


Next Sunday *Second Sunday of Advent*
 Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6



**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Friday mornings
8:30am to 9:00am**

“Triumphant Living In Troubled Times”

One of the most common attitudes in life is a negative reaction to trouble. The Scriptures confront us with a totally different attitude toward adversity. Jesus admonishes this reaction: “Straighten your backs and lift up your heads because your redemption is drawing near.”

Trouble is a part of life. We would prefer ease and comfort but unfortunately this isn’t always the case. A young man in college looks forward planning his career. He dreams of a good job but then comes an automobile accident and he is left paralyzed. A middle-aged couple are doing well in business. They are already thinking about taking time to see the world. Then tragedy strikes. The man is told by the doctor that he has cancer and it doesn’t look as if he’ll be cured. The couple’s great plans are changed. They are going to have to face disappointment. The person who is not prepared to face trouble is not prepared to face life.

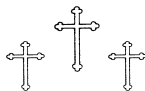
Jesus had His problems. He was misunderstood, not welcome back to Nazareth. He experienced the wrath of His enemies and the disloyalty of His friends. Finally He would be condemned to death on a cross. His life was definitely not an easy one. People who at one time cheered Him would turn on Him and shout “Crucify Him.”

There’s no doubt trouble can be tragic but it can also be useful. The trouble Jesus had was redemptive for us. Progress is made only by facing and overcoming problems. Abraham Lincoln had to face a civil war. He persevered and helped unite the country. He himself was put to death.

If we have the spirit of Christ, we can make trouble bring out our best. My brother Jack learned this and he was an inspiration to all of us. Leo Whalen is a good example in our parish for all of us. He could have become bitter after he was hit by a drunken driver and given up on God and on people but he gets in his motorized chair and comes to mass. Every week I visit him to bring communion, I’m the one that leaves with a blessing.

All of us are faced with tough situations. Many things don’t go our way. My dad used to say life is full of complications, complications and more complications. But he never gave up. Jesus asks us to “stand erect, lift up our head.” As struggling Christians, we know that the Lord is always with us. He will help carry us through our troubles and He has already redeemed us and promises us eternal happiness.


God love & bless you,
Father Terry



Remember your parish Church in your will.

Weekend: Nov. 22, 2009		
Adult:	Unavailable	2009 UCA Goal:
Plate:	at time	\$29,394.00
Youth:	<u>of printing</u>	2009 UCA Received:
Total:	\$	\$13,479.31

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:
 This Week: None
 Next Week: Heat, Christmas Flowers, Immaculate Conception



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses Nov 30 - Dec 4

Mon.	8a ST ANDREW	No Morning Mass
Tues.	8a	†Janet Yadosky
Wed.	8a	†Raymond Plys
Thurs.	8a ST FRANCIS XAVIER	Increase Vocations
Fri.	8a St John of Damascus	†Helen Larson

Ministry Schedules Dec 5, 6 & 8

Sat	5p	THE LORD’S DAY	†GRATTO & BOYLAN FAMILY
		LECT Joanne Connor	
		EUCH Roger Delfosse	
		USH Frank Busker, Tony Budisalovich, Myron Connor, Dave DeToffol	
Sun	8a	THE LORD’S DAY	†SALLY JERNBERG
		LECT Tracie Torkelson, John Walczynski	
		EUCH Cathy Kohlmeier	
		SERV Josh Walczynski, Andrew McDonell	
		USH Lee Davern, Kathy Donovan, Greg Donovan	
Sun	10a	THE LORD’S DAY	ALL PARISHIONERS
		LECT Pat Perfetti, Jason Reid	
		EUCH Retta DeYoung	
		SERV Greg Gustafson, Elizabeth Bergh, Dalton Lipinski	
		USH Don Martens, Bob Kray, Steve Maniak	
		GREET Peg Oman, Bernis Bergren	
Tues	7p	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	ALL PARISHIONERS
		LECT Chuck Gehlen	
		EUCH Irene Williams	
		SERV Daniel Newgren, Joseph Michalski, Paul Michalski	
		USH Jerry Privette, Jeanine VanNispen, Don Martens	

Lectors: Please pick up your new lector workbooks in the Narthex. You can recycle your old workbooks. Thank you, Mary Ellyn

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

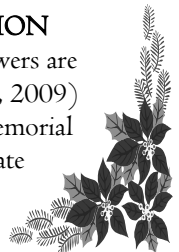
Thank you for your support of last week’s Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the United States will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. In these times when everyone’s budget is stretched, we are especially grateful for your support.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Contribution envelopes for Christmas Flowers are included in your box of envelopes. (Dec. 6, 2009)

Those desiring to make a donation as a memorial for a deceased loved one should indicate the name(s) on the envelope.

Thank You!



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We extend a warm welcome to those of you who are visiting, or are looking to join our parish. Please feel welcome to sign up as new parishioners, or update your registration. You may call the office for information about signing up. Thank you

**Sunday Night Mass in Duluth at St. Michael’s 6:00 PM
Year round - 4901 E Superior Street**

THIS WEEK AHEAD

November 29 to December 6

Sunday	Vespers & Benediction 3:00pm
Monday	Prayer Group 7:00pm
Tuesday	Friars Ladies Night & Mtg 7:00pm
Tuesday	Coffee & Conversation 7:00pm
Wednesday	Bible Study 6:00pm
Wednesday	K-5 Rel Ed Classes 6:00-7:00pm
Wednesday	Children's Choir Practice 7:00pm
Wednesday	6-12 Rel Ed Classes 7:10-8:15pm
Thursday	Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm
Saturday	Confessions 4:00pm
Saturday	St Nick's Party 6:00pm
Sunday	Confirmation Session #2 @ 1pm



Christmas Cookie Sale – Pre orders will be taken through November 30th. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex. They can be turned in at the table or you can call your order in to Mickie at 727-7164 or Kathy at 786-0557. **Christmas Cookie Bakers & Cookie Sale Workers** needed Dec. 7-12. Please sign up today.

The Friars will host their annual "Ladies Night" on Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 7:00pm. Entertainment will be provided for the ladies in the Social Hall while the Friars meet in business session in the lower level clubroom. Holiday social will follow. Contact John Walczynski at 727-5398 for info.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekends are December 4-6 in Albany, MN, March 19-21 in Baxter MN and May 14-16 in St Cloud, MN. Dates fill fast, so register early. For more information please call Alan & Missy Block at 320-259-4444 / 888-455-3496 or visit www.wmwesection8.org.

A Spiritual Journey to Poland
with Fr. Tony Wroblewski & Fr. Kris McKusky
12 days: September 20 to October 1, 2010



to be placed on a priority mailing list to receive your free color brochure and registration form (available after November 21, 2009) complete the form found on the table in the narthex or email Fr. Tony at fr.tony@lakescatholic.org

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics. For nationwide Mass times and locations: Call Mass Times at (1-410-676-6000) or www.Masstimes.org

The Holy Family Comment/Idea Box is now located on a table in the Narthex.

The pamphlet rack next to the exit doors contains various brochures with information on services available in our community. Help yourself.

The Holy Innocents Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is available for private prayer 24 hours a day at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 325 E 3rd St (4th Ave E Entrance). For more information, call 724-7713.

 Sister Marie Therese Poliquin, OSB of St. Scholastica Monastery will be an advocate through her prayers and sufferings for Holy Family Parish during 2008-2009 

Religious Education News

From Desi



Children's Choir Practice
Wed., Dec. 2 from 7:00-7:30pm

The 3-5th Grade will be participating in the Mass on Sat., Dec. 5 at 5pm. They will need to be here Sat., Dec. 5 at 4:20pm to practice for their Mass.

Confirmation Students ~ Confirmation Session #2
Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1:00-3:30pm

Attention to Parents whose youngster has made their First Communion and older youngsters who would like to become servers. Please call Mary Ellyn @ 722-2011 or the office @ 722-4445. We will schedule a practice for sometime in December or immediately after 1st of the year.

Have you ever given thought to becoming a Liturgy Lay Minister? It can be a meaningful feeling to know you are actively helping in the Liturgies. Please think & pray to help you make a decision. We need Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Ushers. We will offer practice sessions for any or everyone who is willing to help. Please call Mary Ellyn at 722-2011 or the office at 722-4445.

St Nick's Party! Come One, Come All!



All parishioners, families, singles, couples, all ages are invited to attend. Get ready to see St. Nick! Party and Pot Luck. Sign up sheets are available now for the celebration to be held after the 5:00pm Mass on Dec. 5th. If you have any questions or would like to help, call Sharon Bates at 624-2000.

Events around town & beyond


The Twin Ports Dancers are once again having a dance for the Union Gospel Mission for toys on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8:00-12:00pm. The cost is \$7 plus a gift for a child (unwrapped). This is our main way to pull in the toys for our toy giveaway on the 22nd of December. Rock-A-Billy Revue will be there playing music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. God Bless and Thank you.

St Anthony's CANDY LAND BAZAAR

Sunday, Dec. 6 from 12 noon-3pm
homemade cookies & candy sale, bakery booth, craft booth & Christmas items, games for all ages, lunch all day and much more!

The St. James Wotczak Memorial is having its annual Christmas Cookie Sale. Hours for the sale are Saturday, Nov. 28, from 3:30-5:30pm & Sunday, Nov. 29 from 9am-noon (or sold out). Come early for best selection. Cookies are baked fresh on Saturday, Nov. 28 (NEVER frozen!) and will sell for \$2.75 a dozen. The sale is held in the church hall at 721 N 57th Ave w (use rear entrance). Call Susie at 628-1681 if you have any questions. The cookie sale funds the Wotczak Memorial Scholarship.



 We extend our sympathy to the families & friends of **Matthew Walczynski, son of James & Debbie Walczynski & Jane Hall, mother of Ronda Bernard.** May they rest in peace.