

All Saints Catholic Church

Sunday, December 2, 2007

First Sunday of Advent

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All Saints Meal Program

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 5:30 p.m. in
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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
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,



This time of year is so rich in liturgical readings and rituals. It is also a season that is difficult to separate from the Christmas Season.

One author says that to separate Advent from Christmas is like having mash potatoes and gravy and Jell-O on the same plate—they will run together before too long. That is why it will take some real planning to keep the spirit of Advent while knowing that Christmas is right around the corner.

One important step we can take is to scale back on our purchases. I have a website for you to visit called www.buynothingchristmas.org. They have an icon of Christ and the caption is: "Where did I say that you should buy so much stuff to celebrate my birthday?" Let me know what you think.

If we are not going to squander the weeks of Advent, we will need to plan. The first thing for us to ask is whether we can set aside more time for prayer in the very season when we will be pulled away from prayer. I would like to suggest that we practice Centering Prayer each morning and evening and also engage our family in prayer before and after meals and at the end of the day. For those who can, I would like to have you consider morning mass at 8:30 at 3456 N. 38th Street, St. John Chapel. It lasts one half hour. There is an evening mass at the Cathedral at 5:15 PM. The Cathedral is located at 812 N. Jackson Street.

This is not a season to increase our anxiety level with more debt. That would be terrible. All our purchases need to be within our ability to pay now. If we feel that we will lose the love and respect of others because we cannot afford much more than a token gift, we need to reexamine our priorities.

There is an insert in the bulletin today that will help you celebrate Advent in your home. Please use it. Truly make your home a "house church" like our ancestors did when Christianity was in its infancy. Use that precious time you are at home to make it a holy place whether you are alone or with

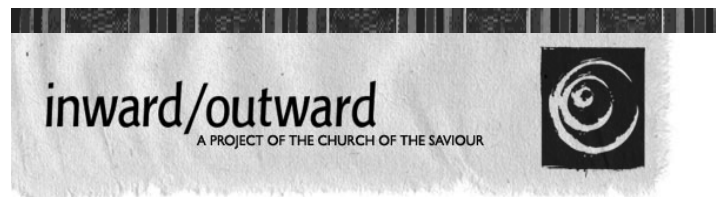
family or friends. Do you have religious art on the wall—a crucifix, picture of Mary or the saints? If not this would be a good time to purchase a work of art for your home. There are some beautiful but inexpensive nativity sets that you might also want to consider.

Above all, the Advent season should prepare us for the coming of Christ, not the coming of gifts. That is hard to do without prayer and a solid intention to not exploit the season, but to keep it holy.

Faithfully,

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

Father Carl Diederichs



Kingdom people

I hope you've met at least one Kingdom person in your life. They are surrendered people. You sense that life is OK at their core. They have given control to Another and are at peace. A Kingdom person lives for what matters, for life in its deepest sense. There's a kind of gentle absolutism about their life-style, a kind of calm freedom. Kingdom people feel like grounded yet spacious people. Whatever they are after, they already seem to be enjoying it - and seeing it in unlikely places. Kingdom people make you want to be like them.... Kingdom people are anchored by their awareness of God's love deep within.

Richard Rohr

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.

Franciscan Prayer and Sharing Meeting

We are now holding Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) Prayer and Sharing Meetings. Brothers and Sisters are dedicated to respecting all creatures, nurturing a life of peace, prayer, work and joy, simplifying their material needs, and especially to showing compassion for and solidarity with the poor and the powerless.

Our next prayer and sharing meeting will be held in the narthex of the church from 2:00 PM until 3:15 PM on Sunday, December 16, 2007. If you are interested, please join us.

Youth News:

We will host the pancake breakfast on December 2nd at St. Martin de Porres. Tickets are on sell. Thank you

Chicken Dinner Menu

Homemade Baked Potato Soup, green salad, baked chicken, mashed potatoes + gravy, rolls + butter, and buttered corn. The beverages consist of coffee, water, and or milk.

Pick & Save

As you probably know, Pick & Save has a procedure to benefit non-profit organizations via their Wee Care Program. Each time a customer makes a purchase using their "advantage" card, a percentage of what was spent goes to the organization that the customer has chosen. If you have never listed an organization or would like to switch, please go to the customer service desk and complete an advantage card change form. Our number is 108500 and our name is Central City Catholic Parishes - All Saints Catholic Church. If you have any questions feel free to call Shirley Brown.

Thank you.

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.

Death Notices:

Edna Mae Robinson, 87, Mark Tobin, 38, Eloise Armstrong, 85. Please keep their families in your prayers. Thank You

All Saints Outreach St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program (10th & Madison)

Parish members and friends continue to volunteer at SvdP approximately 3 times a month from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. New volunteers are welcome. Our December dates are Mon., the 3rd, Wed., the 12th, and Fri., the 21st. For more information or to sign up, call Jacquie at (414) 897-7513. Please remember to bring two gallons of 2% milk any evening you volunteer. Thank you.

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.

Sociable Singles Presents: “Christmas Buffet”

Where: Hilton Hotel (Milwaukee River)
on 4700 N. Port Washington RD.
When: Saturday, December 15th, 2007
Time: 4:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Cost: \$33 per person

*Please R.S.V.P. by December 1st.
To R.S.V.P. or if you have any questions please
call (414) 447-1543. Thank You.*

All Saints Commons Open House

December 9th, 2007 after the 10:30 am mass

Please join us in celebrating our second year of assisting women and children on their road from homelessness to independence. You will have a chance to meet the women of The Commons and inquire about volunteer opportunities or raise any questions or concerns at that time. It takes a village to raise a family. Our beloved community is our village and we are raising many families at All Saints Commons. Together, we can make a difference.

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

Home Visiting Ministry

We would like to know if people are interested in coming with us to visit parishioners. Or if you would like us to come visit with you and try to answer some of your questions and concerns regarding the Church. All are welcome.

Date: December 2, 2007

Time: After 10:30 a.m. Mass around 12 p.m.

Where: Church Hall

Please call the parish office if you would like to participate. Thank you.



Mass Intentions

Sunday: **Sunday, December 2**
 8:00 a.m. For Our Priests (AS)
 10:30 a.m. For the People (AS)

Monday: **Monday, December 3**
 8:30 a.m. For All Souls (C)

Tuesday: **Tuesday, December 4**
 8:30 a.m. †Crawford Allen (C)

Wednesday: **Wednesday, December 5**
 8:30 a.m. †Ted Knutowski (C)

Thursday: **Thursday, December 6**
 8:30 a.m. For Our Community (C)

Friday: **Friday, December 7**
 8:30 a.m. †Sister Donna Botz (C)

Saturday: **Saturday, December 8**
 4:00 p.m. Phyllis Bova (C)

Sunday: **Sunday, December 9**
 8:00 a.m. For the Newly Baptized (AS)
 10:30 a.m. For the People (AS)

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

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Scrip Sunday!!

8 a.m. Mass (AS)

10:30 a.m. Mass (AS)

Monday, December 3rd

Francis Xavier, priest

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

Tuesday, December 4th

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

12 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul (AS)

Wednesday, December 5th

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

Thursday, December 6th

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

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

6 p.m. Legion of Mary (MC)

7 p.m. Choir Practice (AS)

Friday, December 7th

Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

7 p.m. Catholic Prayer Ministry of the Holy Spirit (AS)

Saturday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 p.m. Sociable Singles (AS)

4 p.m. Mass (C)

Sunday, December 9th

Second Sunday of Advent

8 a.m. Mass (AS)

10:30 a.m. Mass (AS)

Location Key:

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



Jerry Adams, Lucinda Adams,
 Ken and Marge Ameden, Louise
 Ashley, Jim Becker, Helena Ben-
 son, Shawn Bost, Frances Bu-
 chanan, 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 † November 25th Contributions

146 Envelopes:	\$ 5029.50
Offertory:	\$ 327.00
Visitor Contributions:	\$ 45.00
For the Poor	\$ 31.00
<u>06 Children's Envelopes:</u>	<u>\$ 5.25</u>
Total	\$ 5437.75

Unity in Christ Fund for this week ~ \$1378.00
 Have you remembered All Saints in your will?

Readings for the Week of December 2, 2007

Sunday: Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6, Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk
1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12

Our God will come to save us!

Psalm 85

