

First Sunday of Advent



Estimated need each week: \$4475.00
 Last Sunday Collection: \$3449.00
 Gift Campaign: \$50.00
 Family Life Building Fund: \$150.00
 Gift Card Collection this week: \$2835.00
FLC Debt Reduction from Gift Cards to date: \$443.25

Dec 05

05:30 PM—Lector: **Bill Voight**
 Eucharistic Ministers: **Marie Kruzel, Connie Bigelow**

Dec 06

08:00 AM—Lector: **Evan Reddick**
 Eucharistic Ministers: **John Gagnon, Annamaria Smith**

10:30 AM—Lector: **Wes'Lee White**
 Eucharistic Ministers: **Lorraine LeCocq, Robert Serafin,
 Ann Dennis, Patrick Pidkowski**

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Dec 05

05:30 PM—**Robert Ruiz**

Dec 06

08:00 AM—**Joan Weis**

10:30 AM—**Allen Settle—Bill Baldwin**

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec 05

05:30 PM—**Jesse & Leah Lyons**

Dec 06

08:00 AM—**Stephen Quilliams, Justin Glenn**

10:30 AM—**Eric White, Dominic Burry,
 Rebecca Cordina, Lillia Poveda**

If you can not serve for your scheduled mass, please find a substitute. If you can not find a substitute, call Scott & Tara Halstead at 579-9342.



Pray for the Sick

Ed Bigelow, Bob Mallard, Bobby Ownby, Madeline Overfield, Bob and Mary Holifield, Steven Smith, John Kruzel, Howard Rothwell, Stacie Kidwell, Ed Doherty, Kurt Hosey, Jandark Faraj & Lorraine Hendricks.

To place a prayer request on the prayer chain, please call Sue at 984-5440 / Claudia at 573-0056.



As we begin Advent we are called to “await” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.



Mass Intentions

Nov 28 05:30 PM **John J. Gallagher** † M/M Banks
 Nov 29 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**
 10:30 AM **Rudy Lohmeier** † by Bernice Lohmeier
 Nov 30 08:15 AM **NO MASS**
 Dec 01 08:15 AM **NO MASS**
 Dec 02 08:15 AM **NO MASS**
 Dec 03 08:15 AM **NO MASS**
 Dec 04 08:15 AM **NO MASS**
 Dec 05 05:30 PM **Bob Williams** † the Family
 Dec 06 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**
 10:30 AM **Jane Demeres** † M/M McIntyre

*May the souls of all our
 Faithful departed through the
 Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*
 †= deceased



The Legion of Mary meets on Monday mornings at 9:00 AM on the garden level. All are invited to attend.

We're extending an invitation to ALL parishioners to join us in praying the ROSARY every Sunday at 9:55 am right before the 10:30 mass.



*****Be Advised*****

The Legion of Mary will be saying the rosary at 9:55am Sunday mornings. This is five minutes earlier than the original time, so please plan your schedule accordingly. Everyone is welcome.

WARMTH FOR WINTER

FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKENDS, FROM NOV. 14 through DEC. 6, BEFORE ALL MASSES, WE WILL BE COLLECTING WINTER COATS TO BE DONATED TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES. WE NEED ALL SIZES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE COATS ARE CLEAN WITH NO BROKEN ZIPPERS OR MISSING BUTTONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

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God so loved the world he sent his Son. As we prepare for Christmas, consider how you share your love with others. Reflect on how God loves you so deeply and freely. You have not and cannot earn God’s love. Having been loved this way, how can you hold back your love from anyone? During this Advent season, try to learn how to love others better.

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
 Teach me your paths.
 -Psalm 25:4*

Announcements

***If you are ill and cannot attend mass or cannot drive please let Ann Dennis know @ 573-1586.

**Ladies of Charity Invitation
Annual Bishop's Tea
Sunday, December 6, 1:00-3:00pm
The chancery**

The event provides an opportunity for you to visit with the Bishop and socialize with Ladies of charity members, while helping people in need. All money raised from the Tea buys kerosene for people whose only source of heating their homes during the winter is kerosene heaters. Admission is a donation to the fund, and there is no minimum donation required. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. Men, women, students, "empty nesters"...everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Connie at 579-1955.

Ladies of Charity announcement:

The Ladies of Charity Christmas meeting will be held in a very special place: the lobby of our new building! It is located on Baxter Avenue (the former Royal Beauty Supply). The meeting will be held on Dec. 11, following the 9:30 a.m. recitation of the rosary and 10 a.m. mass at Holy Ghost Church. Luncheon will be potluck; meat will be provided, so bring a dish of your choice. If your dish needs to be warmed or cooled, please bring it into the Holy Ghost Church basement before mass and it will be taken care of and transported to the lunch. Also, please bring a personal hygiene product (shampoo, soap, etc.) to the meeting for the emergency assistance office. Many of our clients are in need of these items. At this festive time, getting together at our new home to socialize, tour and be updated concerning opening, use of space etc. should be enlightening for all our members. Let's have a big crowd! See you then.

CCW Bake Sale



The CCW is having a bake sale on December 12th and 13th.

Ladies if you would like to help or bake for the sale, please contact Maggie at 254-0851.

Youth Group Advent Activities

The Sr. High Youth Ministry teens are sponsoring two Advent activities and invite members of the parish to participate. Angel Tree gift requests for children in the Head Start Program in Sevier County are hanging on the tree in the servers' vesting area (a.k.a. the jail). If you participate, please follow the directions attached to the card.

The second activity is the sale of Fish Pantry Hospitality Christmas Cards. For a \$5 donation per card, you can see that a family of 4 is fed for 3 days. Year after year, Holy Family Parishioners have helped to support this cause. Look for high school teens holding the cards in the servers' vesting area or outside the front entrance to the church over these next few weekends.

Questions or comments about either activity may be directed to Tom Miklusicak at 405-0207.

Thank you for helping us reach out to those in need in our community during this season of Advent.

Pastoral Ponderings...

Hopefully everyone had a great Thanksgiving. This holiday is really Catholic when you think about it, a family (a faith community) gathers around a table (altar) to share traditional food (unleavened bread and wine) which meaning is transformed through blessing ("send your Holy Spirit") into a real presence of God, family members who have passed on, and friends and family who have traveled for to be together (real presence of Christ-in bread, wine, community gathered and saints present in Spirit)! We gather to give thanks (Eucharist) for blessings of life, friendship and home! What a great way for us as Catholics to remember our call to give thanks to God for the gift of Himself in our lives!

So now today just like most children of a loving father, as soon as we thanks we are on to asking for something else!

The first Sunday of Advent is celebrated today. This a season of asking the Lord to send His Son to us quickly! We will do so by blessing and lighting candles on our wreath to mark each week as we approach the coming of Christ. This is an exciting time of year!

God bless you all in this new liturgical season and I truly give thanks for each one of you!



A big thank you goes out to everyone who attended the Appalachian Luncheon. We were able to raise \$742.00 for the Clear-Fork community.

The CCW would also like to give a special thanks to everyone who helped cook, set-up and clean-up.



Each week at mass, we are invited and called to full conscience, active and fruitful participation in the liturgical worship. Consider reading then reflecting on the scriptures for the coming Sunday Mass.

Sunday December 06, 2009

**Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6**

