

I have been saved. II Corinthians 5:17 *I am being saved.*

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2009

This Week's Mass Schedule (Nov 28 - Dec 6, 2009)

Saturday, November 28, 2009 Vigil of the First Sunday of
Advent

5:00 pm Amos Cook by Mike and Bonnie Hall

Sunday, November 29, 2009 First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For the People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Monday, November 30, 2009 Saint Andrew, apostle

8:30 am John and Barbara Johnson

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 Advent weekday

8:30 am Bart Mahoney by Bill and Carolyn Stoughton

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 Advent Weekday

8:30 am Jean Penwell by Bill and Janis Stahl

Thursday, December 3, 2009 Saint Francis Xavier

8:30 am Regina DelPonte by Chuck and Ann Winkle

Friday, December 4, 2009 Saint John of Damascus, priest
and doctor of the church

NO MASS

Saturday, December 5, 2009 Vigil of the Second Sunday of
Advent

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Sunday, December 6, 2009 Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Bart Mahoney by his family



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, November 30

Romans 10:9-18

Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1

Isaiah 11:1-10

Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3

Isaiah 26:1-6

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4

Isaiah 29:17-24

Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 6

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY, November 28

7:00 P A.A. Meeting, D.C.

SUNDAY, November 29

10:15 A Coffee & donuts, P.H.

NO CCD Classes

MONDAY, November 30

TUESDAY, December 1

Noon Private Party, P.H.

7:00 P R.C.I.A., C.R.

7:30 P Rosary

WEDNESDAY, December 2

11:00 A Rosary

1:15 P Collate, Fold & Mail Lantern

5:15 P St Cecilia choir rehearsal

6:30 P St Colman choir rehearsal

8:30 P A.A. Meeting, C.H.

THURSDAY, December 3

FRIDAY, December 4

SATURDAY, December 5

7:00 P A.A. Meeting, C.H.

SUNDAY, December 6

10:15 A Coffee & donuts, P.H.

10:45 A CCD Classes

6:00 P Confirmation Class

C.H.=Colman Hall Y.R.=Youth Room

P.H.=Parish Hall C.R.=Conference Room

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Word: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36. We prepare to welcome Jesus. Some of what we hear in today's Gospel brings to mind what we heard in the Gospel a couple of weeks ago, when Jesus tells about the darkness of the end times. That reading was from the Gospel according to Mark. Today's reading is from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus describes the time when he will come in glory. The sun, moon, and stars will be driven from their paths, the oceans will roar, and the tides will rage. Imagining these things can be pretty disturbing—almost like a scary movie. But Jesus isn't trying to scare us. He uses stark words to create for us a picture of the power and majesty of his coming in glory and to emphasize the importance of being prepared.

This Gospel gives us the opportunity to begin thinking about the celebration of the birth of Jesus. This is the First Sunday of Advent, when we start to prepare our hearts for this celebration. But Ad-

vent is more than a preparation for Christmas.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin *adventus* which means "coming."

Throughout Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' coming into the world as an infant, our newborn King. We

also focus on his coming to us every day in the wonder and goodness of one another and in the Eucharist. And during Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus in glory at the end of time. Always and everywhere, we want to be ready to receive Jesus.

Living the Word: Lord Jesus, in Baptism we accepted God's call to be his prophets. May the goodness of our lives proclaim our joy in you. Amen.

NO CCD THIS WEEK

CCD resumes December 6 at 10:45 am. There will be an assembly in the Church at 11:45 am to celebrate both the First Sunday of Advent and a very special saint! Make sure your child wears clean socks and big shoes! (Hint...hint...)

Junior & Senior High – If you would like to help at the community Christmas Dinner at The Well at Sunnyside on Tuesday, December 22, contact Tracie.

PARISH COMMUNITY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

Sunday - Vicki Ream, Linda Popovich

Monday -

Tuesday - Carrie Barker, David Rodriguez, Leanne McCoppin, Colten Hughes

Wednesday - Terri Yenger

Thursday -

Friday - Marilyn O'Flynn

Saturday - Marie Fetters, Paul Gryniuk

ST COLMAN SACRIFICIAL GIVING

11/22/09

Human Development	\$285.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$50.00
CCD fees	\$20.00
Thanksgiving	\$40.00
Last Weekend's Offering	\$3,989.00
Other Operating Receipts	\$54.00

2009-2010 Budget **\$262,655.00**

Weekly Offertory needed

to meet budget **\$4,135.00**

Thank you for your generosity.

"Let us give what we cannot keep to gain what we cannot lose."

COUNTER VOLUNTEERS 11/30/09

Kathy Dean & Mae Johnson

KROGER FUND RAISER

If you have not yet done so, please register your Kroger Plus Card online or at your local Kroger store to begin earning rewards for Saint Colman of Cloyne. Instructions are on the table in the back of church.

ADVENT IS COMING!

Advent Candles – Purple and Rose candles are available in sets for your home Advent wreath. A box containing the sets is on the Information Table in the back of the church. A donation of at least \$5 is requested for each set to cover their cost.

The Advent **Magnificat** is available on the Information table as well. Be sure you take one to use each day during this holy season which prepares us for the celebration of the Coming of Christ.

RCIA

This year's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) continues this Tuesday, December 1, with the topic "**Hail Full of Grace: What Catholics Believe About Mary**". All are invited to attend as we explore the riches of Catholic faith and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Come support those who have expressed an interest in joining us in living out our faith in the midst of the world in union with the Catholic Church. Meetings are held each Tuesday at 7 pm in the Parish Center Conference Room.

FIRST THURSDAY

We will celebrate First Thursday, December 3, with a Holy Hour beginning with Mass at 8:30 am, continuing with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and concluding with Benediction just before 9:30 am. You are invited to this morning of prayer as we thank the Lord Jesus for the great gift he gives of himself in the Eucharist and the ministry of priests.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree is up this weekend with tags for nursing home residents and a local family. If you didn't get a tag, you may check with Doris at 335-0317 this week to see if any were not taken. Gifts should be wrapped with the tag on the outside of the package, and returned next weekend (December 5/6). Monetary donations are welcome, also, if you don't have time to shop.

WOMEN OF SAINT COLMAN will be holding their annual Advent Bingo Party on Monday, December 7 at 2 pm. All the ladies in the parish are invited for fun and games. Bring a finger food for snacking and an inexpensive wrapped gift (or two) for Bingo prizes. See you there!

DECEMBER CHALLENGE

With a little bit of lyric license (or lack thereof), we shall now address the December challenge, to the tune of GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN!
Now to the lord sing praises,
All shoppers for the Well
And with true love and brotherhood
Now each one look for sales!
This holy time of Christmas
No better time to share
O comfort of toothbrushes and gel,
Toothbrush and gel,
O comfort of toothbrushes and gel

Yes, we are after a FRESH START for our Well visitors who are "down in the mouth" about the economy. They will all start the New Year with a clean new toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste per family. Can we do it?

The Well at Sunnyside is an ecumenical non-profit mission with over a dozen Fayette County Christian Churches participating. **If you'd like to join our volunteer teams, forms are available in the back of church.**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday, December 8. Masses will be at 9 am and 7 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day long, with Benediction just before the evening Mass. This is the patronal feast of the United States.

Saint Colman of Cloyne is pleased to again welcome the Saint Joseph Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Mr Paul Thornock, who will provide the music for the evening Mass. This is part of the choir's outreach to the diocese to promote the Cathedral Choir, its music program, and the series of sacred concerts it sponsors each year.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Come celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12. We will enjoy the Mexican food served at El Dorado restaurant. (Everyone is responsible for paying for their own meal.) We will process to the restaurant after Mass. For those unable to process, please join us for dinner and meet us at El Dorado at 6:30 pm. **Please RSVP (335-5000) by December 10** so that we may make reservations.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

A service of prophetic Bible readings accompanied by thematically appropriate carols sung by the choir, as well as carols and hymns with the congregation, will occur on Sunday, December 13 at 7 pm.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Come celebrate the Lord's mercy and experience His forgiveness as we celebrate our Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 14 at 7 pm in anticipation of Christmas. Second Graders preparing for their First Holy Communion will also be there that evening celebrating Penance for the first time. Come and give them a good example as we celebrate the

in this great sacrament! Following the service, a reception will be held in the Parish Hall.

HOLIDAY HELP

The Fayette County Department of Job and Family Services will act as the Clearing House and Distribution Center again this year for all holiday donations for toys and food baskets. The responsibility of the Clearing House is to ensure that all families within the county receive needed items during this season. Their goal is to make certain that families do not receive duplicated donations. They are asking for monetary donations for toys and for food baskets. Checks for toys may be made payable and sent to: S.O.C.K.S, 733 State Route 41, WCH. Checks for food may be made payable and sent to: Clearing House Baskets, 133 S Main St, WCH. If you would like to sponsor a needy family this season, contact Job & Family Services at 335-0350. Together we can make the holiday season a little brighter for our Fayette County Families!

th Anniversary of the Death of Saint John Vianney, the Cure of Ars

"The great misfortune for us parish priests is that our souls grow tepid."
— Saint John Vianney

FEED THE HUNGRY WEEKEND

We continue to support the Fayette County Food Pantry with our monthly Feed-the-Hungry Weekend, December 5 and 6. Please bring your donation of non-perishable foods and put them in the basket by the door to the bell tower. Non-perishable meats, vegetables, fruits, pasta, boxed dinners, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, pudding, gelatin, diabetic foods, and baby foods are always welcome. Thank you for your generous response.

VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is near! Am I able to read the signs of the times? What is God asking of me? (Luke 21:25-36)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

In the spirit of the Church Militant, there will be a Youth Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington DC January 21-23. Participants will be using this time to pray together and offer up sacrifices while on a tour bus from Columbus to Washington DC. They will attend the Vigil Mass for Life at the National Basilica followed by opportunities for Adoration

America (CUA); sleep overnight in sleeping bags on the gym floor at CUA; get up early for breakfast; go to the Youth Rally and Mass at the Verizon Center; then onward to the March For Life, snow, rain, or shine. As it is the Year of the Priest, they will also tour Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and the Shrines of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Parishioners are asked to sponsor our youth in prayer and/or donation; donations are needed to offset the high cost of the bus to and from Washington DC. Any youth who may be interested in attending, talk to Tracie.