

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: November 22 - November 29, 2009

Sunday, November 22:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's.
- ❖ **CCD Class #9 for PreK - 5th Grades** is at St. Mary's. The Children's Mass for the 2nd and 4th Grades will be at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's.

Wednesday, November 25:

- ❖ **Thanksgiving Mass** at St. Patrick's in Walnut at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 26:

- ❖ **Thanksgiving Mass** at St. Mary's in Avoca at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 29:

- ❖ **No Coffee and Rolls** - Happy Thanksgiving
- ❖ **No CCD Class for PreK - 5th Grade** - Happy Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **CCD Class #6 for 6th -12th Grade** is Wednesday, December 2nd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. There will be Reconciliation for the 6th, 10th & 11th Grades.
- √ **CCD Class #10 for PreK-5th Grade** is Sunday, December 6th from 9:15-10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's. There will be Reconciliation for the 5th Grade.
- √ **Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary** will be celebrated on Dec. 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass is on Tues., Dec. 8th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's and 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS: Parent letters are now due to Rhonda Hope. Please send them to her as soon as possible. Also, remind your students to work on their interviews, homily reports and student-sponsor questionnaire. Deadlines are fast approaching. Contact Rhonda Hope or Jennifer Kock with any questions.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please bring small gift items for our adopted seminarians to class on December 2nd. Items might include: stamps, gum, breath mints, candy, note cards, pop corn, pens, etc. We will send care packages to the seminarians for the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to Drake Merl Windhorst who was baptized November 15, 2009 at St. Mary's. Drake is the son of Brian and Melissa (Bruck) Windhorst and was born August 4, 2009 in Des Moines, Iowa.

REMINDER: Please remember to bring your items for the local food pantry and place in the basket in the front of church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are selling religious Christmas cards. Contact Tony Denning at 343-6732 or Russ Sturm at 343-2205 or you can fill out an order form in the back of church.

ALL TOO OFTEN, patronage is routinely accepted as a day-to-day part of business life. However, we, at Staleys' Food Service, Inc. know that your recent purchase on November 8, 2009 is truly appreciated. Your confidence in us and our services is meaningful to us and we still strive to merit your continued confidence.

- Rick & Allen Staley, Staleys' Food Service, Inc.

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY RETREAT CENTER in Griswold is hosting a retreat weekend on Dec. 18th-20th for men age 18-40 who are interested in the priesthood. This event will be on Fri., Dec. 18th at 7:00 p.m. & ends at noon on Sun., Dec. 20th. The fee is \$25 and registration forms need to be returned by Dec. 4th. For information please call the Office of Vocations at (515)237-5050 or email dmuenchrath@dmdioocese.org.

MINDEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST in Minden will have a Pork Dinner & Auction on Nov. 22nd. Dinner is served from 11:00-1:00 & the auction begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Minden Community Hall. Adults - \$8,12 & under - \$5 & Pre-Schoolers are free.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Angela Brisbois, Mary Kock, Mark Markam, Neal Wingert, Brenda Carroll, Mark Strong, Marie Ryck, Darla Snyder, Meaghan Hunt, Raymond (Bunny) Gubbels, Andy Molnar, Barb Hoffmann, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladdin, Peggy Benson, Armond Feauto, Bob Wood, Leona Blatt, Lillie Sue Mace, Nathan Hall, Nancy Blum, Louise Crivaro, Shannon Szadis, Sherman Snyder, Margaret Murphy, Earl Sanny, Carol Gubbels.

ASSIGNMENTS (Please find your own replacement.): **St. Mary's Liturgy: Thurs, Nov. 26th, 9:00 a.m.** Servers: Darrian Irlbeck, Jessica Wise, Matt Wise. Lector: Mary Pearson. Euch. Ministers: Theota Nelsen, Tony Wingert, Jane True. Ushers: Paul Wise, Lonni Nelsen. Gifts: Pat Wiegand, Jane Russmann. **Sat., Nov. 28th, 5:30 p.m.:** Servers: James/ Emily Ptacek, Nolan Schmidt. Lector: Rose Sternberg. Euch. Ministers: Carmella Pigneri, Ann Koster, Dave Sternberg. Ushers: Pete Schmidt, Jerry McCarthy. Gifts: Dee Dee Schmidt, Jan Hursey. **Sun., Nov. 29th, 8:00 a.m.** Servers: Nathan Herbst, Keagan/Reece Holton. Lector: Doug Brown. Euch. Ministers: Bob Prokupek, Amy Sturm, Dennis Piittmann. Ushers: Mike Hope, Keith Holtz. Gifts: Lynette Nelsen & family. **St. Patrick's Liturgy: Sun., Nov. 29th, 10:30 a.m.** Servers: Grace Russmann, Eli Holtz. Lector: Judy Kay. Euch. Ministers: Leo Stuart, Ellen Holtz, Marie Suhr. Ushers: Steve Griffin, George Gross. Gifts: Jo Cable Family. **St. Patrick's Breakfast Schedule: Dec. 13th, Robert Stuart**, Judd Gross, Maureen & Jim Hoffmann. **Dec. 27th, Gwen & Rick Blum**, Cindy & George Gross, Denny Book.