



## Cup o' Joe

Weekly Reflections by Joseph Zenk, Parish Director

In the movie *The Shawshank Redemption* (adults, if you've never seen this movie, put it on your must-see list), prison has sucked the life out of Red (Morgan Freeman). He has lost all hope, accepting that he will never see freedom again. Into that life comes Andy Defresne (Tim Robbins), a prisoner who knows the importance of keeping hope alive. In a marvelous scene late in the movie, Andy is talking about what life on the outside still must look like. Red, frustrated that he's even talking about something he may never see again, gives Andy a hard time and asks him why he's even fantasizing about the outside world.

**Andy:** So you don't forget... forget that there are places in the world that aren't made out of stone. That there's something inside that they can't get to, that they can't touch. It's yours.

**Red:** What are you talking about?

**Andy:** Hope.

**Red:** Hope? Let me tell you something, my friend. Hope is a dangerous thing. Hope can drive a man insane. It's got no use on the inside. You better get used to that idea.

**Andy:** Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies.

If there is one word that encapsulates the season of Advent, it is hope. Human beings cannot live without it. For to be without hope, as Andy implies in the above conversation, is to surrender to death and despair. But the gift that Advent brings to us is not just the reminder of hope – but rather the question “What is it that we hope for?”

The people of the Old Testament, particularly Isaiah, had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that the blind would see, the lame would walk and the deaf would hear; that all peoples would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace.

Do we have the trust and courage in our God that we can hope to that same extent? Can hope that big really be answered? Or is it really just a fool's errand and we find ourselves siding with Morgan Freeman's character – seeing hope as dangerous and useless in this world in which we live? The choice is ours. Do we dare hope or do we not? Get busy living or get busy dying – that's how *The Shawshank Redemption* puts it.

Paul states, in his wonderful treatise on love in 1 Corinthians 13, that in the end, three things remain: faith, hope and love. This Advent, may hope be once again ignited within each one of us.

### MEN'S RETREAT

**Need a rest?** Spiritual batteries need a bit of recharging? Here's an opportunity to enjoy both at Monte Alverno. The men's retreat is December 2-4. Come on - make it happen for you - the new you will be even better than before. Call Monte Alverno (920-733-8526) or Jim Trotter (898-4097).

YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR GOD!

Deacon Pat

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

November 29 - Good Shepherd, Chilton at 6:30 PM

December 6 - SS. Peter & Paul, Kiel at 6:30 PM

December 19 - St. Gregory, St. Nazianz at 6:30 PM

### CHRISTIAN PRAYER LINE

#### Holy Rosary

Dianna Dyer 898-4982  
Rita Greuel 898-5213



### FRIENDS IN PRAYER

#### St. Ann

Donna Schmitz 894-7153  
Valeria Kempf 894-2370

## NOTES FROM OUR PARISH DIRECTOR:

### BOOK DISCUSSION

Those who read the book *Heaven Is For Real* are invited and welcome to come to our Book Discussion on Thursday, December 1 beginning at 6:30 in the living room of Ss Peter and Paul's rectory. Come with your thoughts on the book, insights you gained and questions you have. The discussion will be led by Joe Zenk.

### MASS OF ANOINTING

Parishioners from St. Ann, Holy Rosary and SS. Peter & Paul are invited to an Anointing Mass at SS. Peter & Paul on Saturday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m. This Mass, which will rotate locations every spring and fall, invites all those in need of healing (those suffering from the effects of old age, those experiencing struggle or pain in their lives, those preparing for surgery, etc) to come forward following the homily to receive the sacrament. There is no need to sign up, but those in need of a ride are urged to call your respective parish office so we can attempt to provide transportation. Light refreshments will be provided following Mass for all in attendance. Holy Rosary Parish will still have their 4:00 Mass that evening for those who do not wish to come to the Anointing Mass.

### COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend our upcoming communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 6 at Ss Peter & Paul. This evening, which will rotate parishes every Advent and Lent, will begin with a brief prayer service at 6:30 p.m. after which five priests will be available for individual reconciliation at various places throughout the worship space. This sacrament is an exceptional way for us to prepare for Christ's coming this Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Rosary: Christmas Eve – 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St. Ann: Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – 8:00 a.m.

Ss. Peter & Paul: Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – 9:00 a.m.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to those boys and girls from Holy Rosary and St. Ann who are receiving their First Reconciliation this coming week – Wednesday, November 30 for St. Ann and Saturday, December 3 for Holy Rosary. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

#### St. Ann

Gracie Funk

Sydney Pitzen

Nicholas Steffen

Katherine Dickrell

#### Holy Rosary

Caleb Ausloos

Dylan Danes

Ava Heise

Autumn Meyer

Peyton Mueller

Henry Schnell

Karly Schmitz

Olivia Hephner

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary falls on Thursday, December 8. As Mary is the patroness of our country, this is a holy day of obligation for us as Catholics. The Mass schedule for our linked parishes are as follows:

December 7 (Vigil Mass): 5:30 p.m. St. Ann

6:30 p.m. Ss Peter & Paul

December 8 Masses: 8:30 a.m. Ss Peter & Paul,

9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Holy Rosary

## ST. ANN PARISH NEWS

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

The holyday will be celebrated at St. Ann with the Vigil Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 PM.

### ROSARY

During the winter months, the rosary will take place in the Parish Center on Wednesday mornings.

### MEMORIALS

Thank you to the following:

The Dickrell Family for the monetary donation made in memory of Fr. Cyril Dickrell. The new Roman Missal was purchased using the donation.

The Kraus family for the donation of the defibrillator, in memory of Melvin Kraus and family.

### DEFIBRILLATOR DEMONSTRATION

Those who would like to learn how to use the new defibrillator can do so on Sunday, December 4. A demonstration by an EMT will take place following the 8:00 AM Mass. All are welcome.

### MASS CANCELLATION

Would you like to be contacted by email if Mass is cancelled due to a snowstorm or bad weather? Please let us know by sending your request via email to the parish office ([stann@bertramwireless.com](mailto:stann@bertramwireless.com)) or call the parish office at 894-3147.

### LECTORS

The new liturgical year begins with Advent this Sunday. Lectors can pick up their "Workbook for Lectors" in the sacristy.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

for the months of December, January and February are available on the entrance table. Those who have provided email addresses should have received their schedule by email. Contact the parish office for questions.

### POINSETTIA MEMORY TREE

The "Poinsettia Memory Tree" will again be set up in church this Christmas for those who would like to honor the memory of a deceased loved one. Each plant will help shape the tree. Just make a \$10 donation in memory of a loved one and his/her name will be printed on a tag and inserted in a plant. Put your donation along with the person's name you would like to honor in an envelope and drop it into the collection basket by December 11, or mail it to the parish office. The plants will be ordered after December 11. The plants are yours to take after January 8 to enjoy at home.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Photos of St. Ann Church were taken and made into Christmas cards. They are available for sale in the gathering room.

### SCRIP

Gift cards and certificates can be purchased after Sunday Mass in the gathering room, by calling Jayne Engel at 894-3904 or at Citizens Bank in Kiel during business hours.

### ORNAMENT TREE PRIZES

The prize inventory for the ornament tree is getting depleted. When you are shopping and notice clearance items on sale, consider purchasing them for tree prizes at the spring or fall dinners. Items that go over well are toys, school supplies, stuffed animals, hygiene items (soap, Chap Stick, tissues, toothbrushes, etc.), towels, holiday decorations, ceramic dishes, mugs and figurines. Thanks!

## ST. ANN LITURGY MINISTERS – December 4

	8:00 AM
GREETERS	Terry & June Winkel
LECTOR	Julie Schoenborn
HOST & WINE	Tim & *Sue Mintner, Terry Winkel
SERVERS	Calvin & Sara Winkel
USHERS	Steven Winkel, Math Winkel
GIFT BEARERS	Winkel Family



## HOLY ROSARY PARISH NEWS

### WELCOME

We wish to welcome to our parish community the following people who have recently join the parish: Tracy Westphal and her children Carl & Collyn, Chuck & Connie Leonhard and Cecelia Mayer. Welcome!

### BAPTISM

Congratulations to Myah Rae Goebel, daughter of Mike and Tabatha Goebel, who will be baptized on Sunday. We welcome her to our faith community.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sharon Schad and her family. Sheri's funeral service was held on Friday.

Please also remember Sister M. Clare Wegman, OSF who passed away on November 18. She was a second grade teacher at Holy Rosary School from 1970-76 and Remedial/Music Aide from 1999-2000. May God triumphantly welcome them to their eternal home.

### ADVENT MEDITATION

Books are available for your walk to Jesus during Advent. *The Lord Is Near* by Henry Nouen Advent Meditations are at the entrances to church.

There are also slips of paper with instructions on *how to make a crib for Jesus, Prayers for opening gifts, and How to make an Advent Wreath.*

### 'SPRING INTO CASH' RAFFLE

This weekend we are kicking off our 'Spring Into Cash' Raffle. We thank you for your past support and we hope we can count on you again. Tickets are available in the main wing of church this weekend for you to pick up. Additional tickets are also available for anyone hoping to sell a few extras. This fundraiser is a major part of our fundraising budget, so thank you in advance for your support.

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sign up sheets are in all wings of church for the Christmas party on Tuesday, December 6 at the Altona. Cocktails at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$8.00.

Anyone wishing to join the Christian Women is welcome to come to the Christmas Party or call Mary Jane Lorenz at 898-5047, Leslie Fredrich at 898-9042 or Rhonda Roepke at 898-5555. Dues are \$3 a year.

### FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

The Welcoming Committee is hosting Fellowship Sunday this weekend following the 10:30 Mass. It will be held in all three wings of church. Please join us.

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**POINSETTIA MEMORY TREE**

We will again have a "Poinsettia Tree" here at Holy Rosary this Christmas for those who would like to honor a loved one, living or deceased. Each plant will shape the tree. For a \$10 donation in memory/honor of a loved one, his or her name will be printed on a tag and hung on a plant.

Your donation and the name of the person to be honored may be placed in an envelope and put into the collection basket or representatives will be in each wing of church after Mass on the weekends of November 27 & December 4. Donations with requests may also be sent to Julie Ruffing or the parish office.

The poinsettias will be ordered after December 5 and will be yours to take home and enjoy the weekend of January 7 & 8.

**USHERS AND GREETERS**

As ministers of hospitality, we are always looking for ways to welcome, make feel at home and assist those who come to church each week. To assist us with this, we have nametags for you to wear. They are located next to the sign in book in the sacristy. Please return the nametag to the sacristy after Mass.

**MASS CANCELLATION**

We are looking to create an email list of those who would like to be contacted if Mass is cancelled due to a snowstorm, etc. If you would like to be on the email list, please call (898-4884) or email (hrparish\_1@charter.net) the parish office your request.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

We have several openings for Mass Intentions on Friday mornings as well as at the Willowdale and Homestead Masses that Fr. Harry celebrates once a month. If you have an intention you would like said, please call the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

The Cemetery Committee will be meeting Thursday, December 1 at 2:00 PM in the Rectory. We are looking for individuals who would like to join this committee. If interested or have questions, please call the parish office.

**SCRIP**

St. Nick Day is just around the corner. Time to get those handy little stocking stuffers. Gift cards are the perfect size to fit in any stocking. Our \$10 - \$15 gift cards come for a variety of places, Kohl's, Fleet Farm, Bath and Body, Kwik Trip, Subway, Walden Books, Barnes and Nobel, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, Taco Bell, iTunes, and Culver's! Or for \$20-\$25 we carry Bath and Body, Applebee's, Kwik Trip, Toys R Us, Citgo, Kohl's, Sears, Fleet Farm, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Aeropostle, American Eagle, Gap, Old Navy, Walgreen's, Gordman's, JC Penney's, Target, Starbucks, iTunes, and many others in \$5 for fast foods like Mc Donald's and DQ. If you don't know what to give, buy a Scrip Certificate from our box that gives the recipient a choice—in any denomination you choose! Check out the box in the main wing after Mass, or the Divine Savior School New Holstein office during school hours -- M&I Bank also carries these cards and certificates.

**VITAL YOUTH MINISTRY PLANNING TEAM**

invites all parish members to continue to pray for the Youth of our parish and community during this blessed month of November.

*During this month of feast days for All Souls and All Saints, let us especially pray for our newly Confirmed students. Lord, create in them an eagerness to stretch their minds and to be open to the Holy Spirit's knowledge, guidance, and insight. Bless our students with wisdom to keep in touch with You; understanding to keep their relationship with You strong as they experience Your presence in their lives. May they be open to the guidance and direction life offers them; knowledge to accept the truths of our faith and living according to these truths. Make prayer an important part of their lives. Grant them the gift of wonder and awe so they may recognize Your love daily. May they never let*

*anything separate them from Your love and continue to make them your instruments in building a better society. Thank you for our many blessings that we take for granted in our daily lives. Amen.*

**THE COMPASS**

Holy Rosary Parish is again offering parishioners the opportunity to subscribe to the diocesan newspaper "The COMPASS" through our parish. Each subscription to "The COMPASS" costs \$21.50 per year. If interested in receiving "The COMPASS" through our parish, please fill out and return the bottom portion to the Rectory. We are offering two different options to help defray the cost of the subscription price. Checks can be made out to Holy Rosary. Any questions, contact Sue at the Rectory office. Please return by December 31. New subscriptions will begin in January.

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**HOLY ROSARY LITURGY MINISTERS – December 3 & 4**

	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
<b>SERVERS</b>	Taylor Doherty Zachary Schmitz Lilly Feider	Mick Cash Max Knauf Jacob Ramaker
<b>USHERS -N -M -S</b>	+Kevin Sippel Al Berenz Denise Wiley	+Dave Burg Sara Luebke Jay Brandt
<b>GREETERS-N -M -S</b>	Jenny Sippel Al Berenz Pat Buechel	Rhonda Roepke Anna & Joe Baldwin Jamie Langenfeld
<b>HOST</b>	Paul Kapellen Linda Winter	Patty Jaeckels Randy Jaeckels
<b>WINE</b>	Marilyn Steffen Mike Winter Mike Steffen Dolores Pethan	Sue Philippi Rhonda Roepke Mary Hoerth Jean Baldwin
<b>LECTOR</b>	Marilyn Tikalsy	Don Rhode
<b>CANTOR</b>	Meg Feider	
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Steve Hartmann	Ann Arbuckle



## DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

During this blessed week of Thanksgiving we generally have a list of things, people and traditions that we are thankful for – generally, this doesn't include our education! Catholic Education truly is a blessing and a tradition to be thankful for.

Catholic Education started in the United States over 400 years ago (there is a very interesting history of Catholic Education at <http://www.ncea.org/about/historicaloverviewofcatholicschoolsinamerica.asp>).

Many of our school families are fourth or fifth generation supporters of Catholic Education – if that isn't a tradition to celebrate I'm not sure what is! For families that are just starting this tradition, what a wonderful opportunity to become a part of something so strong and with such a rich history.

At Divine Savior, we are thankful for the opportunity for Catholic Education- for those who came before us and for those yet to come. As a way for us to demonstrate our commitment to keeping this tradition alive, we would love to be able to share information with our Alumni. If you are an Alumni of Holy Rosary, Saints Peter and Paul or Saint Ann, please visit our school website ([www.divinesaviorschool.org](http://www.divinesaviorschool.org)) and register as an alumni. We wish everyone a blessed holiday season.

## MORE AREA HAPPENINGS

**COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**-Sunday December 4 at New Holstein High School from Noon to 5:30 PM. Chili Dinner & Bake Sale, Festival of Wreaths, Holiday Craft Projects, Photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus, 50/50 Raffle Drawing, Food & Beverages.

**1:00 to 4:00**-Timm House Tours

**2:00 pm**-Choral Concert featuring St. Isidore - Mt Calvary, St. Mary's – Marytown, CPES 2nd & 3rd Grade – Johnsbury, St. John UCC - New Holstein, Holy Rosary - New Holstein, Zion Lutheran - New Holstein. Admission-\$2 at the door plus a non-perishable food donation

**3:30 to 5:30**-Free Carriage rides

Sponsored by New Holstein & Winnebago East Shore Lions Clubs.

**"COLORS OF CHRISTMAS"** at the Timm House, 1600 Wisconsin Ave., New Holstein. Visit and enjoy the beauty and sparkle of the colors of Christmas throughout the first floor of this beautiful Victorian home. Santa collection, numerous decorated trees and refreshments. December 3, 4, 10, 11 & 17 from 1-4:00 PM. Sunday, December 18 from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Adults \$5, under 12 \$2.50.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** sponsored by the New Holstein Lions Club. Serving from 8:00 AM to Noon in the Holy Rosary Gym. Bring your camera for a picture with Santa.

**HOLIDAY BLUEGRASS CONCERT**-Saturday, December 3 at 7:00 PM at St. Martin's Heritage Park, N3298 Cty T, New Holstein. Music by Red Star Express. Advance tickets \$10, At the Door \$12. For tickets call 920-876-3439 or email [Info@StMartinHeritagePark.org](mailto:Info@StMartinHeritagePark.org) or from Delta Publications, Kiel.

The Kiel Municipal Band will present its annual **Christmas Concert** on Saturday, December 3 at 6:00 pm at the Kiel City Hall Gym, 621 Sixth St. Kiel. Santa Claus and his special guest will visit with children. Free Admission!

**HOLIDAY OF REMEMBRANCE**-Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 PM at Wieting Family Funeral Home, Kiel. Join us this holiday season for our service of remembrance. We will be honoring and remembering any and all members of the community who have died this past year. Those who attend will receive a personalized glass ornament as a gift from our family. It is our hope that this Holiday of Remembrance will help those have a peaceful and healing holiday season. Registration is necessary for planning purposes. To register, please call 849-4941 or 894-4943.

**Living Nativity** at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 441 Millersville Ave., Howards Grove on Friday and Saturday, December 2 & 3 from 6-9:00 PM and on Sunday, December 4 from 4-7:00 PM.

**Christmas at the Museum** at the Malone Area Heritage Museum. Thursdays, December 1, 8 & 15 from 2-4:00 PM and Saturday & Sundays, December 3 & 4, 10 & 11 from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM.