



STRAW FOR THE MANGER –at every weekend Mass through Sunday, Dec. 18th, children and teenagers may pick up a straw on



their way into Church. This straw will represent a good deed they intend to do the following week. At a certain point in the Liturgy, the young people will be invited to bring up their straw and place it in the manger. Thus, by Christmas Eve, the manger will be full of straw.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

 Classes for Grades K-9
9:45-10:45 AM Today 
10th Grade Confirmation Class
6:30-7:20 PM Tonight

ADULT BIBLE STUDY



- ❖ 9:45-10:45 AM in the Parish Office/Rectorry Bldg. (use side door)
- ❖ Using Dr. Scott Hahn's DVD series, *St. Paul's Letter to the Romans* and group discussion

FROM THE GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE:

- Angel tags for Christmas gifts for needy children are on the tree in the vestibule of the Church.
- Food tags for the Christmas food baskets for the needy are on the card table in the vestibule. Please consider taking a tag or two.
- Any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to St. Malachy's Food Pantry.
- Please have the gifts and food items to the Church by Sunday morning, Dec. 18th.
- Thank you!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

- ♥ This Thursday, Dec. 8th, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**
- ♥ Mass will be celebrated at the following times:
 - 7:00 AM
 - 12:00 Noon
 - 7:00 PM
- ♥ Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patron saint of our nation.
- ♥ Because of the work being done in the Church, these masses will all be held in the Church Hall.
- ♥ **The National Night of Prayer for Life** will also be held in the Church Hall, from 8:00-11:00 PM.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Confessions this Wednesday will be heard in the Rectorry, 7:00-7:30 PM. Please use the side door, off the driveway.

MASSES IN THE CHURCH HALL THIS WEEK

- Because of the work being done on the floor of the Church, all masses and other spiritual activities will be held in the Church Hall or the Parish Office/Rectorry Bldg. this week.
- There is a chance that masses will also have to be held in the Church Hall next weekend.

THE ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS

DINNER will be held on Tue., Dec. 13th, at Lewis' Restaurant. Cocktails at 6:00 PM with dinner to follow at 6:30 PM. Everyone is asked to bring a gift (wrapped) for the Silent Auction.




- Fun, Friends and Faith
- For any youth in Grades 6-12
- 6:30-8:30PM Wed., Dec., 7th (and almost all Weds.) in the Church Hall

ALTAR SERVER MEETING


- After the 5:00 PM Mass next Sat., Dec. 10th, in the Church Hall.
- To prepare for Christmas and for review of important points.
- **The Sons of Thunder** will meet right after the Altar Server Meeting, and all servers are invited to stay for:
 1. Pizza, wings & cold drinks
 2. Games
 3. Singing practice – Ballads & Christmas Carols
 4. Possibly a video

JUNIOR CHOIR FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

- For children, 2nd Grade and up. 
- First rehearsal Saturday, December 3rd, 10 AM in the Choir Loft.
- Please sign up your child(ren) in the vestibule.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Because this year, Christmas Day is a Sunday, the Mass schedule will be different from what it would be on a normal Sunday. It will be as follows:

 5:00 PM Christmas Eve
10:00 PM Christmas Eve
9:30 AM Christmas Day

EPIPHANY DINNER MEETING

- The Feast of the Epiphany will be Sun, Jan. 8th
- Our annual Parish Epiphany Dinner is held right after the 11:00 AM Mass and is always a wonderful dinner, with a piñata for the children.
- Anyone who would like to help plan and put on this event is invited to come to a meeting in the Church Hall at 9:45 AM today, Sunday, Dec 4th.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR CHILDREN

There have been requests that St Malachy's offer the option of children having their own envelopes so that they may contribute to our collection. **This is only an option, for those families who have requested them or wish to use them.** We will be ordering boxes of envelopes for children so that they may start using them in January 2012. If you would like to have a box of envelopes for your child (52 envelopes in each box) please sign up in the vestibule **by next Sunday, December 4th**. The boxes will be free and will be available to pick up some time before Christmas so that they may start using them the first Sunday in January 2012.

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR KELLY

Pastor Kelly Shiflett will be stepping down as pastor of the United Church of Christ in Sherburne at the end of the December.

The people of the UCC would like to invite the public to a farewell reception for Pastor Kelly at 1:00 PM next Sunday, Dec. 11th, at the UCC. Everyone is invited.

COURAGE, group support for persons with same-sex attractions striving to follow Catholic/Biblical teaching.

Encourage, group support for parents of children with same-sex attractions.

Confidential inquiries, Fr. Jeffrey Keefe, 315 422-6233

22nd Annual National Night
of
Prayer for Life



- ♥ ***“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.”***(John 1:14) As soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the womb of the Virgin Mother, God immediately became one of the human family. In like manner, when a child is conceived in his mother’s womb, he becomes one of us. This little human being now dwells among us.
- ♥ So that the world may understand this, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8th, in cathedrals and churches all over the country, Christians join in Eucharistic Adoration and the praying of the Rosary. ***“If my people...humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land.”***(2 Chronicles 7:12)
- ♥ Now, more than ever, America needs to invoke the intercession of our Blessed Mother.
 - **This Thursday, Dec. 8th, at St. Malachy’s Church, 8:00-11:00 PM, following the 7:00 PM holy day Mass**
 - **Please sign up on the writing board. You can stay for as little or as long a time as you like. We would just like to get an idea of about how many people will attend. Thanks.**

The People of St. Malachy’s pray for those who are infirm and in need of their prayers:

Rita Abbott, Jennie Abraham, Bruce Adams, Denise Baker, Amber Buell, Margaret Butler, Rebecca Carpenter, Susan Connelly, Walt Davies, Stephanie Dunshee, Ann Fernandez, Bob Fetzko, Frank Giglio, Mary Gunther, Katie Hoefler, Beatrice “Chi Chi” Horstman, Michelle Hutchkins, Hermene Kehoe, Stacie Kelly, Bertha Klockowski, Carol Loefsted, Paul Martin, John McDaniel, Margaret McNulty, Judith Mekker, Lucas Mikalunas, Martin Mikalunas, George & Phyllis Miller, Harry Mulligan, Tom & Bette Natoli, Heidi Newell, Pauline Nower, Pat Osowski, Deacon Bob Riggalls, Mike Sanner, Betty Seibert, Tyler Stith, Florence Symonds, Cody VanBuren, Michael Wassel, Matthew Westphall, Gary Young, Jamie Zbydniewski, Lawrence Zimmerman.

...and our priests:

Fr. Smith, Fr. James Schultz, Fr. Ralph Bove, Fr. Richard Dunn, Fr. Paul Carey, Fr. Lukasz Kozlowski, Fr. Mark Gantley, Bishop Cunningham, Bishop Moynihan, Bishop Costello, and Pope Benedict XVI

...and our Seminarians:

Zachary Goodier, and Timothy Schultz

...and our religious Sister:

Sister Mary Emmanuel Schultz, OP

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

- Tickets for the 300 Club Raffle are still available. Please see Cyndi Lollman, 674-9027 for tickets.
- We would like to continue to collect and send these much needed items to our troops. The collection box is on big table in the back of Church, and next to the box is a list of needed items.

Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center: Bethany Christian Services 1-800-238-4269; Birthright 1-800_-550-4900

Post-Abortion Reconciliation And Healing: Project Rachel 1-315-424-3737

Natural Birth Regulation & Fertility

Information: The Couple To Couple League 1-513-471-2000; Pope Paul VI Institute 1-402-390-6600

Traveling Mass Times: www.masstimes.org

Catholic Information: 1-800-MY FAITH

FLU SEASON IS HERE

- To prevent the spread of illnesses, from now until early Spring, instead of shaking hands or embracing during The Sign of Peace, people are asked to simply say, “Peace be with you” to one another, and/or, to nod their head or bow to one another.

ATTENTION! – The parking lot across the street from the Church will not be plowed during the week, in order to save money. Please park in the lot behind the Church during the week. On the weekends both parking lots will be plowed. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	TIME	THIS WEEKEND	NEXT WEEKEND
GREETERS	5:00 PM	Margaret Mulligan & Cindy Gardiner	Valerie & Colleen Bradley
	8:30 AM	Donna Smith & Gloria Jenny	Ann Giaquinto & Nancy Giglio
	11:00 AM	Susan & Grace Dunshee	Paula & Jessica Mikalunas
LECTORS	5:00 PM	Ellie Ferris	Joe Sulton
	8:30 AM	Gloria Jenny	Paul Del Fuoco
	11:00 AM	Susan Rogers	Stephen Dunshee
CHIEF COLLECTOR OF OFFERINGS	5:00 PM	Bodie Mikalunas	Bob Osowski
	8:30 AM	Kevin Jenny	Paul Lawrence
	11:00 AM	Paul Peschel	Dan Welk
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	5:00 PM	Lawrence Zimmerman & Ellie Ferris	Joe Sulton & Lawrence Zimmerman
	8:30 AM	John Law & Paul Del Fuoco	Mike Hurley & Bob Fetzko
	11:00 AM	Barrett Mikalunas & Sharon Farrow	Bob Wansor & Aimee Newman