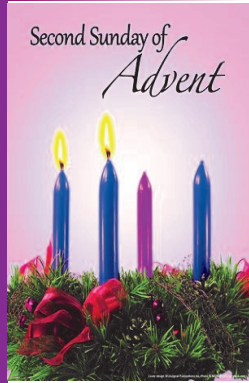


# ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

## Catholic Parish

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 4, 2011**



### 2nd Sunday of Advent

Imagine your whole city being deported after being defeated. Every person of any means is packed up with whatever few possessions they can gather and are transported away. Only a few of the very elderly, the very poor, or the very simple are left behind. This was the experience of the population of Jerusalem in 587 BC after the city was defeated in battle by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. The inhabitants of Jerusalem were carried off in captivity to the area south of Baghdad in what is now modern-day Iraq. Such is always the way of conquerors, who treat the human population as the spoils of war.

It is in this context that the prophecies of the second part of the Book of Isaiah are written (chapters 40-55). These are words of consolation to a people in exile. Today's first reading begins second Isaiah with the words, "Give comfort to my people." The well-known words about valleys being filled in and mountains made low reflect the arduous trek across the desert that the captives endured at the hands of the Babylonian army. A highway in the desert would have been a blessing!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. used this same prophecy from Isaiah in his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963. Through Isaiah's words, he expressed the hope of generations of African-Americans for the fulfillment of equality in their own land.

As giant highway projects show, we have the capacity to level mountains and fill in valleys. Building a highway in the desert was accomplished by US Army engineers early in the war in Iraq.

But the real construction of a human society rooted in God's love still needs to go on. There is much inequality that we need to address. Isaiah continually reminded the people of Israel that it would be God who acted, but that humankind must cooperate with God's grace. That challenge remains the same for us today!

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### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th**  
4:30 PM

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th**

7:00 AM      10:00 AM  
12:00 NOON      6:00 PM

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### Parish events:

#### UPCOMING....

- Caring Tree Gifts
- PTO Christmas Tree Sale
- Breakfast with Santa, Dec 18  
following 8, 9:30 and 11 am  
Masses in café 1 & 2, free event  
sponsored by the K of C.



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**Advent  
Penance  
Service**

It has been the custom these past few years to have combined Penance Services hosted by St. Albert, St. Charles, St. Francis of Assisi and Incarnation parishes.

The Regional Advent Penance schedule will be as follows:

**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO  
WILL HOST THE FIRST PENANCE SERVICE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 7:00 PM**

**SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT  
WILL HOST THE SECOND PENANCE SERVICE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 7:00 PM.**



# Caring Tree 2011

1. Select an ornament from one of the Caring Trees located in Church and the Chapel. There will be a hint about what to buy for a special person.
2. Add the special person to your Christmas list.
3. Place the wrapped gift under the tree by **NEXT WEEKEND — December 11TH**
4. Enjoy the fact that you made someone's Christmas a little brighter!

The Christmas season is quickly approaching, and it's time for the annual *Caring Trees* to appear at St. Albert the Great! If you would like to

## ST ALBERT THE GREAT PRO LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS.....

Our Pro Life Committee will meet this Monday, December 5th, at 1:30 pm in the Spirit Center.  
Consider becoming a part of our group. We are in the process of reorganizing and welcome members and input.  
Questions? Call Judy Weckesser at 296-1628

## NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER - Adoration for Life

Honoring the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the first appearance of Our Lady in north America at Guadalupe, Mexico to St. Juan Diego

**DECEMBER 8-9 9 PM TO 1 AM**

St Charles Borromeo Chapel, East David Road

## Annual March for Life Pilgrimage

January 22 is the 39th anniversary of Roe v Wade, which legalized the killing of unborn children in our country.

As Catholics, we are called to stand against this evil and defend the dignity of all human life.

Please consider participating in the annual March for Life in Washington DC on January 23.

**A bus from the South Dayton area will leave St. Charles parking lot on Sunday, January 22 and depart DC for Dayton on the Monday following the Annual March.**

**Registration deadline by December 10. Contact Fran @ 438-9748**

## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS...

Consider dedicating altar flowers for Christmas in the name of a deceased loved one....or to honor a friend... Envelopes will be available on the windowsills of the church and chapel.

Place in the collection basket and that person will be remembered in the bulletin....Thank you...

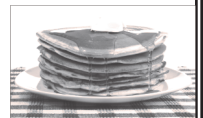


## IN MEMORY OF.....

- Hans Behringer....from Irmgard
- James H. Smith....from Gloria
- Vernon & Pauline Scarr....from Matt
- William Neufarth.....from Kathy
- Rosemary Haufe....from her family
- John Currigan Solarek....from his family
- Steven A. Solarek.....from his family
- Francis E. & Ruth McBride, Sr.....from Sally Solarek
- Francis A. McMahon....from Sally Solarek
- Ruth & Frederick Bayley....from Sally Solarek
- Peggy & Sydney Lane....from Sally Solarek
- James Beck.....from his family
- Don Kremer.....from his family
- Alyce & Bill Anderson...from Alicia & John Risko
- Gertrude Flohre.....the Winter family
- Lori Argabright.....from her daughter, son, grandsons, granddaughters, mother, sister and her husband
- Lori Argabright.....from her husband, Tim
- Shirley McLaughlin....from Katie O'Neil
- Sue Wagner Schmidt...from friends
- Teddy O'Neil.....from his family
- Jim Corbett.....from his family
- Casey Connell.....from the O'Neil family
- Esther, Paul & Bill Horn...from the O'Neil family
- Judy Kuhre.....from the O'Neil family
- Fr. Chuck Mentrup...from the O'Neil family

## Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
Maria-Joseph Council 4022



**Sunday, December 18, 2011**  
**After the 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am Masses**  
**School Cafeteria**

*In the spirit of the Christmas season come and celebrate with your family and friends.*  
*Share a day of fellowship, breakfast, and a visit from Santa!*  
**No charge - a gift from our K of C chapter**



**Also On December 18.....**  
**In the school cafeteria**  
Donations of wrapped baby gifts will be collected for the Elizabeth New Life Center.



## DECORATORS NEEDED !!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUR  
ART & ENVIRONMENT TEAM  
DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS  
THEY WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU !!

**CALL MAUREEN McLAUGHLIN (296-9342) OR  
MARSHA SCHNEIDER (433-3623)**

## Readings For The Week Of December 4

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday:</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### ANNUAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

December 10-11

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)



### ALL SENIOR CITIZENS

Christmas is just around the corner....

Come and celebrate

**SENIOR DAY OUT  
THURSDAY, December 8th  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**BEGIN WITH MASS AT 12 NOON  
FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON  
IN THE PARISH CENTER**

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT BY  
THE KETTERING SENIOR SHOW CHOIR**

Questions or RSVP to Ann & Denny Hart, 299-8157  
Or Angie & Ernie Ruffolo, 294-4357

### Coffee Cookies & Caroling

**Thursday, December 15th  
1pm to 2pm in the Parish Center  
following Noon Mass**



Enjoy the sounds  
of the season as  
our  
St. Albert  
students sing  
Christmas  
Carols!

*Play Christmas  
Bingo!*

QUESTIONS? Contact Kathleen or  
Julie, 298-1122 x 280

## From the Pastor

### PARISH NEWS



The annual **Retirement Fund for Religious** begins this weekend. This annual collection helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious priests who did so much for all of us with health necessities and care that is needed in their later years. They did not qualify for Social Security or Medicare and now need your support. Please be generous.

Celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary this Wednesday evening at 4:30 pm Mass or on Thursday, December 8th, at one of the Masses listed on the front of the bulletin today.

Please support the Giving Trees located in our church and chapel and make someone's Christmas brighter than it would have been—the true spirit of Christmas and living the Gospel. Many people give cash to the parish group organizing this annual event and they will make sure the presents are bought for the recipients. The Caring Tree people need the gifts returned by Dec 11 so they can be delivered to the various groups in time for Christmas.

### THE GOOD NEWS

A priest, a doctor and an engineer were impatiently waiting behind a slow group of golfers. They complained to the golf course manager. He replied, "Oh, that's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime. But I'm so sorry for your delay."

The priest spoke up, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'll contact my ophthalmologist buddy to see if he can help." And the engineer said: "We don't mind waiting... let's treat them to drinks at the clubhouse."

Suddenly these guys have a context for their waiting. What was meaningless waiting was now full of meaning. And that is how our waiting on God can be—full of meaning and significance. Isaiah says, "A voice cries out: ...make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" Did you realize that God's power and presence is going to arrive in the midst of our own desert—the parts of us that we think of as sinful wasteland?

But only if we honestly face the worst of what we know about ourselves, and really desire forgiveness and a "new way" through the desert, will that new way be built. Let's use this Advent to increasingly face who we really are, and then honestly ask for forgiveness, so that we are building a highway for God to come on a straight path right to us!

*Peace.... Fr. Tom*

S.A.Y.M.

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High School  
welcome!!

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### YOUTH DECEMBER SCHEDULE

#### December 11

8:30 am to 11:30

Donut Fellowship after 8 am & 9:30 am Masses

Need youth volunteers

#### December 11

Second Sunday @ Seven  
Scripture Study @ Spirit Center

### Mark your 2012 Calendar

#### March 9-11

Theology of the Body Retreat  
The Dating Game  
Maria Stein

#### June 24-30

St. Albert Mission Trip  
Farmington MI  
Entering 8th grade in the fall and up

Contact Karen Fitzharris - St. Albert Youth  
Coordinator for more information  
call 416-4385 or [kfitzharris@live.com](mailto:kfitzharris@live.com)

## Religious Education News

Ofc Telephone: 298-2404

Ofc Hrs: Mon thru Fri - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day):

Dec. 7, Wed., 4:30p.m. - Eric Krebs, need one more server

Dec. 8, Thurs., 6:00p.m. - Molly & Sheelagh Jackson

### Christmas Eve

Dec. 24, Saturday

3:00p.m. - Noelle Kipp, Anne & Andrew Rose

5:00p.m. - Jack Seubert, Gabe Nelson

7:00p.m. - Van & Gabe Hopkins

11:00p.m. - Connor Simon, Holden & Aimee Fowler

### Christmas Day

Dec. 25, Sunday

9:30a.m. - need 2 servers

11:00a.m. - Joey Murphy and Eric Krebs & Henry Butler

### New Year's Eve

Dec. 31, Saturday

8:30a.m. - Alex Wintrow, need one more server

4:30p.m. - Molly & Sheelagh Jackson, Jack Seubert

### Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Jan. 1, Sunday

8:00a.m. - need 2 servers

9:30a.m. - Gabe Nelson, need one more

11:00a.m. - Joey Murphy, Eric Krebs

Please call the RE Office, 298-2402, if you can help at any of the Masses. Thank you for your dedication to this ministry.

### Baby Jesus Shower

Sunday, Dec. 18th, 9:30-11:00a.m. in Cafeteria II

Donations of baby items will be accepted for Catholic Social Services

## SACRAMENT & REL ED CALENDAR

### December

4 - class

11 - class

18 - class

25 - No Class - *Have a Blessed Christmas*

### January

1 - No Class - *Happy New Year*

8 - class

15 - class

21 - Confirmation Retreat, 8th grade, 9am-3pm,  
at Bergamo - **MANDATORY**

22 - class (no class for 8th gr.)

29 - class

### February

(\*denotes changes from original schedule)

\*5 - class (including 7th & 8th gr)

\*9 - Confirmation practice, 7:30 - 8:45p.m.

12 - class

\*15 - Confirmation Mass & Reception, 7p.m.

19 - No class, President's Day

26 - class

28 - First Communion Parent Meeting, 7-8p.m., Chapel



**Monthly Food Collection  
NEXT WEEKEND  
December 10-11**

Requested: Items....  
**BOXED POTATOES, RICE, JELLO,  
NOODLES, PEANUT BUTTER**

Place items in the large grey barrels located at each entrance to the Church.

Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Call Julie Burt at 293-2657



**St. Albert the Great School PTO  
Annual Christmas Tree Sale**

Let our family tradition be a part of yours.  
The perfect Christmas Tree is waiting for you!!

**Began Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Until they're all gone!**

**HOURS:**

**Monday – Friday: 6 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Sundays: Noon to 6 p.m.**

Sponsored by the St. Albert PTO  
All proceeds benefit the students of  
St. Albert the Great School

**We Need Your Help  
To make the Christmas Tree Sale a Success**

Please consider joining us for a 3 hour shift to help sell trees.  
We promise a festive atmosphere, good friends  
and plenty of holiday spirit!!

To volunteer, please contact Janine Schlangen  
at 937-901-8704 or at [ja9@woh.rr.com](mailto:ja9@woh.rr.com)

***St. Albert the Great Athletic Association  
Annual Fish Fry - January 20, 2012.***

This event is the primary Fundraiser for our Student Athletic Programs. The funds generated are used to maintain and improve fields/facilities and provide equipment and uniforms for all sports including: soccer, golf, cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, baseball and track.

Each year the **Silent Auction** at the Fish Fry plays a major part in our fundraising success.

**WE NEED BASKETS for our SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. If you have any baskets you could donate, please bring the RECTORY OFFICE.**

**We would also appreciate any donated items (gift certificates, product samples, tickets, vacation homes/rentals, services, or any creative idea that you may have) which could be auctioned for this cause.**

Please contact Helene Conrath at 293-0901 or email at [theconraths@hotmail.com](mailto:theconraths@hotmail.com) for information or questions.

**School News**

**From the Principal:**



It seems hard to believe that we are in the season of Advent, the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Our students, as you may well guess, are becoming more excited each day as they prepare for the Christmas season. Although their anticipation is often reserved for their own wants, many classes are working hard on service projects (food and warm clothing collections) that will help the less fortunate enjoy Christmas.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, under the direction of Mrs. Drake, will present their Christmas program in the Parish Center on Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The program is open to all members of the parish, and is an excellent night to purchase a PTO Christmas Tree.

Thank you for continuing to support our students as they grow in their faith and love for God.

*Mike Kerry, Principal*

**Carroll High School Christmas Concert and Dinner  
7:00 pm - Thursday, December 15 - Carroll Gym**

Carroll's Concert & Jazz Band, Concert Choir and musicians from various parishes will perform  
Dinner catered by Fazoli's from 5:30 to 6:30; \$10 adults & \$6 children under 12. Tickets available at the door, at the Carroll school office or by contacting Myrna Gazzo at 427-3743 or email [gazzo@gmail.com](mailto:gazzo@gmail.com)

**CJ CHRISTMAS CONCERT: SOUNDS OF THE SEASON  
WEDS., DEC 21 - 7 PM - free admission**

CJ Performing Arts Dept. invites you to their "Sounds of the Season" as their concert band, concert choir, liturgical choir and a cappella choirs perform songs filled with the Spirit of Christmas

**ALTER HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS**

**Alter High School Girl's Basketball Program**  
Please attend their All You Can Eat SPAGHETTI DINNER  
**TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC 4 - 4 TO 7:30 PM**  
Carry Out - 4 to 5:30 pm Alter High Cafeteria  
**\$5 ten yrs & under; \$7 Jr High/H.S; \$10 Adults; \$30 Family**

**CHRISTMAS PARENTS NIGHT OUT!!**

**Saturday, December 10 - Alter High School**  
Fund raiser by Alter Students for their mission trip to New Orleans during spring break to help build houses  
Adult supervision - call Colleen at 307-7284 for info  
Get your registration form at Alter H.S. office  
Limited space - \$25 first child - \$5 each additional child.

**ALTER HIGH SCHOOL MARKET DAY**

The next sale date is **DECEMBER 17**  
**Place your order by December 13**  
Pick up is 10 am to 11 am in the Alter Auxiliary Gym  
Go to [MarketDay.com](http://MarketDay.com) to register or update your account number with the Alter Music Assn number - 29039

## REBORN IN BAPTISM

IAN ANDERSON SCARPELLI  
Child of  
John and Stacie (Nerderman) Scarpelli

MYLO ANTHONY SHELBY  
Child of  
Mark and Julie (King) Shelby



## PRE BAPTISM CLASS INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE....

There will **NOT** be a Pre Baptism Class in December.

**The next class is scheduled for January 9th,  
7:00 pm in the Spirit Center.**

For questions or information  
call KAREN GOULD at 299-9897

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR  
RCIA PARTICIPANTS  
IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY  
CONTINUE ON THEIR JOURNEY!



## UP & COMING EVENTS

**Thursday, December 8:  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

A Carry-in Dinner for the Catechumens and Candidates following  
the 6:00 pm Mass in the Spirit Center, Room D

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



## COME & GROW WITH US!

**Digging Deeper in the Word**  
Sundays, 9:30am—10:30am  
Location: New meeting space adjacent to  
cafeteria 2 (former classroom)

## CONTACT INFO FOR RCIA/ADULT FAITH

RCIA— Call the Rectory Office, 293-1191  
Adult Faith—Jim Schoen, 294-1195

## AREA EVENTS

**INCARNATION SCHOOL PTO  
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL  
DECEMBER 4 - 9:30 am TO 1:30 pm**

Incarnation Parish Center  
Crafts, jewelry, doll clothes, personalized rosaries,  
Meet with Santa, Santa Shoppe for tykes!

## ST. CHARLES LIVE NATIVITY - DEC 4 - 5 TO 7 pm

Bring the whole family for the 4th Annual Live Nativity at  
St. Charles Borromeo today, December 4th, from 5:00-7:00  
p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served in church.  
Christmas carols will be sung throughout the evening, and there  
will be a variety of live animals around the manger scene

## An evening of Celebration and Song at Calvary Cemetery Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

performed by local musicians including Holy Angels Choir  
**December 8 - 6 to 9 pm**

performed in the St. Henry's Chapel

For more information contact Rick Meade at 293-1221 or  
rickm@ccadayton.org

**"You Shall Name Him Jesus":  
Presenter Fr. Satish Joseph  
Weds., Dec 14 - 7 to 8 pm**

**Immaculate Conception Church, Sherman Hall.**

Continuing the study of the Gospel of Luke, focusing on  
the Infancy Narrative in the gospel of Luke.  
All welcome!

## INTO THE SILENCE:

**Nativity Displays at Transfiguration Center**

Ponder the great mystery of Christmas with these beautiful,  
sacred crèches from around the world, Nov 27 thru Jan 6  
Weekdays: 9 am to 4 pm - Special Weekend Hours: 1 to  
4 pm on the following dates: Nov 27; Dec 3, 4, 10, 11,  
17, 18.; Jan 1, 2, Closed Dec 24 thru Jan 2.

Transfiguration Center is located Ludlow Falls.

For more information call 698-7180 or on line go to  
[www.transfigurationcenter.com](http://www.transfigurationcenter.com)

## UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON NATIVITY SETS EXHIBITION

This year's theme:  
**No Place Like Home**

**November 26th thru the month of January**

(closed Dec 23 to 26 and Dec 31 to Jan 2)  
Lobby of the Roesch Library, the balcony and  
the 7th floor in the Marian Library.

**Bring the Children to join in a special game  
and win a prize!**

## Pray For Our Ill and Homebound



**Children's Med Ctr:** Jake Schlangen

**Kettering Med Ctr:** Christopher Henn, Jim Dias

**Miami Valley Med Ctr:** Harold Albers

**Bethany:** Mary Kay Gibbons, Bettie Gilles, Marilyn Brockman, Bob Shortal

**Brookdale Place, Oakwood:** Jane Tynan

**Elmcroft, Washington Township:** Marie Thyne

**Liberty Nursing Center:** Bill Kissell

**Lincoln Park Manor:** Howard Gerritzen, Richard Roll

**Heartland of Kettering:** John Leen

**Heartland of Miamisburg:** Tom Gillig

**Lamplight of Dayton:** Rose Palazzo

**St. Leonard:** Mary Andrew, Dorothy Smallwood, Ethel Braunlin, Eugene Miller, Rita Kennard, Mary Margaret Yahle, John Bigger, Louise Newman, Sara Warda, Tony Kohonen, Trudy Thomas, Carolyn Melia

**Stonespring Care Ctr:** Helen Wilbanks

**Sycamore Glen:** Anne Ferneding,

**The Sanctuary:** Mary Lou Wynn

**Walnut Creek:** Sylvia Savino, Stella May, Virginia Kinney

**Wood Glen:** David Brockman

**Homebound:** Mary Harris, Eileen Wilson, Joan Hall, Rachel Schneider, Kim Riddle, Grace Nugent, Eric Munch, Dorothy Gerhardstein, Sandy George, Faye Detrick, Millie Walters, Virginia Leen, Harriet Keller, Andrew Borns, Jean Neitzke, Robert Rohr,

Please keep parishioners with ongoing illness in your prayers. If you are facing scheduled surgery please contact the Rectory office (293-1191) concerning being anointed before you go to the hospital. They will gladly help you.

Please call the Rectory Office (293-1191) to notify us when a parishioner is hospitalized. Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals can no longer notify us. Also let us know if a loved-one is at a local Assisted Living or Nursing Home or if they would like a visit or Holy Communion brought to them.

### From your Finance Committee...

Thank you for your continued generosity.  
God bless you.

November 27, 2011

	Collection	Tithe
386 Adult Sunday Env		1,180.84
22 Sun Env in the mail	\$11,808.40	594.80
31 Auto Deposit Donations	\$5,948.00	450.00
9 Child Envelopes	\$4,500.00	.55
	5.50	
<b>Total Envelopes</b>	<b>\$22,261.90</b>	<b>\$2,226.19</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$1,072.70</b>	
<b>Total Sunday Collection:</b>	<b>\$23,334.60</b>	

The above tithe as well as today's tithe will be set aside for the annual Retired Religious Fund to aid various orders of nuns and brothers in their retirement years.

You have always been generous to this annual collection that takes care of those who dedicated their life to the Lord.

You have an envelope for this collection in your packet - or additional envelopes are available on the windowsills in the church and chapel. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Parish Calendar

Today! Sunday, December 4

8, 9:30 & 11 am  
9:15 - 10:45 am  
9:30 & 11 am  
9:15 to 10:30 am  
9:30 am  
9:30 am  
12:30 to 5:30 pm  
2:00 pm  
6 to 7:30 pm  
6 pm  
6 pm

### Sunday Masses

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, café 1 & 2  
Bible Study - Cafeteria Meeting Room 31  
Babysitting during Mass, Ch Basement  
RE Classes, EC to 6th grade, Schl Classrooms  
RCIA Session, Sp Ctr, Rm D  
Ath Assn - CYO Games (ParCtr)  
Legion of Mary Curia Mtg (Sp Ctr, Rm C)  
RE Jr High—Sch classrooms & café  
Boy Scout Mtg, Par Ctr  
Server Training (church)

Monday, December 5

12 Noon  
1:30 pm  
3 to 5:45 pm  
4 to 9:30 pm  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm

### Weekday Mass

Pro Life Group Mtg (Spirit Ctr, Rm C)  
Aft Sch Program, Ch Basement  
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr  
Fingerprinting - RE Office  
Child Protection Class, Chapel  
**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE, ST. CHARLES PARISH**

Tuesday, December 6

9:30 am  
10 am - 12 pm  
12 noon  
1 to 3 pm  
1:30 pm  
3 to 5:45 pm  
4 to 9:30 pm  
6:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
9:30 pm

Small Faith Community, Spirit Ctr, Rm C  
Fingerprinting Sessions, RE Office

### Weekday Mass

Fingerprinting Sessions, RE Office  
School Spelling Bee, Chapel  
Aft Sch Program, Ch Basement  
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr  
Bell Choir Practice, Chapel  
Cantica Nova Practice - Music Room  
34+ Men's Basketball, P Ctr

Wednesday, December 7

8:30 am  
9:30 - 12 Noon  
9:30 - 11:30 am  
12 Noon  
2:10 pm  
4 to 5:45 pm  
4:30 pm  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm

### NO 8:30 Mass today

Knitting Group - Spirit Center C  
Wed Morning Bible Study - Spirit Center D  
**Weekday Mass**  
Server Training, church  
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr  
**HOLY DAY EVE MASS**  
Fingerprinting,  
Adult Choir Practice, music rm  
Evening Bible Study, Spirit Ctr, Rm D  
Legion of Mary Mtg, Spirit Ctr, Rm C

Thursday, December 8 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

10 am - 12 pm  
7 AM, 10 AM, 12 noon  
12 noon  
1 to 3 pm  
2:10 pm  
3 to 5:45 pm  
4 to 9:30 pm  
6:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
9:30 - 11 pm

Fingerprinting Sessions, RE Office

### HOLYDAY MASSES

**SENIOR DAY OUT—MASS, LUNCH IN PAR CTR**  
Fingerprinting Sessions, RE Office  
Server Training, church  
Aft Schl Program, church basement  
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr  
**HOLYDAY MASS, church**  
Boy Scout Leaders Mtg, café 1 & 2  
Education Commission Mtg, Rect Mtg Room  
34+ Mens Basketball - Parish Center

Friday, December 9

10 AM  
12 Noon  
2:10 pm  
3 to 5:45 pm  
4 to 5:45 pm

Bridge Group Meeting, church basement

### Weekday Mass

Server Training, church  
Aft Schl Program, Church Basement  
Ath Assn Practice, Par Ctr

Saturday, December 10

**MONTHLY FOOD**  
8:30 am  
4:30 pm

### COLLECTION WEEKEND

**Weekday Mass**  
**Vigil Mass**

Next Sunday, December 11

8, 9:30 & 11 am  
After & 9:30 Mass  
9:15 - 10:45 am  
9:30 & 11 am  
9:15 to 10:30 am  
10 am to 12 noon  
2:00 pm  
6 to 7:30 pm  
6:00 pm

### Sunday Masses

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, café 1 & 2  
Bible Study - Cafeteria Meeting Room 31  
Babysitting during Mass, Ch Basement  
RE Classes, EC to 6th grade, Schl Classrooms  
RCIA Session, Sp Ctr, Rm D  
Legion Curia Session, Spirit Ctr, Rm C  
RE Jr High—Sch classrooms & café  
Boy Scout Mtg, Par Ctr

**READERS December 10-11**

4:30 pm	Jeff Mullins, Pat Rau
8 am	Angela Ruffolo, John Schoen
9:30 am	Anita Rankin, Paul Thimons
11 am	JW Missal, Evan Marlin

**MUSICIANS December 10-11**

4:30 pm	Judy Drake & Youthful Choir
8 am	Jim Butler
9:30 am	Jim Butler, Celebration Choir
11 am	Jim Butler, Contemporary Choir

**WEEKDAY SERVERS December 5 to 10**

Mon, Dec 5	12 pm	Nick Jump & Luke Stechschulte
Tues, Dec 6	12 pm	Peter Schmitz & Chole Woodie
Wed, Dec 7	8:30 am 12 pm 4:30 pm	<b>NO 8:30 MASS TODAY</b> Samantha Evans & Mark Rimkus Eric Krebs & one more vol needed
Thur, Dec 8 <b>HOLY DAY</b>	7 AM 10 AM 12 pm 6:00 pm	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b> Shawn Steffan & Seth Longstreth Nathan Spangler Molly & Sheelagh Jackson
Fri, Dec 9	12 pm	Josh Bennett & Gabe Hopkikns

**WEEKEND SERVERS December 10-11**

Saturday	8:30 am	Danny Forrai
	4:30 pm	Aimee & Holden Fowler
Sunday	8 am	Megan & Susan Wenzke
	9:30 am	Caroline Conrath & Nicholas Barnes
	11:00 am	Max Shafer, Jack Gallenstein

**MASS COORDINATORS December 10-11**

4:30 pm	BJ Wack
8 am	Mary Kay Wick
9:30 am	Jack Deddens, Bob Erhart
11 am	Marsha Schneider



**COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS**

**Date:** **Could you or your group help?**  
**If so call Angel Hopkins, 298-1122**

Sunday, December 4	St. Albert Pro Life Group
Sunday, December 11	St. Albert Youth Ministry
Sunday, December 18	Breakfast with Santa & Baby Jesus Shower

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sun, December 4</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	Intentions of Parishioners Rose Ann Gerhard (Lehner & Copeland Fams) Dave Pfeiffer (M Schaefer)
<b>Mon, December 5</b> <b>Advent Weekday</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Gail Gacetta (family)
<b>Tue, December 6</b> <b>Advent Weekday</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	Kathryn Horvath (family)
<b>Wed, December 7</b> <b>St Ambrose, bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>12 Noon</b> <b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>NO 8:30 MASS TODAY</b> Tom Riley, annv (family) Lucy Miller (B Romi)
<b>Thu, December 8</b> <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>12 noon</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	Fr Leo Hoying (family) Dec'd members of the Legion of Mary Don Bothe (C & R Hickey) Eileen Borchers (family)
<b>Fri, December 9</b> <b>St Juan Diego</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	Guiliana Caramia (lurasjich Family)
<b>Sat, December 10</b> <b>Advent Weekday</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>4:30 pm</b>	Alyce Anderson, annv (A & J Risko) Eldridge Shumard (family)
<b>Sun, December</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	Intentions of Parishioners Margit Andrassy (friends) Sally Parfomchuk (S Welsh & Family)

**The book to schedule Masses has arrived.**  
**We will begin accepting your requests next week.**

**In an effort to be fair to everyone, and due to the limited number of Masses that are celebrated each year, at this time we can only schedule one Mass per parishioner for the year.**

**If we find that we are able to schedule more than one Mass we will let you know.**

**We know this is difficult, but want everyone who would like to have a Mass read be afforded that opportunity.**

**As an option, we can send Mass requests to our missionaries**  
**Please ask about this option.**

**DISTRIBUTORS December 10-11**

<b>4:30 pm (11)</b>	<b>8:00 am (11)</b>	<b>9:30 am (11)</b>	<b>11:00am (17)</b>
E Collura	K Ganz	C Afanador	B Beel
M & L Ford	A & D Hart	J Bayer	R ^ R Brun
K & H Honious	C Jones	A Burns	D DePasquale
K O'Neil	J Kawaja	J Hall	M & C Etienne
M Pfeiffer	Jean Kelly	F Hoge	B Forsthoefel
C Schill	M Lehman	A Jackson	G Hamilton
C Schill	J Long	M Lowden	D Hundt
BJ Wack	C & C Pappert	M O'Malley	M Lowden
R Zink	M Scarr	J Silverii	M Miles
			V Seubert
			P Smith
			P Spencer
			J Tillar
			J Twarek

**DISTRIBUTORS - PLEASE SIGN UP TO SERVE AT THE HOLYDAY MASSES ON DEC 7 AND 8TH. AND CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASSES. THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE LOWER SACRISTY**

**Need 1 more**

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### Youth Ministry 293-8289

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and Mike Lee x230



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## Masses & Sacraments

Rectory Office 293-1191

Hours M-F 9am-4:30pm

### Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday Eve 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11 am  
Monday - Friday 12 Noon  
Wednesday 8:30 am (School Days)  
Saturday 8:30 am  
Holy Days Vigil: 4:30 pm; Holy Day:  
7 & 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm  
(Exception - Christmas, New Year's &  
Weekend Holy Day Masses)

### Sacrament Of The Sick

Parishioners can receive this sacrament  
at a weekday liturgy, or a clergyman  
can make a visit.

### Sacrament Of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at  
12:45 pm and on the third Sunday of  
the month during 11:00 am Mass, upon  
availability. Parents must be registered  
in the parish and are required to attend  
a Baptism Preparation class. Parents  
are encouraged to attend these classes  
prior to the birth of their child. Baptisms  
are scheduled at least two weeks in  
advance.

### Sacrament Of Marriage

The engaged couple (or their family)  
must be registered parishioners for at  
least one year. Six months notice and  
participation in a marriage program is  
required. The date can be set only  
when the engaged couple has met with  
one of the parish priests.

### Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Fridays 11:15 - 11:50 am (Exception:  
NOT held on funeral or Holy Days)  
Saturdays 3:30 to 4:15 pm  
Private confessions available upon  
request.

## Join our Parish

Rectory Office 293-1191

Hours M-F 9am-4:30pm

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