

DECEMBER 6, 2009 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Before all weekday Masses..Sat. at 4:15 p.m. at St. John Ortonville. Saturday Evening at St. James before the 7:30 p.m. Mass. Sunday before Mass where time and place permits.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

James Croatt Larry Walsh, John Kanthak, Lori Cloos, John Martin, Oscar Streed, Amanda Wollschlager, John Enechoe, Alfred Volkenant, Al Vedder, Les Iverson, Edwin Kuefler, Alan Roggenbuck, Rose Christianson, Virginia Karels, Mary Lawrence, Diane Helmer, Dan Amberg, Mildred Yatchoske, Cortless Tracy, Barb Kelzer, Grace Koppen, Irene Christy, Mary Lou Byrne, Jim & Colleen, Donna Dittes, Bea Homan, Greta Botker, Ed Karels, Dori Hoffman. Sister M. Bertille Goblirsch OSB.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Eric Kloster, Palmer Peterson, Ross Karels, Brian Pillatzke, Sean Callahan, Joshua Beutler, Joe Nelson, Jamie Karels, Dan Kirchberg, Chad Lorenzen, Jeremy Stuckey, Matt Koval. Blayn Ronglien, Dawn (Suckow) Broesder, Todd Karels, Jesse Folk. To be listed in this section, someone must inform us.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Of New Ulm at 1-866-670-5163 is now available for counseling including pregnancy counseling, marriage counseling, adoptive services, depression, abuse, anger, substance abuse, anxiety etc. Call now. .

AUCTION

Basket Auction Fundraiser sponsored by St. John CAA #349. Anyone wishing to donate a basket to this event can contact the CAA Council, at 839 6166. Viewing of baskets and bidding to begin after Masses, Nov. 28th and Nov. 29th. Final sale will be held after coffee and rolls, on Sunday, Dec. 6th..

HOLIDAY SERVICE

Larson Funeral Home's annual holiday service,"**A time To Remember,** will be held, Dec. 6, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the funeral home in Graceville. This memorial service is centered on keeping memories of loved ones alive to help endure the pain that the holiday's can bring following a death. The service includes scripture, music, & the reading of all the names of those who have died in this area within the last Year. It is open to everyone, even if you family hasn't experienced a death within the last year. Rev. Richard Larson will lead the service.

EIDSKOG LUTHERAN CHURCH

is again sponsoring their Church Hymn Sing, Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Come and welcome the season of Advent and Christmas via song and music.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

Dec. 9 – St. John, Ortonville. 4:30 and 7 p.m. with 3 priests aiding me. Students & adults are asked to attend.
Dec. 16 – St. Joseph will have Christmas Confession beginning at 4:30. A Blue Cloud priest will aid me.

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, Dec. 7, Senior Center, Marietta, MN. from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Walk-Ins are welcome. For appointments call Kathy Harstad at 320 668 2168.

DEATH

We regret to inform you of the death of Jerry Meyer, 34 of St. Lawrence Parish, Milbank, SD. Jerry was killed in a 2 vehicle accident near Castlewood, on Friday, Nov. 20, and was returned to the Lord on Tuesday, Nov. 24, with Mass of Christian Burial at St. Lawrence. He is the son of Pat & Vincent Meyer and a grandson of Agnes Pillatzke of St. James Parish Nassau, MN. Please pray for the

repose of his soul and for the family members he left behind. May he rest in peace.

THANKS

My sincere thanks to all those who remembered me on my birthday, with cards, gifts and good wishes. My thanks also to the staff for the special breakfast. It was not only generous on your part, but also very thoughtful. May God reward all of you..

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights set up their *Giving Tree*, on Friday, Dec. 4th. The tree is decorated with cards, describing special individuals who would appreciate a Christmas gift, & might be denied one. They carry no names, only descriptions of the individual and are due to be returned by Dec. 20, 2009.

K of C Meeting for Dec. is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 7 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

DEATHS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kenneth Eugene Bellefeuille**, 70, who died on Nov. 22, 2009 at the Ortonville, Hospital, and was returned to the Lord, on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, at St. John Catholic Church, Ortonville, MN. Kenneth is the husband of Darlene, and the father of 5 sons. May he rest in peace.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Patrick McMahon**, 45, formerly of Odessa, MN. Patrick died in a Nursing Home at Starbuck, MN. at age 45, & was returned to the Lord with Mass of Christian burial, Sat. Nov. 28, St. John Church, Ortonville, MN. May he rest in peace.

BAPTISM

Born to new life and joined to the people of God by the saving waters of Baptism, was **Eva Grace Eustice**, infant daughter of Renee and Joseph Eustice, Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, at St. John Church Catholic Church, Ortonville, MN. We rejoice with the parents, godparents, family and friends, as we welcome Eva Grace into our worshipping community. Congratulations.

HOLY DAY

We will celebrate the feast of the **Immaculate Conception** this week on Tuesday Dec. 8. I have scheduled one mass for each of the parishes. The Sacrament of the sick will also be offered at all of the Masses. Please check the Mass schedule on the front page of this bulletin for times.

HONORING OUR ELDERLY

Wednesday Dec. 9, I shall offer a Mass at 9:30 a.m. at Northridge for those confined to Northridge and Fairway View. A flower will be presented to each of them as an early Christmas gift, along with the Sacrament of the sick. Family members & parishioners are invited to attend. All are asked to offer special Christmas prayers for them. Northridge had 14 Catholics and Fairway View has 2.

FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

All are welcome to attend the **Free** Community Christmas Dinner, Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church Parish Center. RSVP's are welcome at 839 6166, RSVP's not required to attend the dinner. Cash donations may be sent to St. John's Church, stipulating that it should be applied to the Christmas Dinner. If you need a ride, or want a meal delivered, and wish to volunteer (we hope you do) you may call Joe or Renee Eustice at 839 6166. By the way, we are also in need of pie donations.

This is a community event. Open to all denominations.

We appreciate the many workers from other Churches,