

All Saints Catholic Church

Sunday, November 30, 2008

First Sunday of Advent

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Milwaukee, WI 53209

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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.

All Saints Commons 449-1298

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St. Vincent de Paul 462-7837



**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.*

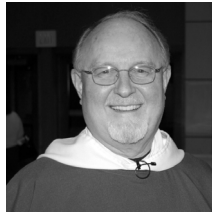
Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick & Dying: Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

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

All Saints Catholic Church

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On Wednesday, November 19th, we shared a Thanksgiving Day meal with the women and children and the Advisory Board of All Saints Commons. How beautiful it was to go around the room and listen to what the women are thankful for. We heard things like "having a roof over my head," "sharing this time with my friends and family members," and so much more. My heart goes out to the people that we serve and with your support, prayers, and kindness we are able to continue our gracious ministries of serving the poor in our beloved community. We are truly blessed to join hands and hearts and give to the needy until it feels good. As you consider how you might want to spend some of your precious time for others, consider helping us in our Meal Program or Food Pantry. You will feel great after the experience.



Thank everyone who attended the Town Hall Meeting last Sunday. There will not be a meeting in December. We will have another Open Forum on the fourth Sunday of January following the 10:30 Mass.

Again, please join us on Saturday December 6 at 11:30 for our Festival of Faith for all members.

Faithfully,

Father Carl Diederichs



As Simple as This?

My life is my message.

Mahatma Gandhi

Now I Become Myself

What a long time it can take to become the person one has always been. How often in the process we mask ourselves in faces that are not our own. How much dissolving and shaking of the ego we must endure before we discover our deep identity---the true self within every human being that is the seed of authentic vocation.

I first learned about vocation growing up in the church. I value much about the religious tradition in which I was raised: its humility about its own convictions, its respect for the world's diversity, its concern for justice. But the idea of vocation I picked up in those circles created distortion until I grew strong enough to discard it. I mean the idea that vocation, or calling, comes from a voice external to ourselves, a voice of moral demand that asks us to become someone we are not yet---someone different, someone better, someone just beyond our reach.

Today I understand vocation quite differently---not as a goal to be achieved but as a gift to be received. Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice 'out there' calling me to become something I am not. It comes from a voice 'in here' calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.

Parker Palmer

As we begin our season of Advent, I would like all of you to join hands and hearts at our Faith Festival on Saturday, December 6th in our beautiful church hall at 11:30am until 3:00pm. All members of your family are invited. Parents, bring your children and anyone else who is in need of spiritual fulfillment. We will have a fun-filled celebration including prayer and learning activities for all. On Sunday, December 7th, Bishop Joseph Perry will preside at the 10:30am mass with a reception to follow. I hope to see many of you on Saturday and Sunday.

Advent is also the time we get more serious about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children. Starting with Advent, the folks preparing to receive any or all of the Sacraments of Initiation---Baptism, Confirmation and Communion, start meeting every other Thursday evening to study and pray in preparation for the Easter Vigil when the community comes together to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus and at which time our sisters and brothers will be receiving these marvelous sacraments. Please plan now to be with us for this Easter Vigil celebration.

And just as important, we are still enlisting our 11th and 12th graders who have not received the sacrament of confirmation. If you are eligible to receive the sacrament or are the parent or guardian, please call the parish office.

Human Concerns Corner:

**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.

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.

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 ext 104.

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

On sale now: "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" – a CD of lovely religious solos by Laura Baranyak-Morales, member of All Saints Choir, with piano by Felice Schell.

At \$10 each, all proceeds will go to "The Shawn Bost Kidney Fund" to help with donor expenses not covered by insurance.

The CD will be offered for sale at All Saints and St. Martin De Porres parishes each Sunday.

Please support the Bost family in this project and pray that Shawn's search for a donor kidney may be successful!

For more information, call Felice Schell at 262-649-3392.

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

FAITH BOOK

From today's Isaiah reading:

You, Lord, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever....
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, ...

Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!

Reflection:

As we begin Advent, Isaiah reminds us that God is already disposed towards us for, he tells us, God is both a loving parent and our redeemer. God has been and still is, inclined towards us with a listening ear. God is a caring parent ready to hear our plea for forgiveness and our prayers of hope for renewal of mind and spirit this Advent.

Advent is a time for dreaming big dreams, and so we ask ourselves:

This Advent, what do we hope for ourselves?
What hopes do we hold for our family?
What would we like to see happen in our world?

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.

Human Concerns Corner

The Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) provides preventative health screenings to women with little or no health insurance coverage. Well Woman pays for mammograms, Pap tests and other health screenings. Services are available at no cost through health care providers. There is no premium, co-payment or deductible.

To be eligible you must be a woman age 45 through 64 and meet income eligibility guidelines:

| Size of Family | Gross Income Limit |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | \$25,525 |
| 2 | \$34,225 |
| 3 | \$42,925 |
| 4 | \$51,625 |
| 5 | \$60,325 |
| 6 | \$69,025 |
| 7 | \$77,725 |
| 8 | \$86,425 |

To find a provider in your neighborhood call 608.266.8311. Please contact Debbie Timko if you have questions at 414.444.5610 ext 104.

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Spirituality Group to reflect on Dorothy Day with Dr. Susan Mountin

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist invites you to join us for our monthly **Women's Spirituality Lunch/Discussion** gathering in the Atrium. This ecumenical group has a membership that crosses all economic and spiritual backgrounds. They are women working downtown, living downtown, "retired" and homemakers, enjoying each other's comments and company while discovering where the spirit is taking them.

The next discussion will be **Friday, December 5, 2008 at 12:00 Noon** in the Weakland Center Atrium, entrance is 831 N. Van Buren St. This month guest speaker Dr. Susan Mountin of Marquette University will speak about Dorothy Day. Dr. Mountin has co-authored a book on Dorothy Day and teaches a course, "Christian Discipleship: Dorothy Day" at Marquette University.

To RSVP, email Rachel EGarczynski at rachegarczynski@stjohncathedral.org or call 414/276-9814, ext. 3102 by 11:00 AM by Thursday, December 4, 2008. Sandwiches are ordered from *Cousins Subs*, please call or email Rachel for more information (price is \$5 each).

About the Cathedral: A historic landmark dedicated in 1853, the Cathedral is the seat of the Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Open daily for self-guided tours, the Cathedral community invites all to visit their website or call for current mass times, fine arts offerings and guided tour information. www.stjohncathedral.org.

Hats, Gloves, and Scarves

The Catholic Herald & The Society of St. Vincent De Paul are collecting new hats, gloves, scarves for children of all ages to keep people warm this winter. Please put items in the basket in the rear of the church, and we will get them out to everyone in need ASAP. Thank you for your generosity. (Although the focus is on children, adult items will be accepted and distributed). The Third Annual Caps for Kids drives runs through December 1, 2008.

The two Milwaukee drop off sites are 2320 W. Lincoln Avenue (The Thrift Store) and 9701 W. Silver Spring Drive (The Council office).

Please call 414-462-7837 for more information. Thanks for keeping those hearts and hands warm!

Mass Intentions

Sunday: Sunday, November 30
 8:00 a.m. For the People (AS)
 10:30 a.m. Shawn Bost & Family (AS)

Monday: Monday, December 1
 8:30 a.m. For All Doctors (C)

Tuesday: Tuesday, December 2
 8:30 a.m. For All Catholic Priest (C)

Wednesday: Wednesday, December 3
 8:30 a.m. For All Nurses (C)

Thursday: Thursday, December 4
 8:30 a.m. For All Firefighters (C)

Friday: Friday, December 5
 8:30 a.m. For the Homebound (C)

Saturday: Saturday, December 6
 4:00 p.m. †Frank & †Marie Herre (C)

Sunday: Sunday, December 7
 8:00 a.m. For the People (AS)
 10:30 a.m. Fred & Kathy Knudten (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 Obey, Rose Perkins, Lucille Richter, Anita Rooney, Marjorie Schoenauer, Maxine Seidl, William Sims, Hazel Smith, Obreilla Smith, Antonio Vivians, 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 † November 30th Contributions

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 146 Envelopes: | \$ 4,766.75 |
| Offertory: | \$ 323.25 |
| Visitor Contributions: | \$ 90.00 |
| For the Poor: | \$ 71.00 |
| <u>04 Children's Envelopes:</u> | <u>\$ 4.00</u> |
| Total: | \$ 5,255.00 |

Unity in Christ Fund for this week ~ \$610.00
 Have you remembered All Saints in your Will?

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10:30 a.m. Mass (AS)

Monday, December 1st

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

Tuesday, December 2nd

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

Wednesday, December 3rd

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

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

6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Church Rectory)

Thursday, December 4th

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (MC)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AS)

Friday, December 5th

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)

Saturday, December 6th

4:00 p.m. Mass (C)

Sunday, December 7th

Second Sunday of Advent

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 November 30th, 2008.

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/
 Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/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: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a,
 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see
 your face and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80

