



Welcome to Three Holy Women Catholic Parish! If you are visiting with us today or if you are new to the area — a warm welcome! If you would like information on becoming a member of our parish family, please call the Parish Office at 414-271-6577.

Parish Stewardship

Lord, we thank you for the many blessings You have given to us! We claim our baptism as a call to serve others through our time, talents, and sharing of financial resources. Amen.

Summary of your Stewardship to our parish:

	Week Ending 12/11/10	Year to Date 7/01/10 to 12/11/10
Envelopes	\$ 13,570.00	\$300,041.21
Offertory	\$ 1,388.42	\$ 34,256.01
Total	\$ 14,958.42	\$334,297.22
Budget	\$ 14,639.18	\$347,157.74
Difference	\$ 319.24	(\$ 12,860.52)

Legacy Fund

Pledges Made to Date: \$894,469

Pledges Still to be Paid: \$67,886

Total Gifts Received to Date: \$2,900,402

Total Revenue Received to date: \$3,820,173

The Legacy Fund is the account where we keep donations and income designated for our building major maintenance & repair needs.

Many thanks to all for your generosity in helping our parish fulfill its responsibilities. Thanks, also, to all working in our parish in our continued efforts to help the poor. Thanks to those who share so much of their time and talents. May God bless you all!

Thank You! Fr. Brian Fr. Mike Fr. Tim



Year End Contributions

You are reminded that contributions for calendar year 2010 must be received in the parish office by December 31, or in an envelope postmarked no later than December 31. A check dated December 31 or earlier, but not in the parish's possession or in a valid postmarked envelope, and received by the parish office by January 1 or later is a 2011 contribution.

Readings for the Week of December 12, 2010

Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Please Join Us in Praying For...

Baptisms

Alicia Jane Griesel

In Loving Memory

Rose Panella

Mass Fellowships

The following names have been added to our Mass Fellowship and will be remembered at Mass each month for the next twelve months:

Health of Bernadine Bruske by Jerome Banaszynski

† Jean Ewing by Gary Balcerzak

***CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S
MASS SCHEDULE***

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 2010

4:30 PM, **St. Hedwig Church** (*Brady & Humboldt*)

12:00 Midnight, **St. Hedwig Church** (*Brady & Humboldt*)
(preceded by choral prelude at 11:30 PM)

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, 2010

8:45 AM, **Holy Rosary Church** (*Oakland & Lafayette*)

10:45 AM, **St. Rita Church** (*Cass & Pleasant*)

NO 4:30 PM Mass of Anticipation

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, 2010

4:30 PM, **Holy Rosary Church** (*Oakland & Lafayette*)

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at **St. Rita Church** (*Cass & Pleasant*) from 6:00 PM with Benediction at 12:00 Midnight

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2011

4:30 PM, **Holy Rosary Church** (*Oakland & Lafayette*)

Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 2, 2011

8:45 AM, **St. Hedwig Church** (*Brady & Humboldt*)

10:45 AM, **St. Rita Church** (*Cass & Pleasant*)



**RCC Advent Communal Reconciliation Service
with individual Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, December 18, 2010

10:00 AM **Old Saint Mary** (*844 N. Broadway*)



FROM YOUR PARISH PRIESTS

Dear Friends,

As we approach the midpoint of Advent we read the Entrance Antiphon for the Third Sunday of Advent:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near. (Phil.4:4,5)

The Third Sunday of Advent (like the Fourth Sunday of Lent) is a day of joy in the midst of a penitential season; that is why it has been traditionally called **Gaudete** Sunday, from the Latin word taken from the Entrance Antiphon. Some of the influence taken from former Roman usage and medieval piety is the optional use of rose-colored vesture. There is a certain heightened expectation beginning today which carries through Christmas. On December 17th we begin the Advent novena where each day we sing one of the “O” Antiphons that refer to various titles for Jesus, the one who is to come. This ties in with the tradition of the Jesse tree. In Latin American countries the tradition of **Las Posadas** begins on Dec. 17th. People gather with statues of Joseph and Mary and re-enact the journey to Bethlehem where they sought lodging (posada); this tradition includes songs, the rosary and food special to this season.

The Scriptures for this weekend speak to our need for hearing “ Good News” and for bodily and spiritual healing. It is the Lord, according to Psalm 146, who cares for the poor and the needy. Jesus responds to John the Baptist’s question about his real identity by enumerating the many good works that he had done, e.g. the blind regain their sight. During Advent we rejoice in the Lord who continues to sustain us with the promise of salvation. From my perspective of working with all those in our

Job Seekers Prayer Group

Job Seekers is a prayer, support and networking group for people who have lost their jobs, those who are fearful of losing their jobs and any others who wish to offer prayer and support. We also offer career counseling, resume reviews, job tips, and interview suggestions. If you feel you would like a chance to update your resume, or even help in writing one, we are happy to help in the process. We gather each Monday evening at Holy Rosary Church beginning at 6:30 PM. Please consider joining us any Monday evening for prayer and friendship.

parishes who coordinate justice ministry and human concerns, I can see many signs of the powerful presence of the Lord. Whether it be through the tradition of the Advent Giving Tree or the collection of socks for the poor; whether it be in promoting justice ministry such as *Justfaith* or visiting those in prison or at Guest House; whether it be in distributing food to the needy at Riverwest Food Pantry or delivering holiday plants to the homebound and those in nursing homes, I see so many signs of God’s presence that my heart is full of joy.

Because of the importance of the Sundays of Advent, the prayers and readings for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe are not used this year but that does not mean that we do not honor Mary as the patroness of the Americas. Because of my 16 years of experience of working in Hispanic ministry, I can resonate with all our Latino/a brothers and sisters as they honor the Virgin of Tepeyac who appeared in early December to Juan Diego, who is now a canonized saint with his own memorial on December 9th. The Guadalupe story reminds us once again of the beauty of the Incarnation revealed in a humble virgin who stood on the side of the marginalized and advocated for their rights. We join our friends in the sister parish of San Ildefonso in Tenejapa, Chiapas as they honor the Virgin. Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe!

While Advent does not have the same penitential flavor as Lent, it is still a time to repent of our sins as we prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts. Please join us for our RCC Communal Penance Service on Saturday December 18th at 10 a.m. at Old St. Mary’s Parish. Rejoice in the Lord always!

Fr. Mike Michalski

Riverwest Food Pantry staff and clients are grateful for your continuing support in helping feed the hungry! Please include some low sodium, low sugar, and low fat options, as well as whole grain carbohydrate sources, in your donations so that the Food Pantry can provide healthier food choices when requested. Thank you all for your continued generosity that helps feed so many in need!

FOOD ITEM OF THE WEEK

Spaghetti Sauce



“We are a member of Riverbank Catholic Communities (RCC) Collaborative Group”

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Old St. Mary, Our Lady of Divine Providence, Ss. Peter and Paul, Three Holy Women, Catholic East Elementary School, East Side Child and Youth Ministry



PARISH SCHEDULES



SATURDAY, December 11

VIGIL MASS OF THE LORD'S DAY

(HR) 4:30pm †Robert K. Halliday
 (HR) 5:45pm **Baptism:** Alicia Jane Griesel

SUNDAY, December 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(SH) 8:45am †Joan Jackson
 (SR) 10:45am Pro Populo

MONDAY, December 13 NO MASS
ST LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

TUESDAY, December 14
ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 (HR) 9:00am †Anthony Giamo

WEDNESDAY, December 15
 (SH) 5:30pm †Rose Marie Patti
 Mother of Perpetual Help following Mass

THURSDAY, December 16
 (SR) 9:00am †Stefano and Rosa Fricano Carini Family

FRIDAY, December 17
 (SH) 9:00am †Tom Wessel

SATURDAY, December 18
 10:00am Riverbank Catholic Communities Advent
 Communal Reconciliation, Old Saint Mary

VIGIL MASS OF THE LORD'S DAY
 (HR) 4:30pm Pro Populo
 (HR) 5:45pm **Baptism:** Addalyn Jean Lauber

SUNDAY, December 19
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 (SH) 8:45am †George and Mary Brzezinski
 (SR) 10:45am †Rose Tennesen
 †Margarita Balistreri
 (SH) 12:00pm **Baptism:** Henry Patrick Holton

KEY TO MASS LOCATIONS
 (HR)=Holy Rosary (SH)=St. Hedwig (SR)=St. Rita

Please Pray For The Sick

Please remember in prayer all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit, facing surgery, recovering from surgery, are homebound, or are in nursing homes, and all those who care for them. May God's blessings be with them all.

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 13

- 1:00pm **Catholic East Elementary Christmas Program, SSPP**
- 6:30pm **Catholic East Elementary Christmas Program, SSPP**
- 6:30pm **Job Seekers Prayer Group, HR**
- 7:00pm **Eat, Drink and Be Catholic, HRH**

Tuesday, December 14

- 6:30pm **In the Stillness-Evenings of Prayer, SH**
- 6:30pm **Environmental Justice, PODR**
- 7:00pm **RCIA, OSM Parish Center**
- 7:30pm **Taize Prayer, SH**

Wednesday, December 15

- 6:30pm **Christmas Choir Rehearsal, SH**

Thursday, December 16

- 4:30pm **Prayer Shawl Ministry, PO**
- 6:30pm **Parish Council Christmas Party, Fr. Tim's Residence**
- 7:00pm **Christmas Choir Rehearsal, SH**

Saturday, December 18

- 10:00am **RCC Advent Communal Reconciliation Service with Individual Sacrament of Reconciliation, OSM**

KEY TO LOCATIONS

(SH) = St. Hedwig (SR) = St. Rita (SRH) = St. Rita Hall (HR) = Holy Rosary (HRH) = Holy Rosary Hall (HRCR) = Holy Rosary Conference Room (PODR) = Parish Office Dining Room (PORR) = Parish Office Resource Room (SHHC) = St. Hedwig Hospitality Center (OSM) = Old Saint Mary (SSPP) = Ss. Peter and Paul 2490 N. Cramer St.

East Side Child & Youth Ministry
Cramer Bldg.—2480 N Cramer St.

Tues 14 Confirmation Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
 Wed 15 Kindergarten through Grade 5 classes
 6:15-7:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: NO MASS
 Tuesday: 9:00am Holy Rosary Church
 Wednesday: 5:30pm St. Hedwig Church
 followed by Mother of Perpetual Help
 Thursday: 9:00am St. Rita Church
 Friday: 9:00am St. Hedwig Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10:00am RCC Advent Communal Reconciliation,
 Old Saint Mary, 844 N Broadway

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday: 4:30pm Holy Rosary Church
 Sunday: 8:45am St. Hedwig Church
 Sunday: 10:45am St. Rita Church

