



St. Clement of Rome

Romeo, Michigan

December 7, 2008

Second Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor's Desk:

Fr. Jerome has asked me to convey his thanks for your kindness, cards and best wishes last Sunday. He was very pleased with the reception that was held for him - a big thank you to the parishioners who planned and worked at the reception.

He has asked that we remember him in our prayers as he will remember us.

Fr. Steve



Immaculate Conception
(Holyday of Obligation)

Monday, Dec. 8th

Masses: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

The Catholic Book Store

The Catholic Book Store is here after all Masses this weekend. Stop by and have a look at the items for sale.

Communal Reconciliation Services

Sat., Dec. 13th - 4:00 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 15th - 7:00 p.m.

Retirement Fund For Religious

Next weekend Sister Valerie Knoche, I.H.M. will be here to make the annual appeal for contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious. The average Catholic sister, brother or order priest remains in active ministry until age 74. Today, 37,870 women and men religious are past age 70 and need our help with the current high cost of living and health care.

Please be as generous as you can next weekend.

Thank you.



Sharing Tree

Today is the day for the Sharing Tree gifts to be returned. Please make sure that the tag is tied or taped securely to the package. Thank you for helping us help others.



Memorial Flowers For Christmas

Would you like to have a poinsettia plant placed in the church for the Christmas season in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone dear to you?

The Poinsettia Plants are available for \$15.00. You may bring your donation to the parish office weekdays, or put it in the collection basket marked with the name of your loved one. **The deadline is December 14th.** All names will be printed in the parish paper in the Christmas issue. This is a beautiful way to remember family, friends, and deceased loved ones at Christmas.

In Honor _____ In Memory _____

Name _____

From _____

Oplatki Wafers.....

....are available in the parish office for a small donation

We of St. Clement of Rome Parish, with the Power of the Spirit, welcome, embrace and unite all the many faces of Christ who worship with us. As a family, we deepen our faith and seek God in the community, through prayer and good works.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAPPENINGS -

Religious Ed Class Schedule

Dec 7th -

Preschool classes held

Dec. 8th, 9th, 10th -

Classes held

Dec. 14th -

Preschool classes held

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Christmas Wreath Sale

Christmas Wreaths are still available from any student or you can call the Rel. Ed. Office at 752-6591 for more info. Wreaths are available for pick up Mon. - Thurs. during office hours.

Christmas Play

The Family Liturgy will be on Dec. 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the church. The Christmas Play will be presented.

Christmas Stockings

Everyone is invited to help us with a community service project for children in our community. Each student is invited to bring in a goodie for a child's Christmas stocking such as

- School supplies
- Books
- Small toys
- Candy

Eighth grade students will pack the stockings for children in our community before Christmas break. Please place your donations in the baskets in our lobby.

Sock and Mitten Tree

Once again we are decorating a Christmas tree with new socks and mittens to help the Sharing Tree. Everyone is invited to bring in socks, mittens or a cap and hang it

on the tree in the Religious Education lobby. The socks and mittens will be distributed to our community at Christmas time. Your kindness will warm many people this winter.

Religious Education Office Hours

Mon. thru Wed. - 9 am - 8 pm

Thurs. - 9 am - 4 pm

Friday - closed

(The office is closed from 12-1 each day for lunch.)

Christmas Concert

Symphonia Chorale (Louis Canter, Director) presents "A Christmas Concert Handel's The Messiah" featuring: guest soloists and orchestral accompaniment:

This Sunday, Dec. 7 3:00 p.m.
St. Clement of Rome Church

Adults: \$10

Children 14 and under: \$5

For tickets or additional information please call 586-752-7734 or 586-979-8438

Attention Ministers of the Eucharist and Ushers:

Please sign up for the Mass you plan on attending for Christmas. We will need many of you to accommodate the large crowds at these Masses. The sign-up sheet for ushers will be in the usher's room and the Ministers of the Eucharist sign-up sheet will be on the lectern in the gathering area

PLEASE SIGN UP!!

Sharing Tree

The Sharing Tree is a community-wide program that ensures that everyone has food and gifts for Christmas. The Sharing Tree is located in the Gathering Area with our green tags.



If you would like to help with the Sharing Tree program, volunteers are needed on the following dates:

Sunday, December 14

Sorting Sunday - Volunteers needed to help sort gifts that are brought in. St. John Lutheran Church, 246 Benjamin, Romeo.

Tuesday, December 16

Volunteers needed to deliver gifts - 9:30 am. until completed. St. John Lutheran Church, Romeo

For more information, Please call the Samaritan House (586) 677 -7590.

THANK YOU from Agape Center.....

Thanks to so many of you for your generous sharing which helped provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. And thank you for your continued, generous support.

Nancy Kaspari Sr. Val

Lectors:

Your new workbooks have arrived. They are in the sacristy. Please cross your name off when you take your book.

Thanks

**Please Pray for
the Sick**



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| Yolanda Angeli | |
| Bob Anger, Jr. | Margaret Lark |
| Gail Bednarowski | Bettie Lester |
| Babies Noah and | Ed Lester |
| Ruby Biljan | Marilyn Lorence |
| Kathryn Bloom | Helen Lumetta |
| Adelaide Bobiney | Fr. Jerry Machlik |
| Thomas Bryan | Linda Mathiak |
| Matthew Burdeno | Gordon McBride |
| Lois Chinoski | Yong Hui |
| Dennis Cook | McBride |
| Toni Couzens | Bruce Northy |
| Robert Culver | Barb Nosek |
| Sharon Czajka | Mary O'Connell |
| Barb DeSaele | Richard Parrott |
| Celeste DiLegge | Jim Pavlinac |
| Barbara Dilworth | John Pokorney |
| Virginia Dilworth | Judy Polakowski |
| Christina | Renso Ponce |
| DiMaggio | deLeon |
| Patrick Fagan | Ken Raisenan |
| Rose Fagan | Norbert Rapp |
| Enola Gallagher | Ed Redlawski |
| Blanche Gohr | Jonathan Sasseen |
| Michael | Carl W. |
| Hammond | Schattmaier |
| Geraldine | Ed Sherman |
| Haramza | Barbara Supina |
| Cindy Kalbfleisch | Kady Wiegand |
| Fran Kranz | Blake Wiesemann |
| Frank Kola Kukaj | |

And those who
care for them...

**Newly Added to the
Sick List**

Geraldine Haramza



Wedding Banns

**Lauren Duda and
Michael Peplinski**



**Faith Community
Nurse's Corner**

**Today we continue to honor
Family Caregivers for the
Christian care and love
they show.**

Family care giving is more than a one person job, especially if you are providing intensive levels of care. Unfortunately, what emotional support doesn't do is assist you with some of your responsibilities. That's the work of a very different word--and that word is HELP!

- 5) **List your care giving worries.** Who will help Mom if she falls and no one is around? Where will we get the money to pay for John's medications? Who will care for Mary if I get sick? Where can I find affordable respite care?
- 6) **Group your worries.** Possible categories might be emergency worries financial worries, your own health worries.
- 7) **Pat yourself on the back!** Sorting through all of your responsibilities and worries aren't easy things to do, but you have now reached a milestone on the "getting help" path. You have a clearer picture of your responsibilities and your concerns. You are getting closer to being able to ask for precisely the kinds of help you need.
- 8) **Review your lists with the intent of sorting the current items into four new categories.** Things you really think you can't hand off to someone else, those tasks you enjoy or which give you some satisfaction, responsibilities you really dislike or find difficult, and miscellaneous items that just have to get done. If after reviewing the

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*Our Lady of Guadalupe
Celebration*

St Clement of Rome

Friday, Dec. 12, 2008

**6:30 p.m. - music with
Mariachi Mexico 2000**

7:00 p.m. - Mass

**8-9:30 p.m. - Fiesta
Food & Music**

Come Celebrate with us!!!

**The Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe**

For a few days in December of 1531 at Tepeyac, a hillside north-west of Mexico City, the Virgin Mary appeared on several occasions to Juan Diego, a humble and poor Aztec Indian. For many Catholics the image that miraculously appeared on Juan Diego's *tilma* is a true image of the Mother of God, patroness of the Americas. The feast day of Guadalupe falls just a few days after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, making the Virgin a loving and fitting symbol of Advent. While the Immaculate Conception is the bridge between hoping for a Savior to come and the arrival of salvation through Mary and the birth of Jesus, Our Lady of Guadalupe is the bridge of salvation between the New World and the Old World, between the conqueror and those who were conquered.

Just as the birth of a child born in meager circumstances changed the world, the faith and conversion of a poor but dignified Aztec Indian brought two worlds together, bringing many to believe in Mary & in the Son of God. By saying "yes" Mary of Guadalupe & Juan Diego, humble servants of the Lord, helped bring salvation to a world desperately in need of a Savior.

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Rev. John "Doc" Ortman

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Mass in Spanish
Rev. Jerry Kessel, OFM CAP

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Sr. Valerie Knoche, I.H.M.

Adult Education Coordinator

Mrs. Cheryl Zuehlk 752-6984

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Youth Groups**High School**

Carol Bodiya 752-9074

Samaritan House 677-7590

Agape Center 336-6842

Pregnancy, Counseling and Adoption

Catholic Family Services 416-2300

Hispanic Ministry 336-6842

Knights of Columbus

Ron Stec 752-9180

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Spanish - 7:00 p.m.

Holiday and Weekday Masses

As announced

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Baptism: Prior arrangements must be made. Call the parish office.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the marriage date.

Care of the Sick: Call the parish office at any time to make arrangements for Anointing, Communion calls or Visitations.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry: Please call the parish office.

Registrations: New parishioners should register at the parish office. Those moving should notify the parish office.

Parish Council**Administration Commission**

Charles Anglewicz.....752-9435

Christian Service Commission

Nancy Kaspari. 752-6419

Children's Education Commission**Social Commission**

Christine Steinberg.752-3606

Worship Commission

Cheryl Zuehlk.752-7564

Rev. 11-23-08

**WEEKLY EVENTS FOR
December 8 - 14****Monday, December 8****Immaculate Conception**

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int James
And Margaret Smallbone

7:00 p.m. - MASS - Int Michael
McManus req by wife & family

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Alexander
Bast req by C. VanDenBrouck
family

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

10:00 a.m. - Adoration

10:00 a.m. - Comfor Makers - hall

8:00 p.m. - Hispanic Novena

Wednesday, December 10

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Rosa
Diconcilio req by her family

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy-church

7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 11

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Carl
Kaspari req Maureen Casper

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Adult Ed Cntr.

7:00 p.m. - K of C Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Youth Group - church/
hall

Friday, December 12

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Saint
Clement Parishioners

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

6:00 p.m. - MASS - Hispanic -
Church/hall/gym

Saturday, December 13

Noon - RCIA Christmas luncheon

4:00 p.m. - Communal Reconcilia-
tion Service

5:00 p.m. - MASS - Int Carol
Janicki req by her family
Int Bud Verellen req by Bill
And Ellen Verellen

6:00 p.m. - K of C Christmas
party

Sunday, December 14

- K of C Scholarship - all day in the
social hall

- Sorting Sunday - at St. John
Lutheran Church

7:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Marian
VanSteenkiste req by Jack &
Darlene Altermath
Int Ted Krajewski req by the
Ostrowski Family

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Leo
Waldowski req by Charlotte &
Richard Agusti
Int John Sherry req by M.L.
and Diane

11:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Vincenza
C. Pantalena req by Pantalena
family

Int Gloria Sherman req by
Jerry & Shannon Braeckevelt

7:00 p.m. - MASS (Spanish) -
Int St. Clement Parishioners

**Confirmation Preparation for
Adults:**

Adult Catholics wishing to be confirmed and not already in the RCIA here at St. Clement, may join the process beginning January 22nd! At that time we will begin immediate preparation for this sacrament, which will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil, April 11th

The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Center.

Please call Cheryl Zuehlk at 752-6984 ext. 120, for more information and to register.

"Little Blue Books"

Six-minute reflections on the First Readings for daily Mass. This Advent Book was prepared and written by the "Little Books" committee of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan. These "Little Blue Books" are available at the entrance of the church.

Vigil Lights

Special intention, Nancy Pihlaja
 Good health, peace of mind, wisdom, souls of the faithful departed - RM

In thanksgiving, safety of all travelers - M. Phaneuf

Special intention and thanksgiving- RMT

For James F. Blaisdell, Jr.

Blessings for my parents and children

For Tessa - health & happiness - Rose Magsoudi

Good health & special blessings for my family

Special int. for Laurie

Special intention

For world peace

For the hungry, homeless and those who feel unloved

Special intention for all those serving in the military.



Thank You!!!!

The Knights of Columbus Council #7018 would like to thank everyone who helped make our "Keep Christ in Christmas" card sale a success. Your participation in this project exceeded our expectations and as always is greatly appreciated. Proceeds benefit the K of C charitable projects.

In addition, our Council funds Tuition Scholarships for St. Clement or Sts. John and Paul students planning to enroll in a Catholic grade school or high school. The scholarship award is funded thru the sale of 50/50 tickets. 1,500 tickets have been printed and are available. Tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and can be purchased by calling Ed Theut (752-4541) or Ron Stec (752-9180). This year's drawing will be Dec. 14th (about 12:30 p.m.) You need not be present to win.

Ron Stec
 Grand Knight



The following children were baptized in November:

Jean Marie Cassidy, daughter of John Jr. & Betty (Burns) Cassidy

John William Cassidy III, son of John Jr. & Betty (Burns) Cassidy

Giovani Franco, son of Eduardo & Ana (Alcazar) Franco

Ellera Michelle Jakubowski, daughter of Alan & Michelle (Landino) Jakubowski

Ryan Michael Kouki, son of Alan & Amanda (Lacusta) Kouki

Brett Thiellesen, son of Jeffrey & Jackie (Negoshian) Thiellesen

St. Clement Parish extends congratulations to the parents and welcomes the children into our community.

Poster Contest

All young people ages 8 through 14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Students are encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with drugs and alcohol. The contest will be an annual competition with winning entries progressing to local, district, state and international levels of competition. **Entries are due by Dec. 14th.**

There will be a division for youngsters ages 8 to 11 and a division for youngsters ages 12 to 14. All contestants will be recognized for their participation. For entry forms or additional information contact the religious education or church office.

Wisdom Keepers Pot Luck

December 16th

6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

Information about decreasing Christmas Stress

Bring stories of your Christmas Heritage to share.

RSVP 752-9611

Please.....

remember to pray for all those serving in the military.



For Those Who Have Died....

Grace Hamilton

Life has changed, not ended.....



Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget Amt.....\$14,500.00
 Weekly Collection For:
 November 30th.....\$11,920.61
 No. of envelopes used.....405
 Cashless giving.....\$584.00
 Over/**Under** Budget.....\$ -1,995.39
 No. of Families registered.....2,080

Liturgical Appointments for Dec. 13/14

	Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sun. 7 a.m.	Sun. 9 a.m.	Sun. 11 a.m.
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Steve	Msgr. Kasza	Msgr. Kasza
Lector/ Comm.	Rosemarie Stewart Paul Seger	Fred Kowalke	Michael McKinnon Henry Malburg	Connie Seeley Carl Mischley
EME Capt.	Barb Seger		Charlotte Carr- McIntyre	
Altar Ser.	Brad Vinckier Rachel Bonin		Nicholas Kuhn Melissa Israel	Victoria Shaddock Michael Shaddock



Readings for the Week of December 8, 2008

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, Dec. 14
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Samaritan House December Pantry Needs

Baby Food	Cereal	Juice
Sugar	Coffee	Oatmeal
Ravioli	Crackers	Canned Meat
Bath Tissue	Diapers (size 4 & 6)	Toothpaste



****NOTE:** Low sodium foods & sugar free foods are needed for clients with health problems.

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Drop off your donations during our normal business hours:

**Tues. & Wed., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and
Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
(Closed Dec 23rd - Jan. 2)

Samaritan House is located at 58944 Van Dyke, Washington, 48094 (27 Mile Rd.). The phone number is 586-677-7590.

Make a Gift Through an IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, the amount of this distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However federal legislation enacted on Oct. 3, 2008 extends the opportunity for you, for the remainder of 2008 and throughout 2009, to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as St. Clement, the Catholic Services Appeal, the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation, Sacred Heart Major Seminary or another archdiocesan institution. Such distributions, while not subject to income tax, will still count toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution.

For more info. about how you can the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact the parish office at 752-9611.

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Nurse's Corner

list you decide that you can't possibly allow someone else to do any of the tasks, then you need to review the list again. The idea isn't to prove how indispensable you are but to help you improve the quality of your life and that of your loved one as well.

- 9) **Show your list to a family member**, a good friend, the Faith Community Nurse, your pastor, the employee assistance counselor at work. The intent here isn't to get actual physical help for the person, but to let you have the benefit of hearing someone else's ideas and insights.
- 10) **Do it!** Take a deep breath and actually ask someone to help with one of the tasks on your list or ask for guidance in resolving your most persistent worry. Don't forget to be open to those offering to help. With your list in hand, you'll be better able to take advantage of opportunity when it knocks. Good luck!!

Source: National Family Caregivers Association