

DATE: 12-07-08

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

All weekday morning Masses will be celebrated in the Rectory Chapel (Monday – Saturday). The exception is Friday mornings when school is in session and the school children are in attendance. Use the front rectory entrance.

Sunday, December 7, 2008 - Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 A.M. Stanley and Mary Kapuscinski (Daughter, Arlene Wojtan)

11:00 A.M. Frank Strach and Mary Strach Pepe (Family)

Monday, December 8, 2008 – The Immaculate Conception

8:00 A.M. All the Faithful Departed

11:00 A.M. Charlotte Olchawski (Husband and Children)

6:30 P.M. Rose and Michael Kostrzewa (Sylvia and Len Kratzke)

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 – St. Juan Diego, hermit

7:00 A.M. Dr. Zigmund Zawadski and son, Gregory (Eleanor Zawadski)

8:00 A.M. Kevin Forczek (Mom and Dad)

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 – Advent Weekday

7:00 A.M. Julia Kukla (Elizabeth and Joe Golombek, Jr.)

8:00 A.M. Deceased Family and Friends of Stark Family (Family)

Thursday, December 11, 2008 – Advent Weekday

7:00 A.M. Estelle A. Norman (Florence Lesko)

8:00 A.M. Sophie Wiewiorski (Assumption Rosary Society)

Friday, December 12, 2008 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

8:00 A.M. John M. Butt (Jean Swiatek)

Saturday, December 13, 2008 – St. Lucy, virgin, martyr

8:00 A.M. Rev. Msgr. Maximillian T. Bogacki (Anniversary)

4:00 P.M. Edward Odrzywolski (Sisters, Joyce and Pat)

Sunday, December 14, 2008 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 A.M. William J. Baker, Sr. (Wife and Children)

11:00 A.M. Deceased Members of the Drozynski and Kuta Families (Helen Kuta)

Those who request weekend Masses and would like to bring up the offertory gifts, please inform the ushers before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the souls of our deceased friends and fellow parishioners: Ann Kroczynski and Dolores Drozdak.

CHRISTMAS and SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 P.M. Vigil and 12:00 Midnight

Thursday, December 25 11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 31 4:00 P.M.

Thursday, January 1, 2009 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Second Week of Advent



Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth. Amen.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This weekend, we welcome Sister Kathryn Marie Augustyniak, CSSF, who will speak on behalf of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many of us have benefited from the work and dedication of the religious men and women who have served in this Diocese. This Appeal helps ensure appropriate care and handicapped accessible housing for the Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who are now past age 70.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

Monday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Feast that always carries with it the obligation for attendance at Mass! Masses for the day are 8:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. Mary is honored as our National Patroness under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Please come and pray for our nation, the world, and your personal needs and intentions.

PRESERVATION FUND:

We extend our gratitude to the parishioners and friends of Assumption who remember our Church through donations to the Preservation Fund. This past week, we are particularly grateful for the following contributions: \$300.00 in memory of Eugenia Busch.

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Monday, December 8	6:15 P.M.	H.S. Religious Ed.
	6:30 P.M.	Boys and Girls Club Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
Tuesday, December 9	1:00 P.M.	Bingo (Bogacki Hall)
	6:30 P.M.	Grant Amherst Block Meeting (Cafeteria)
Wednesday, December 10	6:30 P.M.	Home School Meeting (Cafeteria)
	7:00 P.M.	Youth Group
Thursday, December 11	7:00 P.M.	RCIA (Cafeteria)
Friday, December 12	6:00 P.M.	Hungarian Scouts
	7:30 P.M.	Bingo (Bogacki Hall)
Saturday, December 13	9:30 A.M.	Religious Ed.
	11:00 A.M.	Pageant Practice
	7:30 P.M.	Bingo (Bogacki Hall)

GIVING TREE

A reminder to return your wrapped Christmas gift for the Giving Tree by *Thursday, December 11th*. Be sure to tape the Advent Candle to the top of the package. Thank you all for helping the less fortunate.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

A Parish Penance Service with the opportunity for individual confessions will be conducted on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Church. Please take advantage of this excellent opportunity to prepare yourself for Christmas.

OPLATKI

These Christmas wafers are available throughout Advent. The envelopes will be in the Church pews near the entrances of the Church, and also in the rectory office during business hours. Our Youth Group sponsors this project every year. The donation is \$2.00 for an envelope of three.

CHOIR NEWS

Join with Assumption Choir in celebrating the Nativity at Midnight Mass. Besides providing the music at Mass, the choir will lead carols and kolendy beginning at 11:30. This is an excellent way to participate in music at Assumption without making a long-term commitment. Rehearsals will be held in the church at the following times: 12:00 Noon on December 7th, 5:00 P.M. on December 15th, and 11:00 A.M. on December 22nd. Please join us in making "the sounds of the season."

LESSONS AND CAROLS

ASSUMPTION CHURCH, December 14, 2008, 2:00 P.M.

The Canisius High School Chamber Singers will present a traditional service of readings telling the Nativity story, and musical reflections based on them. The Canisius High School Chamber Singers is an elite group of talented students from Canisius and several local girls' schools. Please join us for this free holiday event.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LITURGY

The annual children's Mass for Christmas will be celebrated at 4:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. All the children of the parish are encouraged to take an active role in this Liturgy. We need singers and characters for the living Nativity. If you are in school or religious education, contact Mary Lou Wyrobek and volunteer. All children who want to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass need to attend rehearsal, Sat., Dec. 13th and Dec. 20th at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. Each year we have a very good turnout for this annual celebration of the Lord's Nativity. Plan now to be a part of our Christmas celebration.

OLBR NEWS

- **2009 OLBR LOTTERY CALENDARS** - 6 month Lottery Calendars for January 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009 are available for \$20.00 each. You can purchase yours from any School parent, the School Office or the Church Office. Payouts are \$25.00 Monday – Saturday, \$50.00 on Sunday and \$100.00 on Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mothers Day and Fathers Day. A great gift idea for Christmas!

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL UPDATE

We are continuing plans for our International Harvest Festival. We have Hungarian, Irish and Polish representation. Do you have a favorite recipe, craft, game, dance, song, etc. that you would like to share at the festival? Come to the next meeting on Monday, December 29, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. Use the school door opposite the rear of Church building. If you need a ride or are unable to come but would like to be represented, call Bill (668-7807) or Cindy (874-4975).

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will be Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The annual Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 21, 2008 in Bogacki Hall at 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, and are available by calling 876-4078. Reservations are needed for this event. *All parishioners* are invited to attend.