



# Third Sunday of Advent

## December 11, 2011

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**Sunday, December 18**

**Confessions will be available upon request**

**Sunday, December 18**

**8:00 AM**

**Intention: Gregory Quirk**

**Lector:** Dave Hehli

**Senior Server:** Bob Lesniewski

**Servers:** Megan Pfaff, Emily & Amelia Flaskrud

**Ushers:** Allen & Margaret Flaskrud, Jeff Cipriano, Michelle Deinhammer

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Mary Hehli, Bonnie Goss, Ken King

**Greeters:** Scott & Patty Barth

**Sunday, December 18**

**10:30 AM**

**Intention: Members of St. Raymond Parish**

**Lector:** Terri Johnson

**Senior Server:** Cathleen Bearrood

**Servers:** Jack, Elise & Lauren Bearrood

**Ushers:** Catelynne Devney, Dave Hoban, Terri Johnson, Bob Grzyb

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Connie Rindal, Dick Bezanson, Mark Thornton

**Greeters:** Tom & Kim Gonyo

**Money Counters on Monday, December 19 - 10:30 AM at this address:**

**St. Patrick School, 322 Fulton Street in Eau Claire:** Rose Ann Muller, Mabel Breid

## Christmas Eve

**Saturday, December 24**

**5:00 PM**

**Intention: Children of St. Raymond Parish**

**Lector:** Richard Schmitt

**Senior Server:** Jeff Sauter, Tom Falbo

**Servers:** Doug Falbo, Katie & Kyle Gross

**Ushers:** Tom Starks, Lewis Ressel, Nathan Graaskamp, Pat Quirk

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Janet Quirk, Carla Kostka, Ellen Anderson

**Greeters:** Mike & Amy Quirk

**Saturday, December 24**

**10:00 PM**

**Intention: Members of St. Raymond Parish**

**Lector:** Veronica Sigurdson

**Senior Server:** Susan Fiser

**Servers:** John & Joe Swiatko, Gage Ryder

**Ushers:** Andy Deinhammer, Carol Rollins, Blane David, Marlas Hazen



**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Connie Rindal, Jena Hinrichs, Pat Dimmitt

**Greeters:** Dennis & Cindy Fiser

## Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, December 13	8:00 AM	Intention: Wiziecki & Baczynski Families
Thursday, December 15	8:00 AM	Intention: Margaret Ulwelling
Thursday, December 15	4:00 PM Augusta Nursing Home	Intention: Edna Riley
Friday, December 16	8:00 AM	Intention: Martha Callaghan

**Calendar of Events** (If you have any events for the calendar, please call 715.877.3400 and leave a message with your information about the event and a contact and phone #-Thank You!

Sun. Dec 11	Mon. Dec 12	Tue. Dec 13	Wed. Dec 14	Thu. Dec 15	Fri. Dec 16	Sat. Dec 17
8:00 AM Mass 9:00-10:15 AM Religious Education & Adult Faith Sharing Classes 10:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Parish Christmas Party 		8:00 AM Daily Mass  6:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting in the library  Penance Service at St. Olaf (7pm)		8:00 AM Mass  5:00-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-7:00 PM Confessions  Penance Service at St. James (7pm)	9:00 AM Daily Mass (note time change)  9:00am-2:00pm Retreat for Fr. James' 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class to be held at St. Raymond	
Sun. Dec 18	Mon. Dec 19	Tue. Dec 20	Wed. Dec 21	Thu. Dec 22	Fri. Dec 23	Sat. Dec 24
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## Future Meetings:

**Religious Education Classes (K-8)**– Sunday, December 11 & 18 at 9:00 to 10:15 AM

**Adult Education Class**–Sunday, December 11 & 18 at 9:00 to 10:15 AM

**Confirmation Classes (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades)** – Wednesday, December 14 – 7:00-8:20 PM

**Confirmation Retreat for St. Raymond & Sacred Heart/St. Patrick's** (at St. Raymond) – Wednesday, December 21 – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

**Parish Christmas Potluck** – Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 AM – Please bring a large dish to pass. Two special guests will be there for the children!!!! All parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

**Liturgy Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 PM in the library.

**Penance Service at St. Raymond** – Monday, December 19 at 7:00 PM

**Christmas Eve Masses** – Saturday, December 24 – 5:00 PM (Children's Mass); 10:00 PM (Midnight Mass)

**Christmas Day Masses** – Sunday, December 25 – 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM

**No Daily Masses** – Tuesday, December 27, Thursday, December 29 & Friday, December 30

## Weekly Financial Report December 4, 2011

Plate:	112.61
Adult Envelopes:	3,609.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes:	10.00
Christmas Envelopes:	2.00
Building Envelopes:	1,250.00
Newspapers:	36.75
Sales from Boxes of Card:	10.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5,030.36</b>

## 2012 CALENDARS:

Be sure to pick up a **Catholic calendar for 2012** to put up in your home. These calendars are paid for by Anderson Funeral Home in Augusta. Thank you to Maureen Anderson.

 *Please remember the parish in your will.*

### The Sunday Blurb from Fr. James:



Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent. It's hard to believe that we are getting ready to light the rose colored candle (yes, I know it's actually pink). The Latin word Gaudete is translated "rejoice," the first word of the introit for the Mass. It is the Sunday that we begin to shift our focus from the second coming of Christ to his first coming at the Incarnation. The rose candle symbolizes that our waiting is almost at an end as the violet is mixed with white to offer us hope in this season (yes, I know violet and white do not make pink... just go with it).

There is a beautiful spiritual metaphor for us this Sunday. Perhaps we have been feeling a little "violet" these days as the temperatures drop and the land becomes white. Perhaps there is even a sense of darkness you feel as the days get shorter and the nights grow longer. However, with every death, comes a resurrection, every night gives way to dawn, and with patience, prayer, fortitude, and faith, our nights become day again.

The light of Christ comes to illumine our hearts. It is a light that fills the dark places of our lives with light, warmth, and peace. So rejoice! Your savior is coming. Rejoice! Your God desires to be with you. Rejoice! The time of waiting to meet our Lord is at an end. Again, I say, rejoice!

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR:



**ATTENTION:** We are looking for members to join us in the **Children's Choir** rehearsals. We will be singing at the December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Mass--(Children's Mass) at **5:00 PM**. We will rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 to 6:30 PM beginning November 30. All Youth of our parish are welcome to join us in the choir/rehearsals. If you have any questions, please contact **Jane Mueller at 715.878.4058**.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:



Congratulations to the second graders on celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday! We are so happy for them for all of the beautiful graces they received through the sacrament.

Also, make sure you sign up to help at the Community Table on Friday, December 16th! You can sign up for food preparation or service or both! It's one of the best gifts you can give your family and community this Christmas. Stop in the office if you're interested.

Please pray for a prayerful and Spirit-filled time for the 9th and 10th graders as they attend their annual retreat on Wednesday, December 21st.

Our last class before Christmas for K-8 is December 18th. We will resume on January 8th. The last gathering for Confirmation is the retreat on December 21st. We will resume again on January 4th.

**Please contact our Religious Education Coordinator - Marianne Callaghan at 715.835.8840 or email her at: [macallaghan@charter.net](mailto:macallaghan@charter.net)**

### ARE YOU PLANNING TO BE MARRIED?


Be sure to contact Fr. Kurzynski at 715.878.4183 well in advance (at least 6 months) of any plans to be married at St. Raymond's parish.

### TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM:

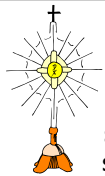
Contact Fr. Kurzynski at 715.878.4183 if you would like to schedule a Baptism at St. Raymond parish.

**DEADLINE FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN: Monday evenings by 8:00 PM. Call 715.877.3400 or email: [straymondparish@gmail.com](mailto:straymondparish@gmail.com)**

### BAPTISMAL RECORDS:

 If you would like to request a baptismal record, please contact the parish secretary at 715.877.3400 with the date of birth and where to send the record. Thank you.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:



Want to spend more time in quiet prayer? We are looking for some people to commit to spending a specific time slot at Adoration. It is mandatory that every minute is covered during Adoration. The exposed Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. Traditionally, regular adorers sign up for an hour. We would like to sign up people on every hour and half hour time slot. In this way we will have overlap and coverage if someone needs to leave a bit early one week. We will also need subs--people who can occasionally fill in for someone who is sick or on vacation. People of all ages are welcome. If you cannot commit to a weekly time slot, remember you are always welcome to come pray any time you have available! Jesus loves to see you! **If you would like to get more information or sign up to be a regular or sub, please contact Nan at 715-878-4767.**

## PRAYER CHAIN



Our Prayer Chain consists of the Computer Chain and the Call Chain. Elaine Welin ([ewelin@cvol.net](mailto:ewelin@cvol.net)) manages the Computer Chain, while Diane Walker 715.286.5171 starts the prayer requests on three Call Chains. Please let us know your special prayer requests. Please be prompt in getting prayer requests out so that prayers can be said in a timely manner.

## FROM THE LIBRARY:



**HELP!!** We have a large number of library books, DVD's and videos that are MIA (missing in action). Please take a few minutes to look for any library materials you may have at home. We need the materials returned so that others may enjoy them. We are a small library and do not have the funds to replace materials that are never returned. **Mabel Breid, Parish Librarian**

## Goal for St. Raymond Parish: \$34,180

**Diocesan Annual Appeal – Current pledges total: \$18,720.00; Balance: \$15,460.00.**  
**Please remember to send in your pledge card.**



## AREA PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Immaculate Conception – December 12 (7 PM)  
St. Olaf – December 13 (7 PM)  
St. James – December 15 (7 PM)  
St. Raymond – December 19 (7 PM)

## Area Schedule for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day:

### Sacred Heart – St. Patrick Parish

*Christmas Eve* 4:00 PM Children's Mass at St. Patrick's  
12:00 Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart  
*Christmas Day* 9:00 AM at St. Patrick's  
11:00 AM at Sacred Heart

### St. Olaf Parish

*Christmas Eve* – 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM  
*Christmas Day* – 9:30 AM

### Immaculate Conception Parish

*Christmas Eve* - Dec. 24th 5:15 PM; 9:00 PM  
*Christmas Day* - Dec. 25th 9:30 AM; 11:00 AM

### St. James Parish

*Christmas Eve* - Dec. 24--4:30 PM and 9:30 PM  
*Christmas Day* - Dec. 25--9:00 AM

### St. Mary's Parish

*Christmas Eve* 4:00 PM & 8:00 PM  
*Christmas Day* at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### St. Raymond Parish

Christmas Eve - 5:00 PM (Children's Mass); 10:00 PM Christmas Day - 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM

**St. Joseph, Elk Mound**

Christmas Eve - 6:00 PM  
Christmas Day - 10:00 AM

**St. Joseph, Rock Falls**

Christmas Eve - 8:00 PM  
Christmas Day - 8:15 AM

**St. Lukes, Boyceville**

Christmas Eve - 4:00 PM  
Christmas Day - No Mass

**CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 18 beginning at 11:30 AM. There will be soup and sandwiches provided by the Choirs for all the workers. Please plan to stop by and help with the decorating and enjoy lunch.



**THANK YOU** to the **Lowes Tree Farm** for their kind donation of Christmas trees that will be used in decorating our church for the beautiful season coming up. Thank you so much, Tim & Therese Olson, owners of Lowes Tree Farm for your generous donation!

You may wish to access, read and follow  
**Bishop Callahan's Blog**, go to: <http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/blog>

**ROSETTES FOR SALE:**



The Knights of Columbus are taking orders for rosettes. Please place your order by December 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure Christmas delivery! Call 715.829.6085 or email: [knights@straymond.us](mailto:knights@straymond.us) to place your order.

**NO DAILY MASSES:**

Father James will be taking a well deserved break over the holidays! There will be no daily Masses scheduled for the week of December 26-30.

**AREA EVENTS:**

**Free Basic Computer Training** for older adults (55+) will be held twice a week in Eau Claire, Chippewa and Dunn Counties. For more information, call the Senior Citizens Employment & Training at 715.839.5058.

**Fall Creek Community Cupboard** – neighbors helping neighbors—if you know of someone who has a need, please contact us at 715.877.2330. Free food, no income guidelines. Faith Evangelical Free Church in Fall Creek.

Visit the **Meals on Wheels** website: [www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/adrc](http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/adrc). It does not matter where in Eau Claire County you live, we will deliver! For more information or to apply for Meals on Wheels please call the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Eau Claire County at 715-839-4886, 1-888-338-4636, tty: use Relay (711).

Northwest Wisconsin Supportive Homecare will provide Transportation Services for those who have limitations due to health, eyesight or mobility. The Home Living Aides will drive clients in their own vehicles to locations of their choice. Call 715.831.0100 for more information.

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