Advent.
Faith Weber, DRE

Mark Your Calendars.....

- ▷Christian Mothers Christmas Luncheon - Dec. 2
- ▷Tri-Parish Communal Penance Service (St. Joe's Erie) - Dec. 3
- ▷Rummage Sale Volunteer Pot-luck - Dec. 5
- ▷Feast of the Immaculate Conception - (Holy Day of Obligation) - Dec. 8
- ▷Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Presentation - Dec. 12
- ▷K of C Breakfast Buffet - Dec. 14
- ▷Commission Fair - Dec. 14
- ▷Christian Mother's Bake Sale - Dec. 14
- ▷Individual Confessions @ St. Anthony - Dec. 22

Our Prayer List

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| Carol Abercrombie | Marsha Klingbeil |
| Joey Blochowski | Robin Kraemer |
| Rita Barorf | Louie Kremnetz |
| Braden Family | Stan Kremnetz |
| Agatha Baumia | Kenneth Krohn |
| Toni Breininger | Gus LaRoy |
| Jessica Brown | Audrey Lawrence |
| Bob Burgherr | Gerry MacAdams |
| Kathleen Dillon-Connolly | Sandy Maenle |
| Lowell Cousino | Colleen Manore |
| LaJeanne Creque | McMullen Family |
| John Decker, Jr. | Rev. John Mehl |
| Ashley DeFalco | Bridget Miller |
| Fr. Greg Deters | Mary Oberley |
| Graem Dillon | Frances Orquiz |
| Jackie Dooley | Celine Pool |
| David Driscoll | Susanna Reicha |
| Jay DuVall | Sarah Rice |
| Archie Eckhardt | Rachel Rising |
| Jack Eliason | Ralph Robarge |
| Virginia Eliason | Barbara Rozanski |
| Susan Fields | Fr. Jim Sanford |
| Jenny Gabrielson | Ron Snyder |
| Jan Gere | Vic Stevens |
| Eleanor Glinski | Chester Stobinski |
| Ron Gorney | Nancy Strzelewicz |
| Pam & Seth Guillen | Delores Thoma |
| Gary Harmon | Keith Spaulding |
| Roy Hawkinson | Fred Vikupitz |
| Shelly Henning | Rachel Vandewiele |
| Abby Henry | Diane Walsh |
| Ladonna Hicks | Jack Weiser |
| Letha Holup | Luanne Wernert |
| Dave Itle | Austin Ziegler |
| Rosemary Jacobs | Sharon Ziegler |



Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women, especially those currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan:

- ☆ Pvt. 1st Class Devin Cousino
- ☆ Staff Sgt. Tony Ferguson (AF)
- ☆ Specialist Tom Ferguson (Army)
- ☆ Donald LaPratt
- ☆ Lt. Col. John Luchansky
- ☆ Shawn Tague (AF)
- ☆ Navy Corpsman Thomas Rozanski
- ☆ SPS4 Steven Wurth

Liturgical Assignments - December 6 & 7, 2008

	Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 8:00am	Sunday, 10:00am	Sunday, Noon
Priest	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian
Readers	E. shaffer	K. Dressel	R. Oehlers	J. Jemaa
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	C. Driscoll J. Driscoll	M. Dressel P. Waidelich	J. Oehlers C. VanBrandt	P. Dressel M. Kolasinski
Altar Servers	F. Dillon J. Dillon P. Dillon	P. DiTerlizzi R. Dressel D. Knaggs	A. Oehlers A. Oehlers H. Ramsey	K. Jemaa C. Gunterman C. Gunterman

The **Rummage Sale Volunteer Potluck** will be held **this Friday, December 5 at 5:30pm in Kenna Hall**. Please call Carol Fuelling if you plan to attend.

St. Mary Catholic Church
Rockwood, Michigan
Presents
What Must I Do To Be Saved?
by Speaker **Stephen Ray**
Monday, December 1, 2008
6:30-7:30pm
Admission is Free -
No Reservations required