

All Saints Catholic Church

Sunday, December 16, 2007

Third Sunday of Advent

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Tuesdays and Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All Saints Meal Program

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 5:30 p.m. in
Church Hall

All Saints Commons 449-1298

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Our Church Mission

With the help of God, we the members
of All Saints Catholic Church:

- *Commit to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus in Word and Eucharist.*
- *Commit to bring the Good News of Christ to the people of Milwaukee's central city and beyond.*
- *Commit to work for justice for the poor and the powerless.*
- *Commit to build up and foster a multi-racial, multi-cultural community of faith, hope and love.*

Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick & Dying:

Please contact the parish office
to make an appointment.

Funerals: Please contact the parish priest
as soon as a loved one dies.

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All Saints Catholic Church

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today is Gaudete Sunday, “Be joyful” Sunday. We begin the third week of Advent and look forward even more to the coming of Jesus into our world.



Our joy comes from the faith we have that Jesus is coming, in fact, has come and is already dwelling within us. I read the other day about a little girl who hugged her mom and said that God is hugging her at the same time. That is at the heart of our faith; Jesus is with us now and our challenge is to make that a reality known to those around us. We can have no “me and God” faith, but “me, God and all of God’s children” faith. That is hard to do, isn’t it? It is so much easier to pray privately and expect God to be there as a cuddly God saying “there, there, don’t bother yourself with the needs of others, just know that you are saved and that is enough!!!”

For the next two weeks, let’s read God’s message of love and concern for the poor and the powerless with more excitement, knowing that this season is often hardest on the poor and the dispossessed. We need to be just a little bit more aware of those around us and their needs.

I urge you to consider helping us in our meal program, our food pantry, serving at the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Site at Tenth and Madison Streets, visiting the Commons for homeless women and children and giving them some of your time and loving concern. At this very busy time it is probably the best time to question our “busyness” and ask for what purpose are we running around like people in a frenzy when only one thing is necessary—preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

The challenge to use Advent as a valuable time for prayer and reflection is great. And to get all upset if we do squander time and money is not the answer. The answer is to start over each day and reflect each day on how this day is going. Don’t look back; look forward to the opportunity that you will be given today to serve God in your neighbor.

Also, remember we celebrate mass every day at this parish. Please join us at 8:30 every morning from Monday through Friday at St. John Chapel at 3456 N. 38th Street. It is a great way to start the day.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Fr. Carl Diederichs".

Father Carl Diederichs



Ancient Promises

I see this year's Advent with an intensity and presentiment like never before. When I pace back and forth in my cell, three steps forward and three steps back, hands in irons, ahead of me an unknown destiny, I understand very differently than before those ancient promises of the coming Lord who will redeem us and set us free. And, along with these thoughts, comes the memory of the angel that a good person gave me for Advent two years ago. It held a banner: 'Rejoice, for the Lord is near.' A bomb destroyed the angel. A bomb killed the good person, and I often sense that she continues to do angel-services for me. The terror of this time would not be bearable--any more than the terror brought on by our world situation, if we comprehend it--except for this other knowledge that continually encourages us and sets us straight....

Advent, despite all earnestness, is a time of refuge because it has received a message. Oh, if people know nothing about the message and the promises any more, if they only experience the four walls and the prison windows of their gray days, and no longer perceive the quiet footsteps of the announcing angels, if the angels' murmured word does not simultaneously shake us to the depths and lift up our souls--then it is over for us. Then we are living wasted time, and we are dead, long before they do anything to us.

Father Alfred Delp

A Small Window to make a large tax-exempt charitable contribution.

Congress has provided an excellent tax incentive for charitable contributions, but you must act soon. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows individuals 70 1/2 and older to make tax-exempt charitable contributions up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA assets to an eligible charity. The transaction must be made by December 31, 2007, as it is not certain that this provision will be extended.

This legislation is good news for many IRA account holders 70 1/2 and older because this qualified charitable distribution rule. In addition, QCD monies are excluded from adjusted gross income and, therefore, are tax exempt. Married couples may donate up to \$200,000 provided each spouse owns at least one IRA and make a \$100,000 QCD.

You could benefit from a QCD if you fit into one of the following categories:

- You are a high –income taxpayer who itemizes deductions. Higher income taxpayers have to reduce their allowable itemized deductions once their adjusted gross income exceeds a certain threshold (\$150,000 in 2006). By utilizing this tax incentive, the donated amount is not included in adjusted gross income, thereby permitting the taxpayer to take more itemized deductions.
- You donate a substantial portion of your income to charity. QCDs are not subject to the 50% of adjusted gross income limitation for charitable contributions. QCDs may allow you to give more than you otherwise could, while still receiving tax benefits for charitable contributions.
- You are a tax payer who doesn't itemize deductions. A QCD is attractive to a taxpayer who otherwise could not deduct a charitable contribution because he or she takes a standard deduction.

While most public charities are eligible to receive QCDs, private foundations, donor—advised funds and split interest gifts (for example, charitable remainder trusts or charitable lead trusts) are not. Talk to your financial or tax adviser to see if this option is appropriate for you.



All Saints Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Christmas Eve

December 24th

7:00 pm Children's Choir

7:30 pm Choir Concert

8:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day

December 25th

9:30 am Mass

New Years Day

9:30 am Mass

We are in need of Volunteers

Please, we have various areas where we need help with volunteering. If there is a specific area you would like to volunteer for please call the parish office.

Here are a few areas you may be able to assist us with:

- *The Commons*
- *The Food Pantry*
- *The Meal Program*
- *The Parish Office*
- *To pick up and or drop off donations*
- *Church or Community Ministries*
- *Transportation for Parish Members to get back and fourth to Church on Sunday.*

Thank you and we appreciate all of your help.

Entertainment Books

We are selling Entertainment Books for \$35 a book if you would like to purchase one contact the parish office. They really have great coupons that might come in handy.

Scrip News:

Effective January, 2008, the All Saints Scrip Program will be suspended until further notice in order to change the bank's + supplier's name + number.

We'd like to thank the following loyal people who placed monthly orders:

Lucinda Adams	Arlene Hayes
Janice Ashley	Sue Miller
Larry + Sheila Ashley	Vera Poindexter
Wilhelmenia Berry	Rosemary Schaefer
Volia Brown	Retha Simmons
Tom + Shirley Browne	
Tim + Gina Browne	
Sr. Vonnie DeCleene	
Fr. Dennis Dirkx	
Ken + Joyce Gilgenbach	
Bob + Maryann Harris	

Bulletin News:

If you have something that needs to go into the bulletin it has to be in no later than Tuesday Morning. If you have an insert for the bulletin that has to be in no later than Wednesday morning. Except on holiday weeks they need to be in by that Friday before. Please to insure that your article or insert is put in that week.

**Thank You,
Nicole**

Showtime at the Meal Program

Every third Monday we have an Apollo night at our meal program beginning at 5:30 p.m. We need donations for prizes for three children and three adults. We will greatly appreciate any help you can give. Thank you.

Reminder :

The menu for Tuesdays at our meal program is as follows:

1st Tuesday: St. Monica's—Tuna Casserole

2nd Tuesday: All Saints—Tacos

3rd Tuesday: All Saints—Meatloaf

4th Tuesday: All Saints—Pot Luck

5th Tuesday: All Saints—Pot Luck

Please bring whatever you can to assist us on these days. Fruit, desserts, vegetable, or bring a serving or two of the main dish. If you have any questions at all, please contact the parish office at 414-444-5610.

Leroy's Catch

Time: 4:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. on Fridays.
Dates : January 11th and 25th.
Price: Adults \$8.00, age 10 and under \$5.00 age 5 and under free.

(We had a Fish Fry Scheduled for Dec. 21st it has been cancelled. Sorry about any inconvenience.)

Leroy will be serving catfish and cod with delicious side dishes. Come enjoy the dinner and ice cream for dessert included!



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Catering by Leroy



Mass Intentions

Sunday: Sunday, December 16
 8:00 a.m. For All the Ministries (AS)
 10:30 a.m. For the People (AS)

Monday: Monday, December 17
 8:30 a.m. For All Volunteers (C)

Tuesday: Tuesday, December 18
 8:30 a.m. For All the Catechists (C)

Wednesday: Wednesday, December 19
 8:30 a.m. For the Children (C)

Thursday: Thursday, December 20
 8:30 a.m. †Sister Donna Botz (C)

Friday: Friday, December 21
 8:30 a.m. For All the Donors (C)

Saturday: Saturday, December 22
 4:00 p.m. For All of Our Parish Members (C)

Sunday: Sunday, December 23
 8:00 a.m. †Carl V. Nelson (AS)
 10:30 a.m. For the People (AS)

(C) St. John Chapel (AS) All Saints

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Burger King Receipt Week!!

8 a.m. Mass (AS)
 10:30 a.m. Mass (AS)
 10 a.m. Chicken Dinner (AS)
 2 p.m. Franciscan Prayer and Sharing Meeting (AS)

Monday, December 17th

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

Tuesday, December 18th

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

Wednesday, December 19th

10:30 a.m. N.A. Meeting (AS)

Thursday, December 20th

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

6 p.m. Praise Movement Ministry Rehearsal (AS)

6 p.m. Legion of Mary (MC)

6:30 p.m. Prayer and Worship (AS)

7 p.m. Choir Practice (AS)

Friday, December 21st

Peter Canisius, priest, doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

Saturday, December 22nd

4 p.m. Mass (C)

Sunday, December 23rd

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Burger King Receipts Due!!

8 a.m. Mass (AS)

10:30 a.m. Mass (AS)



Jerry Adams, Lucinda Adams,
 Ken and Marge Ameden, Louise
 Ashley, Jim Becker, Helena
 Benson, Shawn Bost, Frances
 Buchanan, Betty Burks, Vera

Campbell, Edith Fails, Raymond Faison, Laurie Griep,
 Essie Haney, Laura Hayward, Steve Haywood, Jerry
 Herbstreit, Ernie Herre, Jane Kaminsky, Thomas E
 Ladky, Velois Lathon, Gloria Mason, Unis Matthews,
 James, Cordalia, and Louise Nwagbaraocha, Mary
 O'Brien, Robert Owens, Lucille Richter, Anita Rooney,
 Marjorie Schoenauer, William Sims, Hazel
 Smith, Antonio Vivians, Rodney Walker,
 Claudette Williams, Larry Woods, Valerie
 Woods, and David Zinkevcz.



Homebound and Sick

Please inform the parish office when someone is physically unable to come to church, is going to the hospital, or is moving into a nursing home.

† Financial Stewardship † December 9th Contributions

150 Envelopes:	\$ 5766.50
Offertory:	\$ 153.70
Visitor Contributions:	\$ 63.00
For the Poor	\$ 863.00
08 Children's Envelopes:	\$ 9.25
Total	\$ 6855.45

Unity in Christ Fund for this week ~ \$1014.33
 Have you remembered All Saints in your will?

Location Key:

(AS) All Saints (C) Chapel (MC) Ministry Center

Readings for the Week of December 16, 2007

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11
 Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Sgs 2:8-14, or Zep 3:14-18a, Lk 1:39-45
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24

Lord, come and save us.

Psalm 146

