

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for Week 11/28 thru 12/6

Saturday Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
7:30 am St. Mary: Larry† & Arthur Belisle, Jr.†
4:00 pm St. Mary: Joe Fontaine†
 Healing Intention
6:00 pm St Edward: Intentions of Fr. Rijo

Sunday Jer 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
8:30 am St. Edward: Dean Fountain (8th)†
 Past & Present St. Edward Altar Servers
10:00 am St. Mary: Francis Perry (1st) †
11:30 am St Benedict: All Parishioners
1:00 pm Michaud Manor: The Residents Past & Present
7:00 pm St. Mary: Vocations

Monday St. Andrew Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
8:30 am St. Edward: William Seymour†
5:15 pm St. Mary: Joe Fontaine†

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
8:00 am St. Mary: Holy Souls†
 Frederick Bushey†
11:00 Bel-Aire: Regent Choquette†
6:00 pm St. Edward: The Unborn

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
8:00 am St. Mary: Mathias Gosselin†
 Larry Belisle†, Arthur Belisle Jr†
7:00 pm St. Benedict: Intentions of Fr. Rijo

Thursday St. Francis Xavier Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
8:30 am St. Edward: All Parishioners
9:15 am Michaud Manor: The Residents Past & Present
5:15 pm St. Mary: Anthony Varacalli (1st)†
 Albert Arel (23rd)†

Friday (First) St John of Damascus Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
8:00 am St. Mary: Wilfred LeBlanc† & Bibianne Lamarche†
6:00 pm St Edward: The Youth of our Parish Family

Saturday (First) Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
7:30 am St. Mary: In Thanksgiving
4:00 pm St. Mary: All Parishioners
6:00 pm St Edward: John & Valeda Labrecque

Sunday Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
8:30 am St. Edward: Special Intention
10:00 am St. Mary: Deceased Members of the Leblond & Frizzell Families†
 Joel Perron (7th)†
11:30 am St Benedict: Vocations
1:00 pm Michaud Manor: Those who no longer practice their Faith
7:00 pm St. Mary: For those who have lost their jobs

Pray For One Another

Prayers have been requested for the following people:

Pamela Anderson	Wendy Wooden	Lloyd Barry
Paul Bouffard	Cody Bussiere	Yves Brasseur
Peter Bouffard	Laurie Cheney	Michael Cole
Bernard Comtois	Paul Daigle	Angeline Davio
Fernand Forcier	Jennifer Gaudreau	Fr. John Whalen
Alain LeBlanc	Germaine Moeykens	Agathe Morin
Marielle Morin	Myrna Nadeau	Mario Paul
Jeannine Poulin	Peggy Poulin	Jean Riccio
Virginia Rice	Sydney Ring	Shirley Rivard
Theresa St.Onge	Jayne Corey	Penelope Tice
Christopher Ward	Dan Westlake	Trisha Westlake
Dan Bullis	Adrien Patenaude	Lori Beaudry

“Lord, look upon all the above with Mercy. May Your Healing Hand rest upon them. May Your life-giving powers flow to the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to health of mind and body.”

***Please help us to identify military members of our parish family who are being deployed overseas. We would like to add their names to our prayer intentions. Please call the rectory.**

St. Mary's 24-Hour Sanctuary Candles

Chapel: Anthony Varacalli

Tabernacle Vigil Light: The unborn

<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>			
<u>Offertory Needed</u>	<u>St. B</u>	<u>St. E</u>	<u>St. M</u>
To Meet Budget:	\$318	\$1,827	\$3,461
Offertory received	\$419	\$1716	\$3307
CHD	\$22	\$120	\$246
Thanksgiving		\$250	\$428

Our Parish Family of Churches would like to thank all those who have so generously contributed to our Thanksgiving Food Collections. Many families will enjoy a very happy Thanksgiving thanks to your kindness.

Communion for the Homebound is only distributed by Official Eucharistic Ministers. If you wish someone to receive Communion at home, please come to the Sacristy after Mass or call the Rectory.

A Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations
Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fuel raffle tickets and Christmas cards after the masses. Raffle will be Dec. 9th, and proceeds will benefit our Parish Family and other worthy causes. Please support their efforts.

On November 28th & 29th, **St. Mary's Giving Tree** will be in the Church covered with pink and blue Angel ornaments for local needy children. The angels include basic information for needs and wishes of the children provided to us by the Parent-Child Center in Newport. If you would like to provide a gift for a needy child, please take an angel home and return your unwrapped gift **no later than December 14th**. Please be sure the angel is attached for identification and distribution. Your generosity is much appreciated by the children.

♫ **St Mary's Choir practice for Christmas Day Mass**
Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm. New people welcome. ♫

Ladies Altar Society Christmas Party Dec 8th; Please sign up by Dec 1st. Call Midge Lessard 766-5536 or Denise Corriveau 766-2536.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

St. Mary Star of the Sea has **poinsettia envelopes** in the pews for donations towards Christmas decorations of flower pots or wreaths in memory of loved ones.



St. Edward's Ladies Altar Society will have a collection at the doors after Masses next weekend to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to have a Poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one for Christmas season, place the names and your donation in an envelope (make checks payable to St. Edward Altar Society) and place in collection basket. FMI Evelyn 766-5119.

Michaud Manor Christmas Party sponsored by St. Edward Ladies Altar Society will be Wed, Dec 9th from 1:30-3:30.

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Edward's has a slot to fill on Mondays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call Cecile 766-2648.

Parish Council Meetings

St. Edward- Tues, Dec 1st at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
St. Benedict-Wed, Dec 2nd at 7:30 in the basement.

With Advent starting up, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use **The Word Among Us** to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just a few minutes a day reading **The Word Among Us** magazine will dramatically change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies are provided by the parish and are located at the church exits. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Christmas tradition.

The youth have returned from Steubenville East and are on fire with God's Holy Spirit. Please pray for the following Youth's intention:
"I need courage to stand up for my faith and my purity."

Thank you to the parent and teens who volunteered this weekend to collect food for Thanksgiving baskets. The total number of items collected was 659 non-perishable items, 16 frozen turkeys and \$143 toward Turkeys! What an awesome gift this was to all involved. We also thank all the parishioners and community members who contributed to the Amazing Food Race. Just another reminder that God is never outdone in generosity.

Thank you to the many parishioners who contributed pies for the pie sale this weekend and to those who bought the pies. Thanks to your generosity, we were blessed with \$550 toward the youth ministry expenses.

The Confirmation Retreat was truly a blessing for all those involved. The parent support and participation was outstanding. The teens were engaged and open to God's love for them through the Holy Spirit and the Mass. A sincere thank you to our speakers: Fr. Michael, Fr. Rich O'Donnell, Paul Decelles, Ward Nolan, Against the Grain Music Ministry, parents, teens and Core team volunteers for all of your hard work. What an incredible day!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The 2009 Bishop's Fund has surpassed its goal of \$2,850,000! Many of our brothers and sisters across our Diocese have made significant sacrifices to help this year, Thank you. Thank you also for all the help and hard work in this year's campaign.

Ongoing monthly meetings:

- 1st Tues. 6:30 pm St. Edward Parish Council
- 1st Wed. 7:30 pm St. Benedict Parish Council
- 1st & 3rd Wed. 7:00 pm Ultreya (St. M)
- 1st Thurs. 7:00 pm Daughters of Isabella (St. M)
- 2nd Tues. 6:30 pm St. Edward Altar Society (St. E)
- 2nd Wed. 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (St. M)
- 3rd Tues. 6:00 pm St. Mary Parish Council
- 4th Tues. 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (St. E)