

*Christ the King Parish
December 18, 2011
Fourth Sunday of Advent*



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Saturday: 4 p.m.

Masses:
Saturdays: 5 p.m.
Sundays: 8, 9:15,
11:35 a.m., 8 p.m.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son the whoever believes in him will not perish but will have eternal life." John 3:16

PONDERING

As our Advent season of preparation is coming to an end and we are about to enter into the celebration of Christmas, our resolve will certainly be tested.

For many, Christmas has already begun and will end on the day it begins. Needless to say, that is a shame. For those who are willing to work at enjoying the Christmas season and not just Christmas day, the parish is offering a new opportunity this year. On Friday, December 30 starting at 6 p.m. in the parish hall, we will have a Christmas singalong. This offering is replacing the Lessons and Carols that we have offered for the past three or four years. Lessons and Carols was a mixture of readings from Sacred Scripture and a mixture of choral offerings and congregational singing. A number of folks reported to us that they enjoyed the Lessons and Carols, but it was difficult for their children to fully appreciate the event. For that reason we are offering something far less formal and more participatory this year. We will gather in the parish hall from 6 – 8 p.m. where there will be appetizers and refreshments mixed with the singing of familiar Christmas songs and entertainment.

I would like to invite everyone to this living out the entire Christmas season. Come for the whole evening, or if you have other plans, stop by and spend at least some time with your parish family during the Christmas season. If you are planning to attend, please fill out the form on the back of the bulletin and drop it in the basket as soon as possible so that we can plan to have enough appetizers and refreshment for everyone.

It is my sincere hope and the hope of the staff, the Liturgy Committee and the Music Ministry that this new offering will become a lasting tradition in the customs of our parish family.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 17

5 p.m.

Manuel and Agnes Alvernaz
Ronald Benoit

Sunday, December 18

8 a.m.

John Addington
Lester Thomas, Sr.

9:15 a.m.

Ludger Benoit
Matthew Siravo
Ali Dunn Packer
Kimberly Barbera
Katie DeCubellis
Liz Nayman
Andrea Rizzo

11:35 a.m.

Saturday, December 24

10 p.m.

Karen Elizabeth White

Sunday, December 25

10 a.m.

Bill and Agnes DeCesare
Geraldine Hoyt

Tuesday, December 27

12 p.m.

David P. Johnson

Saturday, December 31

5 p.m.

Julia Dalton
Anna McKee
Margaret Walsh

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.

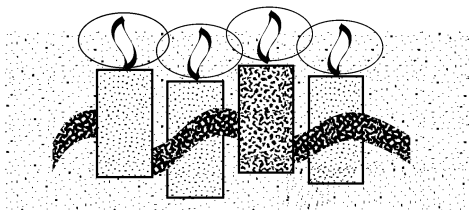
ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m.

St. Mary Star of the Sea

Wednesday, December 21 at 7 p.m.

St. Francis Church



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THANK YOU!

Thank you for the overwhelming response to our call for calendar mailers: **Edna Bernier, Elaine Boisvert, Myrt Cetenich, Bonnie Cipriani, Shelly Costaregni, Barbara Dzitko, Christina Jolin, John Kanakry, Megan Keegan, Kay McDougall, Paul Metivier, Rachel Northup, Terry Preli, Elaine Rial, Margaret Riley, Allan Summers, Tom Sylvia, Karen Vollucci, Eleanore Wood, Leola and Peter Zegarzewski.** Your stewardship during this busy season is appreciated.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes as scheduled **Sunday, December 18** for grades Pre-K – 8. The next class is **Sunday, January 8** for Pre-K – PH II.



RF Advent Food Collection

Thank you for your continued support of our weekly Advent food and Homeless Kit collections. Please remember, even when Advent ends, the need is ongoing. You may continue your support with food donations directly to church.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

No matter how busy you keep yourself, you cannot run from those things in your life that make you sad. There may have been losses in the past year that are still a source of distress. Some of those losses may not be new, but old ones that have resurfaced. Those unresolved issues will keep coming up if you don't resolve them. A Stephen Minister can provide a listening ear and empathic heart that can help you to talk about these things. Contact the office at 783-7459 or call Larry Bartley at 976-7276 (email LBJR@cox.net), Carol Hartley at 783-4036 (email carolhartley@cox.net).

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee will meet on **Wednesday, December 21** at 7 p.m. in the parish hall to personalize ornaments to give to the nursing home patients.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION

During Advent, the Social Action Committee is once again coordinating a food drive for the people who used our Emergency Food Pantry this year.

The Advent Food Drive is this weekend, **Saturday/Sunday, December 17/18**. Marked collection boxes are in the parish hall. We invite all parishioners to help sort and deliver the food baskets on **Monday, December 19** at 9 a.m. in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity.

ADVENT MUSIC

Tom Kendzia is selling his CDs after all the Liturgies during Advent in the parish hall.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for allowing me to place my drop off box at your facility. My Eagle Scout Project is now completed and it was a huge success! As a result of everyone's donations, I was able to collect 3000 glasses and exceed my initial expectation of 1500! These glasses are being shipped to the Lion's recycling facility in Virginia where they will be processed and given to doctors to distribute throughout the world.
Sincerely, **Ryan Torrealday**

Thank you for donating a huge bag of pajamas, hats and mittens for women and children to the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County. They will bring smiles to our families who receive them. Your support allows us to provide a comprehensive network of services and support to victims of domestic violence and their children. We are proud to have friends like you in the community. Thank you again for your generosity and your partnership in this important effort.
Sincerely, **Mary Roda**
Executive Director

On behalf of South County Community Action, Inc., I would like to thank you for selecting our agency as a recipient of your generous donation of winter clothing items. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in thinking of our families.
Sincerely, **Joseph R. DeSantis**
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you very much for your donation of several huge boxes of food for Thanksgiving filled with enough food for a week and gift cards for turkeys that you donated to the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County. We can't do all we do without your help. Together we can offer safety and dignity for all who live in our South County community. Thank you again for your generosity.
Sincerely, **Mary Roda**
Executive Director

Ave Maria, Dominus tecum
Hail Mary, the Lord is with you
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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 17 – JANUARY 2

Saturday/Sunday, December 17/18
Advent Food Collection/Hall

Saturday, December 17

4 p.m. Confession

Sunday, December 18

Last 8 p.m. Liturgy until January 29, 2012

Monday, December 19

9 a.m. Food Sort/Delivery

6 p.m. RCIC/Library

7 p.m. Liturgy Committee/Hall

7 p.m. Advent Reconciliation

Service/St. Mary Star of the Sea

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 p.m. Choir

Wednesday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/Library

10:30 a.m. SK Nursing Home

7 p.m. Hospitality/Hall

7 p.m. Advent Reconciliation

Service/St. Francis

7:30 p.m. Peace & Justice/Hall



Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve Liturgies/8 & 10 p.m.

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Liturgies/8 & 10 a.m.

Monday, December 26

Offices Closed

Friday, December 30

6 p.m. Parish Family Christmas Party/Hall

Saturday, December 31

4 p.m. Confession

5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 1

8, 9:15, 11:35 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 2

Offices Closed

*The Christ the King Parish
Family Christmas Party*

Friday, December 30 at 6 p.m.

All are invited for caroling and light refreshments in the parish hall.



*Please return RSVP by Monday, December 19 in the
collection basket or email info@ctkri.org*

*Family Name*_____

Adults _____ *Children*_____