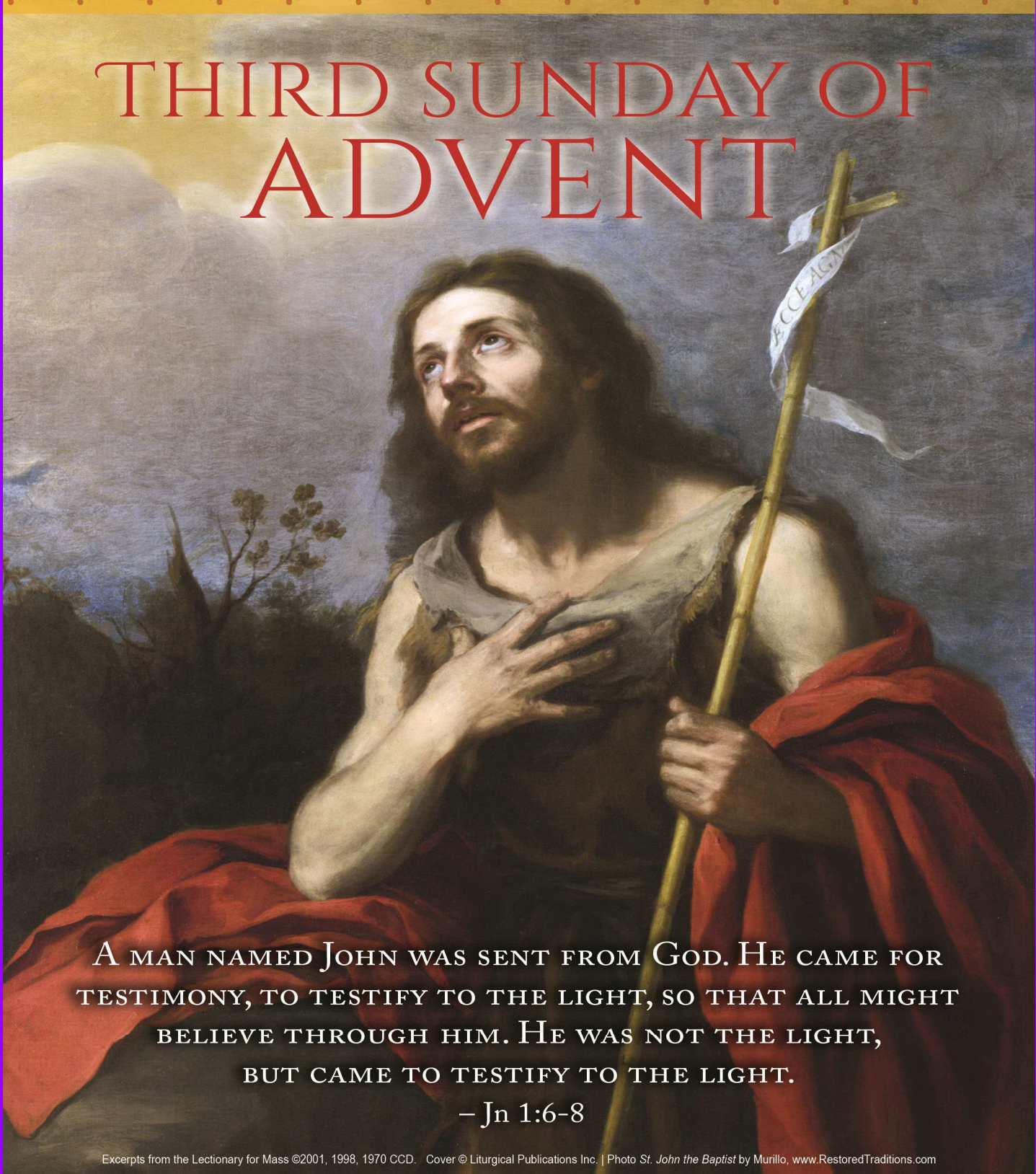


Most Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Eureka, Missouri

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A MAN NAMED JOHN WAS SENT FROM GOD. HE CAME FOR
TESTIMONY, TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT, SO THAT ALL MIGHT
BELIEVE THROUGH HIM. HE WAS NOT THE LIGHT,
BUT CAME TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT.

— Jn 1:6-8

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Sunday Collection

Early Deadline-12/07 Collection in next bulletin
Total Collection 01/01 to 11/30/14 **\$304,376**

Genesis 28:22 "And this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

DECEMBER ACH DONATION WITHDRAWALS

- ⇒ Weekly Sunday - **15, 22, 29**
- ⇒ Monthly Donation - **22**
- ⇒ Debit Reduction-**26**
- ⇒ Maintenance & Repairs - **26**
- ⇒ Christmas & Seminary-**26**

Scripture Readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday December 21

First Reading: **2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 16**

Second Reading: **Romans 16:25-27**

Gospel: **Luke 1:26-38**

Weekday Masses

December 15 - 7:30 am - St. Vincent de Paul Society

December 16 - 7:30 am - Dorothy Hornsey

December 17 - 7:30 am - Tiger Corrigan

December 18 - 7:30 am - Ed Devine

December 19 - 7:30 am - David Godfrey

8:10 am - Camilla McDermott

Weekend Masses

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday December 20

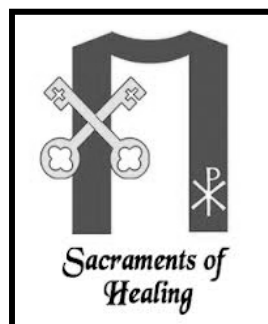
5 pm - Leonard & Margaret
Kurlandski

Sunday - December 21

7am - George Tainter

9am - People of MSH

11am - Allhoff Family



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday
4 - 4:45 pm

Confessions
heard anytime
by appointment.

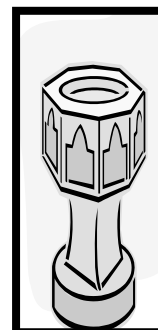
BAPTISMS and Preparation Class

Next class will be
January 8, 2015

7 pm - Father Dowling Hall.

To **arrange** a **Baptism**,
Information, Questions,

or **Register**
for class contact
Deacon Tom
636.938.6966



From the Desk of Father Rick Schilli

Traditionally, the Latin name given to the **Third Sunday of Advent** is **Gaudete Sunday** taken from the ancient Latin chant would begin the Mass: ***Gaudete in Domino semper, iterum dico gaudete*** which translates: **"Rejoice in the Lord, always, I say it again, rejoice!"** With Gaudete Sunday we move further into Advent and begin to relate the stories attached to the Infancy Narratives of the Gospel and the prophecies of Isaiah regarding the coming of the Messiah. *And so our joy increases.* Only ten days remain until Christmas. Our preparation is not yet complete and there is still much time to ponder the mystery of the Incarnation. Our liturgy is brightened by the use of rose vestments suggest the darkness of a world without a savior is somewhat brighter than when Advent began, yet not as bright as Christmas promises to be. In his First Coming the Messiah enters human history and provokes a conversion in us which allows the saving work of Christ to enlighten the entire world. *We continue to long for that light.*

This Wednesday, following the Maranatha Advent Vespers, beginning at 7 pm, Father and I will be available for the Sacrament of Penance. We will remain to hear confessions until all presence have been heard. Please consider making use of this time for the Sacrament of Penance.

Once again Masses for Christmas on Wednesday, December 24 at 5 pm and 12:00 Midnight, and on Christmas Day at 7am, 9 am & 11 am. Masses for New Year's Day which is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and a Holyday of Obligation this year, on Wednesday, December 31 will be 5 pm and on Thursday, January 1 at 9 am & 11 am.

Blessed Advent,
Father Rick Schilli

Advent Wreath Candle Colors

- 1st Candle** – (purple) The Prophecy Candle - Candle of **HOPE**
2nd Candle – (purple) The Bethlehem Candle - Candle of **PREPARATION / FAITH**
3rd Candle – (pink) The Shepherd Candle - Candle of **JOY**
4th Candle – (purple) The Angel Candle - Candle of **LOVE**



<i>Saturday December 20</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Servers</i>
5 pm	Drew Stevens	Jack & Betty Lindenschmidt Margaret Baker Mary Christiansen Jim Bornholdt, Tim Jones	Channing Baker Sonny Finnegan Art Wallach Elaine Lerch	Emma Pennycuik Gianna Jamski Katie Dames Lacy Kistner
<i>Sunday December 21</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Servers</i>
7 am	Claire Vogt	Jim Nave, Stevie Hoog Denise Haller Beth Cavender	Beatrice & Bob Kee Bob Steffe Marc Rathouz	J.D. Corrigan Joey Rice Gavin Corrigan
9 am	John Ryan	Linda Ryan, Ed Rankin Lynn & Gary Sahrman Robert Nack, Pat Gaugh Carolyn Parmer, Mary Berry	Bob Berry, Will Nack Tom Merriman Stefanie Voss	Kolyn Howard Bryan Howard Ryan Weis Jack Myers
11 am	Robert Fasl	Sandy Ghormley Dan Kruessel, Vita Walsh John Falcone, Nancy Liston Connie Apperson John Crimi, Alec Kruessel	Tony Liston Steve & Teri Detter Bill Schulte	Jack Borrer Brandon Kirm Christopher Cleary

Mass Ministers If you would like to **serve Mass** for **Christmas** and/or the **Holy Day** **watch your** email to volunteer to serve Mass. No email??? **Call 314.374.5690** to volunteer to serve.

**(m)SHYG - Youth Ministry News****TONIGHT's Lifelight**

Tonight after the Youth Mass
will have a discussion on the **Sacrament of the Eucharist.**

Upcoming at SHYG!

Next week {12/21/14} will be our **Christmas Party**
and **"white elephant" gift exchange!**

**Looking for a FEW good ADULT helpers with the
Spirit of Christmas THIS MONDAY - December 15???**

Can you help assist with the StVdP **Annual Spirit of Christmas Giving Tree Program.????** **MANY hands are NEEDED** to *sort gifts, verify all 1,100 plus ornaments are returned, wrap gifts, help distribute gifts and toiletries.* If you have any size gift bags or wrapping paper, tape, etc. please bring with you. If you have scissors or a clip board please bring with you too. **Guarantee you will have fun!** StVdP will provide delicious

food, cookies and beverages. **No better way** to feel the true meaning of Christmas than helping the least of your brothers & sisters. If you can help meet in Father Dowling Hall anytime after **9:30am till 7:30pm.** Even if you can only help for a few hours during the day, any help will be greatly appreciated. Questions contact: Carol Vescovo 636-938-3096.

NOTE: Helpers...use courtyard doors to enter & exit FDH.

**ANNUAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

**Annual Christmas Giving Tree Program,
a long-standing tradition in our parish.**

♦ **NOTE:** All gift cards and monetary donations
PLEASE drop in Offertory collection. Mark **SVDP** on envelope.

♦ **Do not** leave gift cards or monetary gifts **UNDER** the trees.

♦ **New** this year all Gift Card ornaments have envelope attached.
PLEASE use envelope provided, place ornament & gift card
inside envelope provided and drop in Offertory collection.

♦ **Return ALL** gifts, gift cards and ornaments by
THIS Sunday, December 14th.

♦ **ALL** gifts & gift cards will be **distributed THIS**
Monday December 15th.



Looking for a great last minute Christmas gift or stocking stuffer???

The Knights of Columbus have 8 copies of the **Columbian Charities Cook Book.** Books cost **\$22.50,** make check payable to: Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in purchasing a Cook Book contact Kevin Vescovo at 314-496-0230 by December 19th. Thanks, **Merry Christmas** and **Gold Bless You,** Kevin - Grand Knight. **You'll get a GREAT gift & help a GREAT cause.**



PARISH EVENT'S **DECEMBER – 2014**

- 14 - **Return Giving Tree Gifts** - Church Vestibule
 - 14 - **Youth Mass - 5 pm** – Church
 - 14 - **SHYG - LifeNite** - Claffey House
- 15 - **Distribution of Giving Tree Gifts** - FDH
 - 15 - **StVdP Meeting** - FDH
- 17 - **Cleaning Church for Christmas** - Church
- 17 - **Loving Stitches** - 9 - 11:30 am - Claffey House
 - 17 - **Final Maranatha**
- 17 - **Confessions - Following Maranatha Service** - Church
 - 17 - **SHYG - LifeNite** - Claffey House
 - 18 - **Rosary & Prayer**—Church
 - 19 - **Last Day of School for 2014**
- 21 - **Parish Library Open to ALL Parishioners** - 7:45 - 11:45 am
 - 24 - **Christmas Eve**
 - 25 - **Christmas Day**
- 26 - **All Parish Offices Closed**
- 31 - **New Years Eve - {Holy Day Vigil}** - 5 pm Mass

JANUARY - 2015

- 1 - **Holy Day - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**
 - 1 - **Parish, School & PSR Offices Closed**
- 1 - **All night Eucharistic Adoration** - Church - Ends 7:30 am 1/2/15
 - 1 - **Rosary & Prayer** - Church - 7 pm
 - 1 - **All Parish Offices Closed**
 - 4 - **Donuts - After all Masses** - FDH
- 4 - **Parish Library Open to ALL Parishioners** - 7:45 - 11:45 am
 - 5 - **School Resumes**
 - 5 - **PSR Resumes**
- 5 - **K of C - Clown Club Meeting** - School Dining Room - 6 - 9 pm
 - 6 - **PSR Resumes**
- 8 - **Baptismal Preparation Class** - FDH - 7 pm
 - 12 - **School Board** - PCR
- 13 - **Knights of Columbus Meeting** - School Dinning Room
 - 15 - **Women's Club Meeting** - FDH

EUREKA FOOD PANTRY

Request for

December

Jam & Jelly

for

January

Noodles or Pastas

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Most Sacred Heart School New**Christmas Holidays**

Students at Most Sacred Heart School will begin their Christmas Holidays on Friday, December 19, 2014 at noon. Classes resume on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Have a blessed and safe holiday season!

St. Nicholas Concert

We would like to thank all those who supported us by attending the **St. Nicholas Concert** on Thursday, December 4, 2014.

Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade joined the adult choir & celebrated

the Advent season. We were able to spend quiet time as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We extend a **special thanks** goes to **Mrs. Cathie Laury** and **Mr. Jeremy Boyer** for directing this event!



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**ORNAMENTS NEEDED
for PARISH FAMILY TREE**

The **Parish Family Christmas Tree** needs to be updated with ornaments from new parishioners. Many PRESENT family ornaments need

to be replaced. **Ornaments** will **NOT** be **returned**. They are used year after year. When you donated your ornament, please print your **family** name somewhere on the ornament.

Look for baskets at entrances of Church to place your family ornament!

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2014 Contribution Statements

Sacred Heart contribution statements for 2014 will be mailed to parishioners by the end of January 2015. All Church contributions to MSH **MUST BE RECEIVED** by December 31, 2014 to be posted on your 2014 statement.

Any donations received after that date will be credited by law on your 2015 statement. Thank you for your cooperation & generosity.

MARANATHA

(Come, Lord Jesus)

The **LAST** celebration this **ADVENT** with Evening Prayer Services on *Wednesdays* during **is this Wednesday, December 17, at 7 pm** in church. This is a great opportunity to spend some quite time reflecting as we prepare for the birth of Our Savior. Please join us for this half-hour service of candlelight with songs of prayer and praise. Take this time to smell **"The Fragrance of Christ"**.

Following this week's prayer service the
Sacrament of Penance will be available

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Religious Articles for Mercy Hospital

Mercy has recently acquired their own material from *Pastoral Services* and will be distributing articles to their patients; therefore we are no longer collecting articles.

The basket/container in the southwest courtyard entrance of church is gone. **Thank you to everyone** who so *generously donated religious articles* (especially **rosaries**) for the patients at Mercy Hospital.

Deacon Tom & Judy

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CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

Looking for a **few good men & women** volunteers to help clean our church in preparation of the celebration of **Christmas**. If you can help, please meet at **8 am**, in Fr. Dowling Hall **THIS Wednesday, December 17**, following morning Mass. After **coffee, treats & fellowship**, cleaning will begin. If arriving after morning Mass please use church doors for entry.

This is a **one time commitment!** Be part of this **heavenly team** which prepares our beautiful church for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Many helpers make any task easier!

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**Most Sacred Heart Parish**

extends heartfelt prayers and sympathy to **Janet Hinkebein**

on the recent loss of her mother **Ruth Knopf**; and to **Tom Kinney**

on the recent loss of his mother and Parishioner **Pat Kinney**.

May **Janet** and **Tom** find comfort in the *prayers* of family, friends,

Schedule of Masses



Christmas Eve December 24th

5 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day—December 25th

7 am, 9 am, 11 am

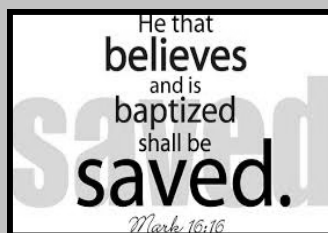


Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday - **December 31st - 5 pm** { *Vigil* }

Thursday - **January 1st**

9 am and 11 am



Garrett William & Anna Elizabeth (Kramp) Huck
and

Skyler Elizabeth Ladenberger

the daughter of

Clifford & Lisa (Bircher) Ladenberger.

May the grace of Baptism always keep

Lucas & Skyler close to the

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Most Sacred Heart
Parish Family**
Welcomes the newest
members to the
Body of Christ:
Lucas David Huck
the son of

The NEXT



Our Parish has recorded and celebrated
it's first 125 years. What will the next 125 years
hold for Most Sacred Heart Parish?

The **Parish Council** has embarked on a
MISSION to discern what God has in mind
for us **individually** and as a **parish**. Your
response to the Parish Council's request to form
planning groups was **outstanding!**

These groups will assess five elements of
parish life, set goals and develop plans to
respond to **God's call to bring the world to**
Jesus Christ.

The five elements are:

Sacraments and Worship

Social Services and Outreach

Vocation and Evangelization

Education and Formation

Governance, Finance and Infrastructure.

If you signed up to participate, you will be
contacted. Meetings begin in late January 2015.

If you did not sign up & want to participate,
please contact

Steve Detter - 314-717-6986

or **Pat Croat** - 314-775-3785.

Be a part of the response to God's call
for our **Parishes' Next 125 years.**

Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit!

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Come check us out!

For Information call
Bee @ 636.938.6438

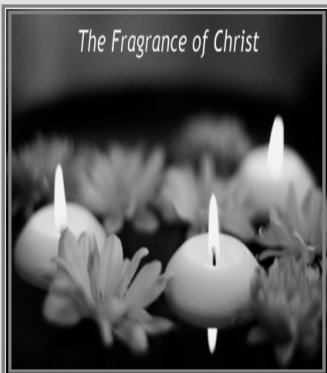
Loving Stitches meets

twice a month - 9 - 11:30 am in the Claffey House.

Upcoming Stitches Gatherings:

December 17, 2014 & January 3 & 17, 2015





Will you be spending Advent preparing for the Lord?

Mary had many moments of grace in her life. She was spiritually alert to recognize them. *Will we be alert* this **Advent** and **Christmas** to recognize God's moments of grace in our life?

Advent is a time to put aside our doubts and proclaim Jesus came into the world to rescue us from sin.

Every **Advent** God invites us to 'prepare the way of the Lord' by recalling and living the miraculous events which led up to the birth of Christ.

Mary trusted Archangel Gabriel when he explained the central role she would have in God's plan for salvation. *Mary said YES* "I am the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to your word". Don't let this opportunity

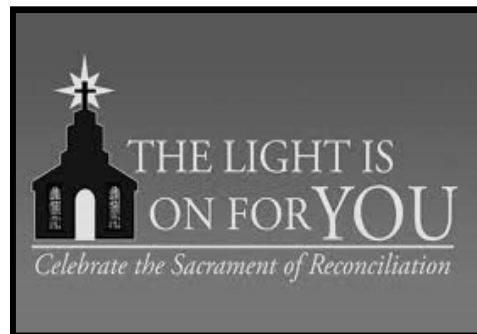
for you to say *YES* to the invitation to celebrate the Prophecies of the coming of our Savior. Please celebrate with us in prayer and song this **Advent** at '**Maranatha**' the final service is this Wednesday **December 17th, 7 pm** in church. *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

The **Sacrament of Penance** will be available following this week's **MARANATHA Service**.

Sacrament of Penances

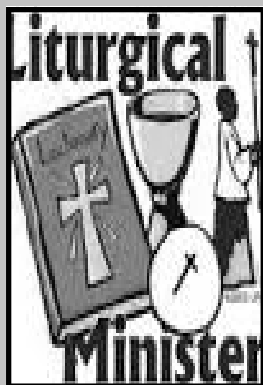
Confession times before **Christmas**

- **Every Saturday** 4 - 4:45 pm
- Following **MARANATHA Service**
this Wednesday December 17th - 7:30 pm
- **Anytime** by appointment.



SVDP Dinner Dance

Thanks to everyone who attended the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Dinner Dance fundraiser. The night was filled with food, music and fellowship which made for a wonderful night. A special thank you the **Most Sacred Heart quilters** who donated a beautiful quilt. The quilt **raised over \$500** in funds. All proceeds from the dance will help SVDP to **assist clients** in 2015.



Attention: All MASS MINSTERS {Except Servers}

The current **Liturgical Minister** schedule for weekend Masses ends the weekend of January 3rd & 4th 2015. With the holidays in full swing and the end of the year approaching **please advise Ron & Bev Schaefer** of any dates you are **NOT** be able to serve Mass. Next liturgical minister schedule will run **January 10th** through **March 22, 2015**.

Please email Ron & Bev @ rbschaefer@earthlink.net or drop a note with your name and dates you cannot serve in the collection basket. Mark outside of envelope Attention Ron & Bev.

Dates not able to serve needed by December 21, 2014.

Watch your email to volunteer to serve Mass **Christmas and Holy Days**.

If you have no email call 314.374.5690 to volunteer to serve.

Thank you for your loyal dedication and serve to this ministry.

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