

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." Mark 13:35-36

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008 **1st Sunday of Advent**
 8:30 AM Mary Moore
 10:30 AM For St. Henry's Parish Family

Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 **Advent Weekday**
 No Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008 **Advent Weekday**
 8:15 AM Regina Kottwitz

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008 **Francis Xavier, priest**
 8:15 AM George Novenski

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008 **Advent Weekday**
 8:15 AM George Pfeifer Family
 10:00 AM Msgr. Raymond Klass (Golden Living Center)

Friday, Dec. 5, 2008 **First Friday**
 8:15 AM Dorothy & Gus Theder

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008 **Nicholas, bishop**
 4:30 PM Catherine Fendt

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
 8:30 AM For St. Henry's Parish Family
 10:30 AM Frank & Anna Kreiziger

LITURGICAL ROLES

December 6 & 7, 2008

Proclaimers

4:30 Connie Kurth
 8:30 James Becker
 10:30 Kaspar Peter

Communion Ministers

4:30 Laura Zautner, Jeff Wagner, John Sabourin
 8:30 Sharon Hanson, Tracy Lapp, Sam Riedl
 10:30 H: Carol Schumann, Mary Ellen Grosskopf, Marilyn Haberkorn
 C: Florence & Brigido Calado, Steve & Rose Menzia

Ushers

4:30 John E. Pirkel, Larry Strobel, Dan Christian, Louis Hady
 8:30 Chris Pirkel, Don Leu, Steve Kraemer, Clint Schildbach, Rob Harms
 10:30 Jerry Caine, John David, Ruth Rolefson, Roger Weiland

Servers for the Weekend

4:30 Brendan & Grace O'Connor
 8:30 Jesse Jones & Brett Caine
 10:30 Julienna & Devin Herritz

Servers for the 8:15 Weekday Masses—Dec. 2-5, 2008

Tuesday Gabriel Linskens & Sarah Bradow
 Wednesday Isaac Elsen & Jacob Turner
 Thursday Nathan Dittberner & Chris Hertel
 Friday John Tesensky & Brendan O'Connor

Readings for the Week of November 30, 2008:

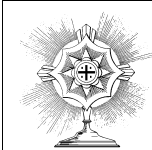
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

November 29/30, 2008

Happy New Year! Today we begin a new year in the life of the Church. We also begin the holy season of Advent. The readings for this first week are about the promised Kingdom. Jesus' coming in his Incarnation was the "first installment" of the Kingdom. The ultimate fulfillment of these prophecies will happen when Jesus returns at the end of time to set up his kingdom over all creation.

This is what we wait for all our lives here on earth. This week, during your quiet time, think about Isaiah's graphic descriptions of the Kingdom, and imagine seeing all of it with your own eyes.

The message is clear in today's readings. Do not be fearful but stay awake. Live faithfully the gifts you have already received. During Advent we look back to the Jesus of history and we look forward to the Christ to come - all of which makes the present a gifted moment. — Fr. Brian



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday morning, **December 5, 2008**, from 8:45 AM until 12 noon. Please feel free to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Single men of all ages are invited to the **Quo Vadis Discernment** evening on Friday, **December 12th**, from 6:30-9:00 PM at Holy Redeemer Parish rectory, 120 W. Johnson St., in downtown Madison. Join us for free pizza, prayer, social, group discussion, and Fr. Eric Nielsen, pastor of UW-Madison St. Paul's University Catholic Center giving his vocation and priest story. We'll conclude with Eucharistic Adoration. For more information, contact Msgr. Jim Bartylla at **608-821-3095** or email at **james.bartylla@straphael.org**.

Classes in Natural Family Planning

NFP 101: The Basics of NFP—Learn how it works and what it's all about. \$10 registration fee. One hour classes: Dec. 8, 7PM or Jan. 15, 7PM at Bishop O'Connor Center, Madison.

Sympto-Thermal (Couple-to-Couple League)—\$135 for 3 class series, CCL membership, all materials and NFP kit.

10AM-noon-Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7 @ Bishop O'Connor Ctr
 4-6:30PM-Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22 @St. John the Baptist Parish in Waunakee

6-8PM- Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8 @St. Mary's, Bloomington
Creighton Intro Classes @ Bishop O'Connor Ctr. (follow-up sessions are private & scheduled with instructor). Next classes: Dec. 6, 10AM; Dec. 16, 6PM. Cost \$55 w/materials.

Contact Jessica Smith at **608-778-8528

or **nfp@straphael.org** to register**



**Youth Activities, Religious Education,
Religious Readiness & Sacramental Prep.**

Dec. 3 Rel. Ed. Classes
Dec. 7 Confirmation Candidate-Sponsor Mtg—
Mass at 8:30AM; Parish Center after Mass

Parish Youth—Grades 6-12 — Caroling at Marquardt Village—Thursday, December 18th. Youth and interested adults, please put this on your calendars. Pizza and soda will be served for those singing. Plan to join us and bring joy to others!!! This is a joint effort including St. Bernard's and St. Henry's.

Prayer Sponsors for Confirmation Candidates: We are asking parishioners to sign up to pray for Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation in the Spring of 2009. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board at the rear entrance to church for you to write your name next to the Candidate or Candidates you'd like to pray for. Thank you for serving in this important role!

NEEDED: Persons with minimal computer skills on a temporary basis. St. Henry's School has purchased a library computer program which requires that all books in the library get inserted into the program by typing in their titles. Relatively simple, but time-consuming task. Could you devote a couple of hours a week to help? You will be trained to comfort ability level — promise! Please call Mrs. Butzine at 261-2586.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Salvation Army needs bell ringers, singers and instrumentalists for the coming Christmas season. Volunteers may serve one or 2 hour shifts beginning November 28 through December 24. Monies raised will benefit those in need in Watertown and Jefferson County. Contact Marie Miller to volunteer 261-4050.

Would you be interested in singing in the Adult Christmas Choir this year?



If so, we still have room for you!! All you need to do is come to rehearsal on Thursday evenings, December 4th, 11th, and 18th! We will help you do the rest! We practice at 7:00 PM. You would also need to be available for Christmas Eve, December 24th, for a pre-service concert beginning at 10:00 PM and Mass to follow at 10:30 PM, and then return again for Christmas Morning, December 25th, for the 10:30 AM Mass. See Bill Frederick if you have any questions!

Some have asked which Masses the Adult Choir sings at. Following is their schedule:

- 1st Sunday of the Month—4:30 PM Saturday evening
- 2nd Sunday of the Month—8:30 AM Sunday morning
- 3rd Sunday of the Month—4:30 PM Saturday evening
- 4th Sunday of the Month—10:30 AM Sunday morning

If there is a 5th Sunday of the Month—4:30PM Saturday eve.

Children in the parish from Grade 1 (who are able to read) through 8th Grade are welcome to join St. Henry's Parish **Children's Choir**. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:15 PM to 6:05 PM. They will sing on Christmas Eve at the 4:30 PM Mass. Contact Mr. Frederick if you have questions!

btenor@yahoo.com or at 920-261-7273

The **Catholic Women's Club** will meet for a noon luncheon meeting on Tuesday, **December 16th**, at Watertown Country Club. The program will be "Welcoming Christmas" presented by Vicki Larson and Carol Erickson. Hostesses are Mary Binnebose and Margaret Chingway. Cookies may be brought to be given to the shut-in members. Call Eileen Clawson (261-2848) by December 8th to make your reservation.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION: Three positions are to be filled. Interested parishioners please contact the rectory or any current Council members. The due date for candidates is January 5, 2009. The election will be held the weekend of January 17-18.

Don't forget to buy your parish **raffle calendar** for the year 2009! Purchases must be made before December 31st in order to have your raffle stub included for the first drawing for January 1, 2009. Extra raffle calendars are available at the rectory office during regular business hours.

ATTN: SCRIP SHOPPERS

Please plan ahead when ordering Scrip as gifts for your family and friends or for your shopping as well. No orders will be placed with the Scrip company after December 10th.

You're invited to:

- a **Jolly Holiday potluck dinner Party** hosted by Catholic Knights Branch 120 of Watertown on Sunday, **Dec. 7th**, at 12:15 PM in St. Henry's rectory hall. (Please use back door) Children's movie; Bingo; brief meeting; visit from Santa with gift bags for the kids; door prizes; optional gift exchange for adults only (bring a \$5 gift marked for a man or woman). Adults & Children: FREE for members/\$3 for guests. Contact Marlene at 261-0274 to make your reservation before Dec. 4th.
- The 16th Annual **Enter the Season with Song concert** featuring Bill Frederick, Steve Johnson, Ann Simonson, Gail Wagner, Barb Lancelle, Mike Hirsch, Elaine Jaeke & Pam Miller...on Sunday, **December 7th**, at 2:00 PM at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, W359 N8512 Brown St., Oconomowoc. A free-will offering to benefit Oconomowoc's Theatre on Main will be taken.
- 30th Annual **Bazaar & Bake Sale**, Saturday, **Dec. 6th**, 8AM-1PM at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Johnson Creek. Coffee shop/homemade donuts 8-10AM; barbecue plate lunch 10A-1PM; raffle drawing Sunday, Dec. 7.
- St. Francis Xavier Council of Catholic Women's annual **Cookie Walk** on Saturday, **Dec. 6th** at 606 College St., Lake Mills. Purchase beautifully decorated homemade cookies, bars & candies by the pound. 7AM-10AM. (while supplies last)
- St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 Clark St., Watertown, will present an outdoor **Live Nativity on Dec. 5-6th** from 5-8 PM. Presentations every 30 minutes. Free admission/refreshments. Sponsors: Watertown WELS Churches. Elmbrook Church, 777 S. Barker Rd., Brookfield, will host a **ballet performance** of "His Gift" at 10AM Friday, Dec. 12th, and 7:30 PM Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tickets: \$5 (12 & under); \$7 (adults); Group rate: \$3 per person. Contact Nancy Ritchie 262-366-8284 for group tickets. Individual tickets are available at Garden of Readin' Christian Bookstore in Elmbrook Church