

# All Saints Catholic Church

## Sunday, December 21, 2008

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Milwaukee, WI 53209

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#### Outreach Ministries

**All Saints Food Pantry 875-9601**

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

**All Saints Meal Program**

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 5:30 p.m.

**All Saints Commons 449-1298**

Sr. Helena Ntambulwa, House Manager

**Crossroads Interfaith**

Carol Giersch, 536-7200  
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**St. Vincent de Paul 462-7837**



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.

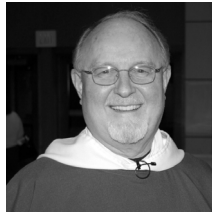
**Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick & Dying:** Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

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

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My dear Sisters and Brothers,

Merry Christmas, family! This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. I would like to share a reflection from Daily Reflections: Advent and Christmas.



“When Mary said yes to God’s request that she be the mother of Jesus, the consequences of that answer were extensive. Not only would her life and that of Joseph be changed forever, but the mystery of Jesus and his mission would change all of history.

“At the core of that mission was ruling and reigning. The angel proclaimed that Jesus would be given the throne of David. But we know that Jesus’ reign is not political. Rather, the rule that Jesus came to establish was located in the human heart. The kingdom of God will come without end when hearts are governed by love, compassion, and forgiveness.

“Saint Paul’s life was governed by the rule and reign of Jesus. This apostle to the Gentiles preached Christ Jesus, the one who revealed the mystery of God’s plan that had been hidden for so many years. The mystery was God’s inclusive love and the desire that all people be saved. Paul stressed that belief and obedience are the two necessary conditions for those who want to be disciples and who long to turn their lives over to god’s rule.

“In the first reading we hear a prophecy, David’s house and kingdom will endure forever; his throne will stand firm forever. We know what happened to David. It would be David’s descendant through whom the prophecy would be fulfilled. Jesus is the true king; it is his reign and rule that is to govern our minds and hearts.

“Julian of Norwich, the fourteenth-century mystic, received a revelation in which she saw God’s reign and the site of it was in the souls of individuals. It was there that God found a resting place and an honorable city. Advent is the sea-

son in which we are to open our minds and hearts to the reign of God.”

My dear Sisters and Brothers, when you are shopping for Christmas gifts and planning for your New Year’s Eve festivities, please remember to be open to receive our Savior into your minds and hearts. I pray that each of you have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Faithfully,

*F. Carl Diederichs*

Father Carl Diederichs



## The Demands of Living Seriously

A great deal of virtue and piety is simply the easy price we pay in order to justify a life that is essentially trifling. Nothing is so cheap as the evasion purchased by just enough good conduct to make one pass as a 'serious person.'

And when you come to look more deeply into our present condition you find that many forms of 'seriousness' and 'achievement' come to this in the end. In our society, a society of business rooted in puritanism, based on a pseudo-ethic of industriousness and thrift, to be rewarded by comfort, pleasure, and a good bank account, the myth of work is thought to justify an existence that is essentially meaningless and futile.

There is, then, a great deal of busy-ness as people invent things to do when in fact there is very little to be done. Yet we are overwhelmed with jobs, duties, tasks, assignments, "missions" of every kind. At every moment we are sent north, south, east and west by the angels of business and art, poetry and politics, science and war, to the four corners of the universe to decide something, to sign something, to buy and sell. We fly in all directions to sell ourselves, thus justifying the absolute nothingness of our lives.

**Thomas Merton**



**All Saints Christmas  
Liturgy Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**

***December 24th***

6 p.m. Children's Choir

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

7 p.m. Mass

**Christmas Day**

***December 25th***

9:30 a.m. Mass

@ All Saints

**New Year's Day**

***January 1st***

9:30 a.m. Mass

@ All Saints

**Thank You All Saints**

"Thank you to all who sent their love, prayers, and condolences; they have supported us through this very difficult time. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

Special thanks to Vida Matthews who stood by our side all day the day of the surgery, and Fr. Carl who was always only a phone call away. Because of you, we found comfort during this very difficult time.

With love,

The Madison Family

**Congratulations**

To Chukwuma Akubeze son of Peter & Barbara Akubeze on his graduation from UW-Whitewater on December 20, 2008.

**Human Concerns Corner**

**Calendars Available.**

Spoken Word Artists Muhibb Dyer and Kwabena Antoine Nixon have produced their 7<sup>th</sup> annual edition of The Children Are Crying Calendar. Each month of the calendar features a poem about life in our city. The poems are emotionally charged and powerful. Available for \$10 each, the proceeds from the calendars benefit the victims of gun violence in our city with scholarships to keep their memories alive.

Please purchase one in the back of the church or call Debbie Timko at 414.444.5610 ext. 104.

**All Saints Christmas Meal Program**

On December 22nd, we will be having a Christmas Party at our meal program. We will be giving away gifts to the children from our Giving Tree. We are in need of additional gifts. There were some parents who signed their children up late and others from the meal program who will be coming and we do not have gifts for them. If you are able to donate any gifts, please contact the parish office at 414.444.5610.

Please join us Christmas Day for our meal program celebration. We will be serving on Christmas from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Please come and bring a dish to share. Merry Christmas and have a safe holiday season.

**Contribution Envelopes**

We are asking for people to please use their correct envelopes. And if you could please separate your contributions.

1. Church Contributions
2. For the Poor
3. Unity Fund

## Caring For a Loved One and Need a Break?

We have several parishioners who are certified nursing assistants who would love to work private duty for you. We also have personal care workers who can help a person in need with chores, shopping and doctor appointments.

Please call Debbie Timko at 414.444.5610 ext 104 for a referral to our parishioners.

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## Foster Care

In Milwaukee County, there is a shortage of foster homes. Because of the limited number of homes, children may have to travel as far as two hours away from Milwaukee in order to find a safe and loving foster home placement. Bethany Christian Services, in conjunction with Children's Service Society, is looking for assessment foster homes for children, ages newborn to eleven years. These children require temporary care, thirty to forty days, until their cases are adjudicated and it is determined whether they will be placed in long-term foster care or returned to their parents.

This is an ideal ministry for an assessment home provider who works part-time or is a stay at home parent. This ministry provides financial compensation and support from Bethany Christian Services.

For more information, please call Marina Thompson or Georgia Mixdorf at Bethany Christian Services, 262-547-6557 or 262-302-9315, [mthompson@bethany.org](mailto:mthompson@bethany.org).

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## Car Donation

We have a number of parishioners in need of used automobiles. The biggest barrier to a good paying job is transportation. Many of the jobs we can place our parishioners in are not on a bus line.

If you are willing to donate a used car as a tax write off or know of anyone who has a used car to sell please contact Debbie Timko at 414.444.5610.

## Monthly Meetings

St. Vincent De Paul every 1st Tuesday @ 12 pm

Sociable Singles every 2nd Saturday @ 1 pm

Parish Council every 4th Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Finance Committee every 4th Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

Catholic Prayer Ministry of the Holy Spirit every 1st Friday @ 7 pm

Town Hall Meetings every 4th Sunday @ 12:30 pm

Secular Franciscan Prayer and Sharing Meeting every last Sunday of the month from 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm in the Narthex.

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## 2009 Global Youth Mission

Please help open the door of possibility to the youth you serve to experience *seeking, creating, and small outcomes* through a short-term international mission experience. Spread the word by going to the Global Youth Mission (GYM) webpage . There, you will find the GYM description, two types of application forms, and flyers to share in your community.

The program is available to current high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Applications are due by January 16, 2009.

For questions regarding the GYM process, please contact the Program Coordinator, Cathy Pinter, at 414-962-8155 or e-mail [cmpinter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmpinter@sbcglobal.net) .

For problems or questions with this e-mail or the items on the web page, please contact the Web Manager at 414-758-2280 or e-mail [lewin-skib@archmil.org](mailto:lewin-skib@archmil.org).

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday: Sunday, December 21**  
 8:00 a.m. For the People (AS)  
 10:30 a.m. †Loundry Berry (AS)  
**Monday: Monday, December 22**  
 8:30 a.m. Shawn Bost (C)  
**Tuesday: Tuesday, December 23**  
 8:30 a.m. Shawn Bost (C)  
**Wednesday: Wednesday, December 24**  
 8:30 a.m. Daniel Morgan (C)  
**Thursday: Thursday, December 25**  
 8:30 a.m. Unis Matthews (C)  
**Friday: Friday, December 26**  
 8:30 a.m. Maxine Seidl, (C)  
**Saturday: Saturday, December 27**  
 4:00 p.m. †Arthur, †Mary & Laurie Griep (C)  
**Sunday: Sunday, December 28**  
 8:00 a.m. For the People (AS)  
 10:30 a.m. Jerry Adams (AS)

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



Jerry Adams, Lucinda Adams, Ken and Marge Ameden, Louise Ashley, Gloria Baus, Jim Becker, Shawn Bost, Frances Buchanan, Vera Campbell, Edna Collier, Ann Cowan, Edith Fails, Raymond Faison, Laurie Griep, Essie Haney, Laura Hayward, Susan Hefner, Jerry Herbstreit, Ernie Herre, Jane Kaminsky, Fred Knudten, Thomas E Ladky, Gloria Mason, Unis Matthews, Daniel Morgan, James, Cordalia, and Louise Nwagbaraocha, Victor Nwagbaraocha, Ernest Oby, Rose Perkins, Lucille Richter, Anita Rooney, Marjorie Schoenauer, Maxine Seidl, William Sims, Hazel Smith, Obreilla Smith, Rodney Walker, Jessica Ware, Claudette Williams, Larry Woods and David Xavier.

**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 14th Contributions**

153 Envelopes:	\$ 7,661.25
Offertory:	\$ 365.75
Visitor Contributions:	\$ 175.00
For the Poor:	\$ 1,074.00
EFT Contributions:	\$ 1,050.00
<u>03 Children's Envelopes:</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
Total:	\$ 10,329.00

**Unity in Christ Fund for this week ~ \$1,734.33**  
**Have you remembered All Saints in your Will?**

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8:00 a.m. Mass (AS)  
 10:30 a.m. Mass (AS)  
**Monday, December 22nd**  
 8:30 a.m. Mass (C)  
**Tuesday, December 23rd**  
 8:30 a.m. Mass (C)  
**Wednesday, December 24th**  
*Office Closed!!*  
 8:30 a.m. Mass (C)  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir (AS)  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir (AS)  
 7:00 p.m. Mass (AS)



**Thursday, December 25th**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**  
*Office Closed!!*

No Mass @ the Chapel  
 9:30 a.m. Mass (AS)  
**Friday, December 26th**  
*Office Closed!!*  
 8:30 a.m. Mass (C)  
**Saturday, December 28th**  
 4:00 p.m. Mass (C)  
**Sunday, December 29th**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (AS)  
 10:30 a.m. Mass (AS)

**Location Key:**

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

**Readings for the Week of December 21st, 2008.**

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
 Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79  
 Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
 Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**Psalm 89**

