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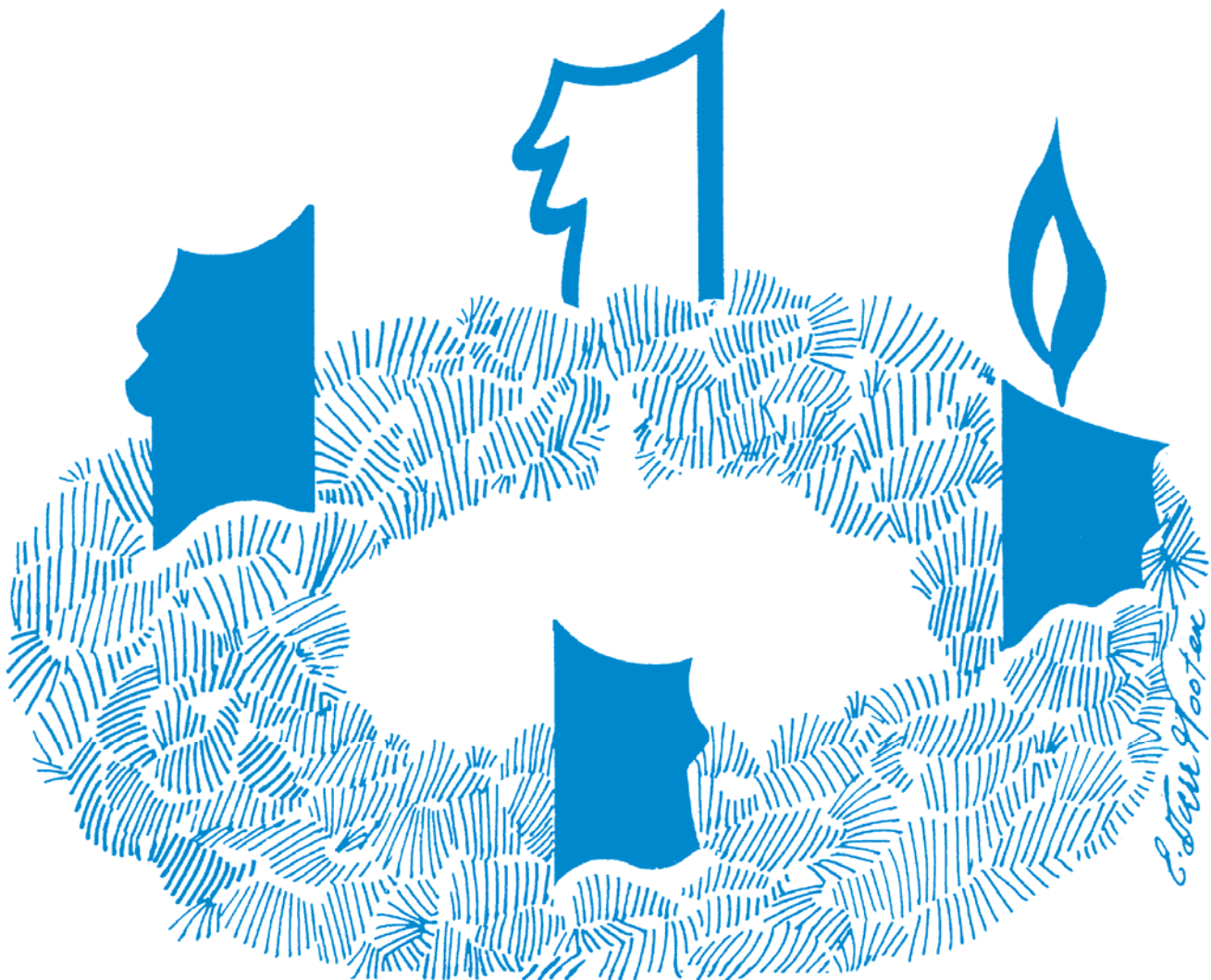
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November 28, 2010
First Sunday of Advent

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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

(closed daily from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm for lunch)

**Traveling?**

Call 410-676-6000 or log onto www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BULLETIN DEADLINES

NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.

Pulpit announcements for **Saturday, December 4** and **Sunday, December 5** must be received by **Tuesday morning, November 23**. Requests for pulpit announcements are to be submitted to the Parish Center, by phone 630-773-1272 (ext. 201) or by e-mail to liturgy@stpeteritasca.com.

Bulletin submissions for publication in the **Sunday, December 12**, issue must be received by **Friday, December 3**. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 6:25 am (Communion Service)

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am (Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Day of: 6:15 am and 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm and by appointment

First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please visit or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Center (ext. 201) for more information.

BAPTISMS

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:15 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation meeting prior to the Baptism date. Meetings are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you are a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

WEDDINGS

According to diocesan policy, the parish must be contacted six months prior to the intended wedding date. Please call the Parish Center (ext. 201) for information.

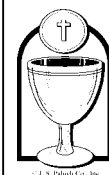
If you are hospitalized...

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

Friday Communion Calls

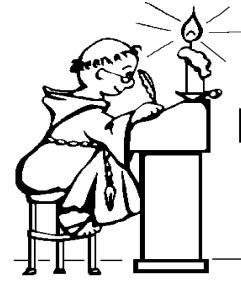
Fr. Slawek makes communion calls every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to illness or bad health.

Please call Fr. Slawek at 630-773-1272 (ext. 208) to make arrangements.



If it is too difficult for you to walk to the front of the church to receive Communion, please know that at each Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion comes to the back of the church to distribute Communion. If you would like to have the Extraordinary Minister give you communion in the back of church, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand so that they can see you and give you Holy Communion.

For most of us, prior to the beginning of every Advent, we prayerfully reflect on how we are going to make this Advent better and different from all the rest. We are going to keep the Advent promises and resolutions we have decided to undertake. We will decide to accomplish these in any number of ways. Maybe we will pace ourselves better this year or not do as much as in years gone past. Somewhere around the third week of Advent, when we find the pace we established for ourselves hasn't accomplished all we thought should be done by that time, we pick up the pace and realize with a heavy sigh, we are no longer doing our Advent promises and resolutions. We are not anxiously looking forward to the birth of Our Lord; but, rather we are anxiously waiting for Christmas to be over so we can slow down and get on with the daily activities we put to the side.



From the Pastor

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Advent is not the time to already be celebrating Christmas. Advent is the time when we, the Catholic Church, "prepare the way of the Lord" for Jesus our King and Savior. It's a time for inner reflection and coming closer to Our Lord. We can do this by keeping it simple and focusing on "the reason for the season," Jesus Christ.

As individuals, we can make a commitment to read and reflect on scripture for 5 minutes a day. Perhaps, we can attend daily mass, pledge to say the rosary on the train each day on the way to work or after the kids are off to school and say the rosary as a family on Sundays. As a family, we can each put a piece of straw in the manger for every act of service, sacrifice or kindness done. On Christmas morning, as we place the Baby Jesus in the manger, we can see how we have made Him as comfortable as possible, with our acts of love.

It's the small little things that add up and help us prepare our hearts to receive Jesus more fully. Let us all pray this Christmas to know Jesus in a more intimate way than before. Let us look forward to Christmas, ready to celebrate with great peace and joy in our hearts.

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Stawek

Join our Holy Father,
Pope Benedict XVI, in his
November prayers for the
Church and for the world:



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Victims of Addiction...

That through the support of the Christian community, all victims of addiction may find in the power of our saving God strength for a radical life change.

Mission in Latin America...

That the Latin American Churches may move forward with the continent-wide mission proposed by their bishops, assuming their share of the universal missionary task of God's people.



VOCACTIONS

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For more information on vocations, visit vocations.com



Children's Liturgy December 5 at 11:15 am

Please join us next Sunday at 11:15 am Mass for another Children's Liturgy.

In this season of Advent, children of the parish will be the focus as they share stewardship of their time and talent. From the choir to the lectionary, children will participate in several aspects of the Mass.

Special seating will be reserved in the front of the Church for any children attending the Mass who would like a "good view."

Confessions

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Individual Confessions will be heard in Church on Thursday, December 16 beginning at 6:00 pm

Stewardship of Treasure

*A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle*

Due to an early bulletin publication deadline, figures were not available for this printing. Weekly collection information will appear in next week's bulletin.

Financial figures reflect the parish fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th.

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

If you would like information on using **E-basket SUNDAY OFFERING** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)



This Week at St. Peter's

- Tuesday November 30**
6:45 pm Children's Mass Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)
- Wednesday December 1**
9:00 am Adult Workshop (*PC/Upper Level*)
12:00 pm Staff Meeting (*PC/Upper Level*)
6:00 pm Adult Bells Choir (*Church*)
7:30 pm Adult Choir (*Church*)
- Thursday December 2**
7:00 pm St. Peter's Women's Club Meeting (*School Hall*)
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class (*PC/Upper Level*)
- Friday December 3**
8:30 am 24-hour Adoration begins with Benediction
8:30 am Confessions (*Church*)
7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 409 Pack Meeting (*School Hall*)
- Saturday December 4**
7:40 am 24-hour Adoration ends with Benediction (*Church*)
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (*School, PC/Upper Level, PC/ Lower Level*)
10:30 am Children's Mass Practice (*Church*)
- Sunday December 5**
9:30 am RCIA Meeting (*PC/RE Office*)
11:15 am Children's Mass

**For the week beginning
Saturday, November 27th and Sunday, November 28th**



Thank you to
Martha Shearer & Family
for the beautiful flowers
in the Pope John Paul the Great Eucharistic Chapel
in memory of



Reggie Shearer
(80th Birthday)

Mass Intentions for the week



- Sunday November 28 (First Sunday of Advent)**
8:00 am People of the Parish
9:30 am †Betty & Ted Hemstreet
11:15 am †Mr. & Mrs. Spychalski
- Monday November 29 (Advent weekday)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am †Richard Burke
- Tuesday November 30 (St. Andrew, apostle)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am †Julia & Stanley Gwizdz
- Wednesday December 1 (Advent weekday)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am †Alex Kompanowski, †Betty Utterback
- Thursday December 2 (Advent weekday)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am †Antoinette Gualano
- Friday December 3 (St. Francis Xavier, priest)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am †Marie Baldwin
- Saturday December 4 (Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent)**
8:00 am †Adelina Loizzo
5:00 pm †Alphonse Rizzo
- Sunday December 5 (Second Sunday of Advent)**
8:00 am People of the Parish
9:30 am †Harry & Harriet Maras
11:15 am †Albert Tagliola, †James DeJoy

If you would like to bring the gifts to the altar at Sunday Mass, please see one of the ushers before Mass begins.



*"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."*

~ Matthew 24:44

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
- 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
- Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Extraordinary Ministers/
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm Lynne Brenan
Rene Catalano
Dan Flaherty
Lorraine Gosanko
8:00 am Pat Vitale
Bob Woods
Elaine Appler
Ralph D'Andrea
9:30 am Ed Kryger
Ruth Kryger
Phyllis Cimaglia
Kathy Frank
11:15 am Deacon Bob
Mary McNamara
Karen Hepperle
Marie Messuck

Lectors

5:00 pm Mary Stefanich
Pat Powers
8:00 am Don Mago
Erin Durso
9:30 am Nancy Magnus
Kevin Grisamore
11:15 am Riley Skalski
Jack O'Brien
Ava Kaminski
Elliott Blackburn

Servers

5:00 pm Guiliano Catalano
Shannon Balogh
8:00 am Michael Piatek
Eric Sgarbossa
9:30 am Marion Madaras
Austin McKenna
11:15 am Fiona O'Brien
Elizabeth Jeffrey



**Please Pray for the
Sick of our Parish Family**

Richard Abbinante
Don Angell
Lee Bauman
Candie Bombino
Theresa Camp
Bob Cleveland
Regina Conti
Marion Crocilla
Thomas Cummins
Rose Diener
Kelly Diptner
Teresa Dunhac
Jacque Dworzycycki
Nick Fahey
James Galligan
Dan Galuszek
Mel Gerard
Mary S. Giannelli
Meghan Henry
Jessica Hilario
Isabel Herrera
Don June
Daniel Koutsis

Loretta Kruszowski
Joe Kryger
Scott Lehn
Dan McDonald
Wanda Mikulecky
Adeline Milostan
George Mulcahy
Barbara Pierce
Ramona Rantisi
Brendan Reidy
Angie Scianna
Shauna Sheffer
Marilyn Sieradzki
Corrine Skalski
Belinda Sobucki
Sharon Sowers
James Thompson
Linda Ticsay
Jennifer Weil
Julie Weisenberger
Irene Wodzinski
Philip Zerante

Published and/or announced prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks. At the end of that time, you may call the Parish Center and request a name remain on the list for another six weeks.



**Solemn Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament**

**First Friday 24-hour Adoration at St. Peter's Church
begins with Benediction at 8:30 am on December 3rd
and concludes with Benediction at
7:40 am on December 4th.**

"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease."

~Pope John Paul II Dominicae Cenae

**Please consider praying for just one hour.
Sign up sheet can be found in the back of the Church.**

**People are especially needed during the
late night and early morning hours.**



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE
*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
We ask this in Jesus' name.*

Amen

Lt. Kassy Cinatl, U.S. Coast Guard
Sgt. Felicia Cinatl, U.S. Marine
Sgt. Matt Cinatl, U.S. Army
Todd Kirwan, U.S. Army
Sgt. Megan Putze, Army National Guard
HM3 (FMF) Bryan C. Thude, U.S. Navy
Cprl. Lauren Twarog-Rocha, U.S. Marines

Living Liturgy 2010

Source: *Living Liturgy* by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 2010

LITURGY BROADENS OUR VISION:

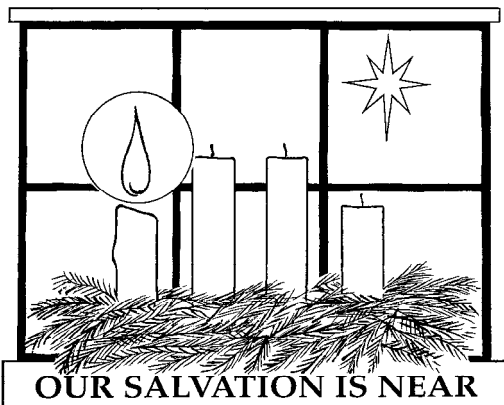
For many it seems as though liturgy unfolds the same way week after week except for the obvious changes in the readings, homily, and music. In fact, each liturgy offers many choices for celebration. The choices we make about liturgy help us to climb the mountain of holiness and have a clearer vision of God's will for us.



Assembly: Obviously, the basic choice for each person is simply deciding to come to Mass. Beyond this, each of us must choose to participate fully, actively, and consciously. This means that we surrender ourselves to God's transforming action during the liturgy. We join our voices with others in singing God's praises. We *actively listen* to the instructions in God's ways. We enter deeply into the prayer of the liturgy. Perhaps the most persistent choice is to remain focused on the prayer at hand, gently bringing ourselves back to attention whenever our minds wander.

Presider: The Presider chooses the form of the introductory rites, the preface, the Eucharistic prayer, greetings and introductions, which form of the final blessing to use. The Presider also chooses to be present to the people before and after the liturgy. For our part we respond to that presence when we go out of our way to compliment him when he has prayed and preached well. We also respond when we choose to pay attention—stay awake—to the prayers that are being prayed.

Music Director: The music offers many opportunities for choices and self-surrender. Besides choosing which hymns to sing, the music director also chooses appropriate service music and prepares cantor, choir, and assembly for their important music roles, always with the needs of the liturgy and the assembly in mind. For our part, we choose to join in the singing. We choose to focus on the cantor and enter into the signing of the responsorial psalm. When the assembly needs to be prepared to sing something new, we choose to pay attention and learn.



NOTE: Out of courtesy to the choir, please **DO NOT** use either of the side doors to exit church until Mass is over and the recessional song is finished.



ITASCA ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITIES

Saturday, December 4, 2010
7:30 pm

Lutheran Church of St. Luke
410 S. Rush Street
Itasca, Illinois

The Combined Church Choir of Itasca and the Combined Handbell Choir of Itasca will present a **Family Christmas Concert** under the direction of Dan D'Andrea, with the **Sinfonietta Bel Canto**. The program will feature religious Christmas music selections from the "Messiah" and Randall Thompson's "Alleluia."

Tickets are \$9.00 for adults, \$5 for children (3-12), children under 3 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Itasca Community Library, St. Peter's Parish Center and at the door on the night of the concert.

Proceeds from the concert benefit P.A.D.S., the Itasca Food Pantry and other Itasca area charities.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Karen Smith-Michael, Publicity Coordinator for the Combined Church Choir of Itasca 630-285-1960.



It is time again for St. Peter's parishioners to pick an ornament from the **Giving Tree**. This project benefits Catholic Charities.

Here is how it works:

Choose an ornament and purchase a new gift as suggested on the ornament (please no used items). Wrap the gift and affix the ornament securely to the package and return to the boxes in the back of church by **Sunday, December 12 or Monday, December 13**. Please note that each gift is designated for a specific individual and if you take an ornament and do not return a gift, someone will be disappointed on Christmas.

The "Giving Tree" will be up and decorated on Thanksgiving Day. Please stop by and pick up an ornament.



MANNA GIFT CARDS

Christmas is just around the corner and gift cards are a great gift for everyone. Manna gift cards will be sold in the back of church after every weekend Mass from now until Christmas.

Remember... **Visa Gift Cards** (\$25 and \$50) are once again available with no activation fee.

Getting ready to order your Christmas cards? **Shutterfly** gift cards are available and 10% of your purchase comes back to the parish.

Stocking up on teacher and hostess gifts? Consider **Fannie May** gift cards, 25% of which comes back to the parish.

There are three more weeks of orders being placed before Christmas. Stop by the back of church or the parish center to pick up an order form.



St. Peter the Apostle Women's Club

will meet on

Thursday, December 2.

This month we will "Prepare and Share" in anticipation of Christmas

This month's meeting will provide an opportunity for creativity to flourish. Mother-daughter duo Kathy Laken and Jill Meyer will guide a glass painting project that can be used for decoration or to share with someone on our Christmas lists. **Ladies are asked to bring a simple glass piece (i.e., wine glass, vase, candlestick)** which will be enhanced with participants' imaginations and a little paint.

At the last meeting, it was decided that a **baby items drive** to assist mothers in need would be a good way to share Christmas spirit in anticipation of Christ's birth. Please bring **UNWRAPPED NEW clothing and accessories for children 0-24 months** to support this outreach project.

Snacks will be provided by the hospitality volunteers. However, ladies are invited to bring one to two dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies along with recipes to share with the group.

Coffee, tea and punch will be provided or feel free to bring a beverage of choice.

Feel free to contact Rose Ann Roll with questions about hospitality.

Please bring \$2.00 to go toward the cost of paint supplies, as well as a donation to go toward the club's "kitty."

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diane Blackburn at the Parish Center (630-773-1272 ext 200) or by e-mail at dtmb3@aol.com

You may have been wondering...



Is St. Peter's still recycling?
The answer is YES!

Efforts to show good stewardship of our environment through recycling is still in practice at St. Peter's:



- Aluminum cans can be deposited in the garbage can marked for such which is located near the rear door of the school.



- Ink cartridges can be left at the Parish Center during business hours.



- Paper continues to be collected in the large green/yellow dumpsters along the outside of Fr. Slawek's yard.

Food Pantry Needs Restocking

On your next trip to the grocery store, please consider adding a few non-perishable food items to your shopping cart to contribute to the **Itasca Food Pantry**.

The following items are needed:

- coffee
- cereal
- paper towels
- toilet tissue
- toothpaste
- laundry detergent



If you would like more information about the food pantry, please call Pat Tardi at 630-773-4703.

Predicting the end of the world seems to be a particular fascination in our culture. From something as innocent as a parlor game to actions as deadly as a suicide pact, the imagination of when and how the world will end seems to take hold of certain people. The entertainment industry has capitalized on this fascination-and even fear-with offerings such as the 1959 classic *On the Beach*, the 1993 film *The Day After*, and the recent release *2012*. Of course, predicting the end of the world isn't limited to Hollywood's attempts to rake in profits. Long ago there were some who believed that the world was going to end with the return of Christ in the year AD1000, although it seems that these people never really became a movement that later generations imagined them to be. In the nineteenth century predictions about the end of time were made by several evangelists, some of whom gathered many followers who then abandoned them when the date didn't pan out as foretold. A familiar Gospel theme reveals prime texts for certain preachers who would have us believe that the world is soon to end. Recent significant earthquakes (China, Italy, Haiti, Chile) in the past few years are used as concrete examples to legitimize the prediction. The same omens are perceived in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the long-enduring conflict in the Middle East. It is easy to get caught up in this kind of prognostication.

The fact is that whenever the end of the world will be should have no bearing at all on how we live our lives. As Christians, we should always be ready for the coming of Christ because he can reveal himself at any time. Christ may come to us in the needy poor, in the elderly neighbor, in the child, in a coworker or spouse. We don't need the end of the world to find Him.

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Do You Need Help with Food?

Catholic Charities has resources available to help those who are in need of food. Even if you may not have qualified for assistance in the past, Catholic Charities can help.

Please call our DuPage County office located in Lombard at 630-495-8008. To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, visit our website at www.cc-doj.org

"ADVENT AT THE ABBEY" CELEBRATES THE JOY OF THE VIRGIN MARY'S MESSAGE

Saturday, December 4, 2010 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Benedictine University and St. Procopius Abbey invite the public to attend "Advent at the Abbey" with Fr. Becket Franks, OSB, of St. Procopius Abbey, and Christine M. Fletcher, PhD, assistant professor of Theology at Benedictine University. The theme, which coincides with the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, is "Delighting in Virtue."

"As we ponder the joy of the Virgin Mary's message and image, St. Benedict reminds us that by following the path of God's commandments our hearts will overflow with the inexpressible delight of love," Fr. Becket said. "This day gives us a chance to reflect on the joy of Advent as 'delighting in the virtue.'"

The schedule includes arrival and coffee, a morning prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, readings, Mass, lunch in the monastic refectory, a reflection, and a closing prayer and blessing. Participants are invited to remain at the Abbey to join the monks for Vespers at 5:00 p.m. in the Abbey Church.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Fr. Becket by phone at 630-829-9253 or by e-mail at bfranks@procopius.org.

Space is limited. There is no fee, but a free offering will be taken.



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

**Fight Poverty in America
Defend Human Dignity.**



Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generosity has laid the foundation for important systemic changes in low-income communities all over the United States.

Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor. / . . . to proclaim liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind, / to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

ADVENT BANNERS

O Antiphons

Unpacking the Mystery of Christ

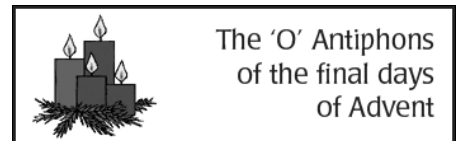
As we begin a new Liturgical Year with this season of Advent, take time to notice the beautiful art panels, which grace the sidewalls and the sanctuary of our church. These panels, lovingly prepared by parish members, express the mystery of Christ in word and symbol. This original artwork represents the "O Antiphons" which are used in our liturgy in the last days of Advent, December 17th to December 23rd, as we approach the feast of Christmas. These Antiphons (songs) became popular during the Middle Ages and are taken from the writings of the Old Testament prophet, Isaiah. They were placed into the Advent Liturgy because Christians understood that these beautiful phrases are titles for Jesus, the Messiah. They open up the awesome mystery of Jesus, Son of God and Savior, born to be "with us always."

The haunting melody of Advent hymn, *O Come, O Emmanuel*, names and describes these titles of Christ. Each verse of the humn names another title and defines how it refers to Jesus and his mission of salvation. They speak of the deep desire and longing for God that resides in every human heart.

As we sing this humn in the weeks ahead, find the art panel and symbol for each verse. The antiphons offer us the peace and comfort that comes from knowing that Jesus is Emmanuel—"God is with Us."

Thank you to everyone who shared their gifts to create our new banners:

- Dorothy Amato
- Pat Barbee
- Bette Bauman
- Marie DelGiorno
- Dolores Drust
- Anna Gagliano
- Janet Gonka
- Janet Graziano
- Mike Graziano
- Jean Grote
- Judy Maggio
- Jeann Murphy
- Mary Rice



**BEAR DOWN
CHICAGO BEARS!!!**
**BEAR DOWN
THE PARISH DEBT!!!**

**Here's your chance to win
2 tickets to a Chicago Bears' Games...**

**Sunday, December 26, 2010 at 12:00 noon
Chicago Bears vs. New York Jets**

Drawing will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2010
following the 11:15 Mass.
Winner need not be present.

*Tickets generously donated by
Ray Jones of Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home in Naperville*

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524 N. Rush Street ♦ Itasca, Illinois 60143
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Please complete the entry form(s) and return with your donation to the weekly collection basket or to the Parish Center.



**BEAR DOWN CHICAGO BEARS!!!
BEAR DOWN THE PARISH DEBT!!!**

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St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church ♦ Itasca, Illinois
(Raffle Donation: \$10 per chance)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number: _____

Raffle to be held December 19, 2010 following 11:15 am Mass.
Winner need not be present.



PREGNANT? NEED HELP?	
Birthright of DuPage	630-355-9888
National Birthright	1-800-848-LOVE
Aid for Women	630-896-8600
National Pregnancy Hotline	1-800-535-9947
National Adoption Hotline	1-202-463-7563
Greater Dosage MYM (Teen Parent Service)	630-790-8433 x 266
RETURN (Post Abortion Counseling)	1-815-838-7171
Natural Family Planning	1-815-838-1002
DuPage Catholic Charities Children's Services	630-495-6864
The Nurturing Network	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-67-BABY-6 1-800-NO-ABORT
Women's Choice Services	630-261-9221
The Gabriel Project	1-877-734-2444

PRAY OUTSIDE WOOD DALE ABORTION CLINIC
 Please join the Life groups of St. Peter and St. Walter's in praying the rosary for one hour outside of Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, every first Friday and third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. Upcoming dates are December 3 and December 15. A prayer book is available by contacting Jean Angell at 630-773-0987.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER
 If you are facing emergent medical situations regarding end of life decisions, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/emergency_consultation.asp) will respond ASAP with help from an ethicist, doctor, etc. The number to call is **215-877-2660**. Even though the site states "Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm" for emergency consultation questions, calls are returned even after hours.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT
 Post-abortive women and men are encouraged to attend the Rachel Vineyard Weekend Retreats held twice yearly at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center. The next scheduled retreat will be held February 11-13, 2011.
 Contact Kay at 866-994-GIVE (4483) for additional information. See registration information at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/documents/RachelVineyardBrochure.pdf>



TEENSPEAK

A Special Program for Teens at SpeakOut Illinois
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With her professional and personal experience with abortion, former Planned Parenthood employee Linda Couri examines the values and motivations of those who are "pro-choice" and explains how pro-life teens can best address this often hostile audience.



Plus pro-life videos, networking with other pro-life teens, and more!

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Win a scholarship with your original essay responding to one of the following three common "pro-choice" arguments:

1. Don't tell women what they can and cannot do with their bodies.
2. Abortion must remain legal to protect victims of rape and incest.
3. If we don't have legal abortion, the world will become overpopulated.

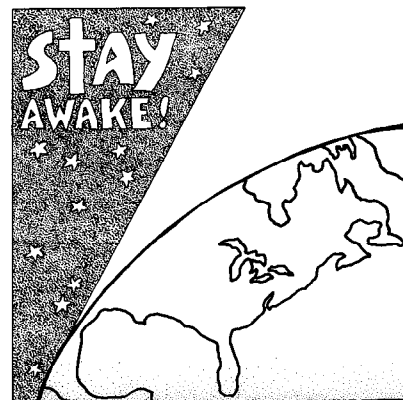
E-mail your submission (max. 750 words) by Jan. 26 in Word or WordPerfect format to info@generationsforlife.org. Students ages 14-18 are eligible to enter. You must be present to win.

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For more information or to register call Linda Isleib at 630-879-1926, Monday through Friday.