

# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 4, 2011

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Mark 1: 1-8

In today's Gospel, John the Baptizer makes his Advent appearance. He calls us to snap out of our stupor and obliviousness to life around us: turn off our television sets and video games, put down our spreadsheets and calendar books, unplug our iPods and laptops and behold the reality of God's presence in our midst. The same **Word** that came to John in the desert comes to each of us in the deserts of our own hearts, enabling us to transform the wastelands and straighten the winding roads of our lives in the compassion and justice of God. In this holy season of Advent, may we behold, with humble and grateful joy, the Word of God becoming alive and real for us in the person of Jesus. Let us welcome God's Word into our own consciousness, calling us, as it called John, to proclaim God's presence in our midst.



### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mary, on this **Holy Day of Obligation**, is celebrated as the Patroness of the United States.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

Holy Day Vigil - December 7  
**Wednesday at 5:15 PM**

Holy Day - December 8  
**Thursday at 8:00 AM**

**and 7:00 PM**



### Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

5:15 PM Bill & Virginia O'Brien

Tuesday, December 6 - Saint Nicholas

8:00 AM Thomas Salajcik

Wednesday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose

5:15 PM (Vigil - Holy Day) Marilyn Czechanski

**Thurs., December 8 - The Immaculate Conception**

8:00 AM Holy Day Mass - Jerry Hickey

7:00 PM Holy Day Mass - Edna Mae Mott

Friday, December 9 - Saint Juan Diego

5:15 PM Joseph Bianco

Saturday, December 10 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Betty Salajcik

4:00 PM Rose Huber

Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Ann Allen

### Poor Clares' Prayer Line

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, co-workers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.

# Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a  
**Pancake Breakfast at St. Clement Church on  
Sunday, December 11th, 2011**

**after the 9am & 11am Masses in the Church Hall.**

Join us for breakfast, a picture with Santa and a surprise for the children. A freewill offering for breakfast is being accepted with the proceeds going toward the local charities within the Lakewood area.



## Finance Corner

Collection for weekend of November 20—\$6,591.50

Monthly—\$2,117.00

Envelopes used—230

Children's envelopes—\$37.75

Envelopes used—20

Collection for weekend of November 27— \$7,433.36

Monthly—\$811.00

Envelopes used—239

Children's envelopes \$48.50

Envelopes—17

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

# Youth Group

Join us for Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 18, 2011  
2 pm-4pm

We will meet in the Upper Room  
(enter through the Adoration Chapel door and go up the stairs)

We will sing our way through the neighborhood, and return to the Upper Room to warm up with hot chocolate and wassail.

Students are invited to bring a snack to share.

2 adults needed please

Saint Clement Youth Group is open to all students in 7th grade through high school

Students are invited and encouraged to invite a friend!



Saint Clement Youth Group -  
Anchored in our faith

Honor your loved ones with  
a poinsettia plant  
which will be a part of  
our church celebration of the  
Birth of Christ.

Donation per plant is \$20.00.

Orders must be in by  
Friday, December 16, 2011.

Order forms will be in next week's  
bulletin or at the Rectory.



## Coffee and Donuts

Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship  
after the 9am and 11am Masses in the church  
hall.

## Blessing of the Bambinelli

The Blessing of the Bambinelli is a beautiful custom that both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have observed.



Each year, the Holy Father invites all the children of Rome to the Gaudete Sunday audience where he blesses the *Bambinelli*, the statues of the Baby Jesus that will be placed in their Nativity scenes on Christmas Day.

On Saturday and Sunday, December 10th and 11th, we invite you to bring your statues of Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene with you to Mass. During Mass you will be invited to bring the Baby Jesus forward for a special blessing. Through this simple act of devotion may we all grow closer to the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

## Thanksgiving Raffle



Our thanks go to Janet and Jeanne McMaster for all their hard work on the Thanksgiving Raffle. Thank you also to George Birsic, Shawn Kalyn, Dick Geib, Bev Kelly, Debbie Mangan & Liz Lozar, and Clair Abel who donated the door prizes. And to all who bought and sold tickets without whom we would not have raised over \$18,000!

....and the **Winners** are.....

\$10,000.00 Jack McGuane  
\$ 1,000.00 William Burton  
\$ 500.00 Anne Horning

## Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35: 1-10; Lk 5: 17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40: 1-11; Mt 18: 12-14  
Wednesday: Is 40: 25-31; Mt 11: 28-30  
Thursday: Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Ep 1: 3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1: 26-38  
Friday: Is 48: 17-19; Mt. 11: 16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11; Mt 17: 9, 10-13  
Sunday: Is 61: 1-2, 10-11; 1 Thes 5: 16-24;  
Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

## Liturgical Ministers

### Lector Schedule

Saturday, December 10:

4:00 pm P. Tabeling

Sunday, December 11:

9:00 am J. Ronan

11:00 am M. Miranda

### Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 10:

4:00 pm A. Grunder, B. Trentel  
R. DeBlase

Sunday, December 11:

9:00 am Deacon Danny, C. Kelly,  
J. Lutterbaugh, S. Battiato,  
P. Wagner, P. Buckhold,  
J. McMaster

11:00 am D. Stark, S. Butler,  
B.A. Curtis

### Server Schedule

Saturday, December 10:

4:00 pm B. Harvey, C. Harvey,  
E. Suarez

Sunday, December 11:

9:00 am J. Elder, R. Elder,  
F. Smith

11:00 am L. Kolenz, K. Carleton,  
T. Carleton

## Share in the Care

Next weekend is the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious have offered their lives in service to others. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of care.

God bless you for your generosity.

## Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Roland & Mary Miranda,  
Steve Hudec, Michael Kelly,  
Maryann Hudec, Karen Wagner



## Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Retired? Do you feel a call to help others? Are you looking for a way to develop a closer relationship with Christ? Become an Ignatian Volunteer! Please call 216-470-9470 or visit our web site [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org).

## **Advent Communal Penance Service**

The Lakewood area Catholic Parishes will be having a Communal Penance Service on December 14th at 7:00 pm at Saint Clement Church. This service will be in the context of a Eucharistic Holy Hour with opportunity for individual confession and closing with Benediction. Please plan to attend this spiritual opportunity with Jesus as we prepare to celebrate His birth.

## **Senior Clementines & Friends**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music and singing lead by the talented local musician, Megan Clay Constantine. You are invited to attend this Christmas event on Thursday, December 8th, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. It will be held in Saint Clement Church Hall. Any questions, please call Mel Schneider at 216-226-1798.



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of Saint Clement through the Senior Clementines Group is in need of individuals who can knit or crochet.

The ministry began at Saint Clement in June of 2007. Eight individuals produced to date 160 shawls. Not only were shawls made but, also, scarves for our troops in Iraq and overseas with camouflage yarn. Squares were made for *Warm-Up America* through Pat Catan's who have them assembled into afghans. They are then donated to victims of natural disasters, battered women's shelters and the homeless. The shawls are given to bless and comfort those individuals with special needs in hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. You can make a difference by giving your talents to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you are interested, please call Trudi Body at 216-226-1035 or Louise Gorman at 216-221-5065.

## **Recently Baptized**

Charles Benjamin Becker



## **St. Vincent de Paul – Thank You**

A heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for their donations of \$420 at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. This will go a long way to bring help and cheer to those in need in our community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## **Parish Council Thank-You!**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who came and shared a meal at our Potluck Dinner.

Without the help and talents of the following people we would not have been able to accomplish such a successful day: Jeanne & Catherine Reinhard, Carol Speer, Patty & Jim Ryan, Mike & Michelle Smith, Jackie Ronan, Carm Kelly, Kathy Dean, Christina & David McCallum, Mary & Roland Miranda, Joyce & John Nekl, Shawn Kalyn, and Chuck Battiatto. To the many children who helped – thank you! A special thank-you to Andrew Miller who played the cello for us.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will meet on Sunday, December 11th, in the Church Hall at 7 pm. If you are unable to join us, please call Colleen at the Rectory at 226-5116.

## **Did You Know?**

As part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we ask the students to take an active role in Mass. Many of our young people already serve the parish as altar servers, greeters and choir members. One Sunday a month our Confirmation class will serve as ministers at the 11:00 am Mass. They have been trained as greeters, gift bearers, altar servers and ushers. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for these young adults as they share their gifts and grow in faith together.