



THE BASILICA of ST. JAMES

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3rd Sunday of Advent

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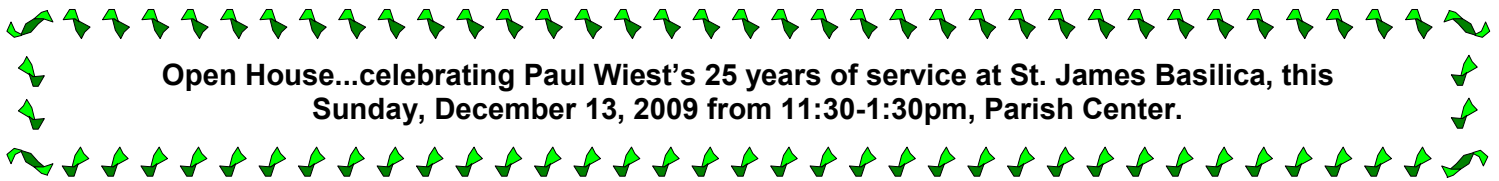
THE VOICE

December 13, 2009

The church invites you to make your prayer scriptural.

A good way to begin would be to use each week's Sunday Psalm Response at regular daily intervals:

"Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."



Open House...celebrating Paul Wiest's 25 years of service at St. James Basilica, this Sunday, December 13, 2009 from 11:30-1:30pm, Parish Center.

Advent Reconciliation Service at the Basilica:

6:30pm Monday, December 14, 2009

(People from all parishes are invited)

Individual Reconciliation at the Basilica:

3:30pm December 19, 2009

5:00pm December 21, 2009

7:00pm December 22, 2009

Advent Reconciliation Services - Deanery 7

Oriska Tri-Parish

December 13, 7:00pm, Sacred Heart, Carrington

December 13, 1:30pm, St. Elizabeth, Sykeston

December 20, 7:00pm, St. Catherine, Valley City

CHRISTMAS EUCHARISTS

Can also be found on our web page: stjamesbasilica.org

December 24, 2009	Eucharist	4:00pm (3:30pm Christmas Music)	Basilica
	<i>(Both will involve children)</i>	6:00pm (5:30pm Christmas Music)	Basilica

We encourage people to attend the 6:00pm Liturgy. It will be the same as the 4:00pm which always has to overflow to the parish center.

If we can divide the numbers equally at the 4:00 & 6:00pm, it will be comfortable for all.

December 24, 2009	Christmas Eve Eucharist	10:00pm	(9:30pm Christmas Music)	Windsor
	Midnight Mass	12 Midnight	(11:15pm Christmas Caroling)	Basilica
December 25, 2009	Christmas Morning Eucharist	9:30am	(9:00am Christmas Music)	Basilica
		10:30am		Pingree

New Years Eve – Feast of Mary, Mother of God :

December 31, 2009	Vigil	4:00pm	Basilica
	Vigil	6:00pm	Basilica
January 1, 2010	Feast of Mary, Mother of God	8:30am	Windsor
		9:30am	Basilica
		10:30am	Pingree

This Week's Liturgies - December 14- 20, 2009

MON 12:10pm † Ray Falk by Charles & Marge Kourajian
TUE 12:10pm † Mike Gallagher by Marlys Gallagher
12:15pm(L) Glory Ebertz by Bob & Ginny Moran
**Eucharist @ North Dakota State Hospital
(SE Corner of La Haug Building)**

WED 10:00am † Philip Eckroth by Irene and Family **@ Ave Maria Village**
12:10pm (L) Hank Giltrop by Irene Eckroth and Family

THU 12:10pm † Wanda Marston by Judy & Willis Branning
12:40pm Adoration
3:30pm (L) Andy Nykolayow by NW Neighborhood **@ Rock of Ages**
5:00pm Benediction
7:00pm Eucharist @ James River Correctional Center

FRI 10:00am † Martin Lehnen by Sister Michaelleen **@ Hi-Acres Manor**
12:10pm † Barbara & Lorraine Wright by Shane Schonenberg

SAT 8:00am Living & Deceased Members of Tabernacle
4:30pm † Bill Laskowski by Dina Laskowski

SUN 8:30am † Philip Brown by Deidra & Richard Brown
10:30am † Mary Exner by her Family
6:00pm People of the Basilica and Outlying Parishes by Fr. Bitz

Reconciliation ½ hour before daily Eucharists; Saturdays 3:30pm

Scripture Readings: look on the websites:<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/http://www.lectorprep.org>. (Good for Proclaimers' preparation)

Bible Study for Men:

Every Thursday morning, Parish Center, 7am-7:45am.

This Week's Readings

Sun	1st	Zeph. 3:14-18a (9C)
	2nd	Phil. 4:4-7
	Gospel	Luke 3:10-18
Mon	1st	Num. 24:2-7,14-17a
	Gospel	Mt. 21:23-27
Tue	1st	Zeph. 3:1-2,9-13
	Gospel	Mt. 21:28-32
Wed	1st	Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25
	Gospel	Mt. Luke 7:18b-23
Thu	1st	Gen. 49:2, 8-10
	Gospel	Mt. 1:1-17
Fri	1st	Jer. 23:5-8
	Gospel	Mt. 1:18-25
Sat	1st	Judg.13:2-7,24-25a
	Gospel	Luke 1:5-25
Sun	1st	Mic. 5:1-4a (12C)
	2nd	Heb.10:5-10
	Gospel	Luke 1:39-45

Liturgies at Outlying Parishes

8:30am Next Sunday at:

St. Mathias, Windsor

(L) Mederic & Blanche Chaput
by Sonia & Robert Heinle

10:30am Next Sunday at

St. Michael's, Pingree

† Gertrude McKenzie-Lind
by Geary McCleery

Assisted Hearing Units are available in the Sacristy of St. James.

The Gospel Re-enactment will again be held during the 4:00 & 6:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharists. **Practice for 4:00 pm Eucharist** will be held at **10:00am on December 24**. **Practice for 6:00pm Eucharist** will be held at **10:30am on December 24**. This is a wonderful way for the children to actively participate in this joyous season. Children ages 3 1/2 to 10 years old are invited to join in this special activity. If interested, contact the Faith Formation Office at 252-0478 or faithformation@csicable.net by December 14th.

In this season of Advent we are called to be models of hope. The parishioners of St. James are invited to be models of hope by participating in the Advent Giving Tree. The Advent Giving Tree is located in the west foyer entrance. Please take a snowflake from the tree, place in an envelope along with your donation and place in the collection basket. Thank you for living your lives as Christian stewards of HOPE.

Youth celebrating Baptismal Anniversaries this week

Chea Baugh
Kaiser Cruz

Brooke Krapp
Landon Krapp

Darrin Leyendecker

Next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on **Monday, January 4, 2010** at **7:00pm** at the **Zebedee Center**. Please call 252-0478 to register.

2010 Church Calendars are available at all entrances to the church. Pick yours up today!

Knights of Columbus Breakfast - PARISH CENTER

Sunday December 20, 2009 - Serving after the 8:30 and 10:30am Eucharists
Serving biscuits, homemade sausage gravy, eggs, juice and coffee.
Served by the 4th Degree Knights - Proceeds to benefit those seeking religious vocations.

Advent/Christmas Environment ... If you would like to donate toward the environment for the Advent/Christmas season in memory of a deceased loved one or in remembrance of someone special in your life, please complete the form below, include it in your offering, and drop in the collection basket. Thank you.

Your Name: _____

Parish: _____

Deceased: _____

Living: _____

Amount donated: _____

Search Weekend-January 15-17, 2010 (For those 16 and older). Search weekends are located at Maryvale Convent, Valley City.

We have Fr. Joe, Sr. Shawna, Clare Geinert, Jennifer Neva, Kimberly Wanner, Jacob Lauinger, and Nick Graves (is on prayer back up) from here on the team for this weekend's Search (Dec. 11-13). We also had Matt Graves, Matt McIntyre, Sarah Neva, and Alec Nelson, new searchers, on this Search.

Search is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth to minister to youth. Young people will share bits and pieces of themselves; their joys and struggles in everyday life. They will share how Christ fits into their busy schedules and why it is important to have Christ as a part of your life. The weekend begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. There is time for prayer, Eucharist, fellowship, and fun.

The new searcher deadline is December 23, 2009.

For more information or to pick up an application, please contact the Faith Formation office at 252-0478 or e-mail faithformation@csicable.net.

"Jesus Our Promised Savior", our next Parish Mission Night is **Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30pm** in the **Parish Center**. A highlight of this evening is the **Live Nativity**. All parishioners are invited to join us for this special evening of remembering Christ's birth. Special Guests, Saints Anne and Joachim will be helping us prepare for Christmas.

St. John's Academy News:

KINDERGARTEN RECRUITMENT: The SJA kindergarten class for the 2010-2011 school year is getting underway. Our Recruitment Committee is in the initial process of gathering a list of prospective kindergartners (5 by August 1, 2010). If you know of a family who might be interested in receiving information about our school, please let the office know (252-3397) so that we can include them in our mailing.

Our sympathy and remember in prayer the families of those who died recently, Lawrence Renner, cousin of Sister Michaelleen; Florence Cebula, sister of Ed (Evelyn) Steckler; Gay Lynn Haney, wife of Deacon David Haney.

In your prayers please remember our friends and relatives who are deployed in Iraq and overseas: (*new names are in parentheses and Italics*)

Ryan Carroll	Nick Kluck	Daniel Shealy
Rob Falk	Joseph Nasset	Mark Sjostrom
Scott Gainsforth	Leah Nasset	Abby Tews
Tyrel Gion	Christopher Olsen	Jerod Tuft
Caron Isakson	Michael Pommerer	Blaine Williams
Fr. Jack Herron	Philip Pommerer	

(If you know of new people, please let us know).

In your prayers please remember our sick: (new names are in parentheses and italics) To make things more personal, we include names for two weeks. Behind each name is the neighborhood or outlying parish with which they are connected. Thus we ask the neighborhood or outlying parish to continue praying for them. If you don't remember your neighborhood you can check the map at the church west entrance.

Val Orr (SE-R Ypsilanti Neighborhood)
Leader: Tiny Exner

Vickie Williams (NW Fairground Neighborhood)
Leader: Susie Senger

The Year of Priests

December 13

Msgr. Wendelyn Vetter
Retired



December 14

Fr. Robert Wapenski
Anamoose—Drake



December 15

Fr. John Graven
Retired



December 16

Fr. Kevin Willis
Oakes - Forman



December 17

A Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness.

In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them

Pray for the following priests (December 13– 19, 2009)

Msgr. Jeffrey Wald
Fargo - Holy Spirit



December 18

Fr. Thomas Graner
Rugby - Knox



December 19

Bishop James O'Reilly
†12/19/1934



through prayer to live each day, that mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for the poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. And may the gift of Mary, your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image may form them in your Divine image, by the power of your Spirit to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Faith Formation is in need of catechists for the second half of the year. We are looking for help in preschool, third and fourth grades. You will be partnered with another catechist so one week you will be the assistant and the next week you will teach with the other catechist as your assistant. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents to help the children of our parish grow in their faith. Contact Peggy at 252-0478 or faithformation@csicable.net.

Question of the Week: Third Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2009

Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

John baptized with water, but the Messiah will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Question for Children: Why is it so important to keep promises which you have made?

Question for Youth: What do you remember from stories about your Baptism? What does your Baptism mean to you now?

Question for Adults: How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

Join the Church Volleyball League...A fun-filled time of socializing and exercise. Early Sunday afternoons from January 3-March 28. Can play as a team member or as a substitute. All teams are chosen by random drawing with families/couples remaining on the same team.

Open to all members of St. James Basilica and past/present parents of St. John's Academy students.

Sign up in the Basilica's entryway or call Ed & Linda Levin 252-0452.

The Meals on Wheels program is in need of drivers for delivery during the weekends of January. This is a great way to help others and only takes about 45-60 minutes of your day. Please contact Peggy at 252-0478 or faithformation@csicable.net if you can help.

FACE Fact: St. John's Academy's endowment fund, the Foundation for Advancement of Christian Education (FACE), works in partnership with St. John's Academy to promote, develop and sustain a high quality Christian education in the Jamestown area.

This Week Around the Parish

Sun. 11:30am Breakfast Brunch, celebrating Paul Wiest's 25 years of service as Custodian	Parish Center
Sun. 1:30pm Reconciliation Service, St. Elizabeth,	Sykeston
Sun. 2:00pm Jamestown College Choir Christmas Concert,	Parish Center
Sun. 7:00pm Reconciliation Service, Sacred Heart,	Carrington
Mon. 12:45pm Brown Bag Bible Study, Holy Spirit Room	Parish Center
Mon 6:00pm Tabernacle Board Christmas Potluck	Parish Center
Mon. 6:30pm Parish Reconciliation Service	Basilica
Tue. 9:00am-4:30pm Stroke Detection Screening,	Parish Center
Wed. 6:30pm Parish Mission Night Live Nativity,	Parish Center/Church
Wed. 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Sessions, Shirley's Office	Zebedee Center
Wed. 7:00pm Basilica Choir Rehearsal,	Basilica
Thu. 7:00am Men's Bible Study,	Parish Center
Thu. 1:30pm Parish Staff Meeting, Conference Room	Zebedee Center
Thu. 7:00-8:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal,	Basilica

OUTSIDE THE PARISH:



Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Give the gift of your time and undivided attention by taking them on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The next scheduled weekend is Valentines Day Weekend - February 12-14, 2010 at the BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, SD. For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org.

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Our business of the week. Please support them and all who advertise in our bulletin.

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www.stjamesbasilica.org**

Blessing of the Tree and Crib...In an effort to help the family group (the domestic church) appreciate the spiritual aspect of Christmas, we suggest the following little ceremony as a Christmas Eve Program in your home. The prayers of blessing of the Christmas Crib and Tree may be prayed by the Father or Mother. As the family gathers around the crib and tree, the youngest in the family may place the figure of the Christ Child in the manger. The tree lights should not burn until the blessing of the tree begins.

All Sing: Silent Night

Father: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: Who made heaven and earth

Father: Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, pour down your blessings on this Crib, which we have set up in memory of the birth of your Divine Son, Jesus Christ (*sprinkle the crib with holy water*). Help us to remember, we beg of you, each time we look at it, that Jesus came down to us at Bethlehem because He loved us. Let it remind us, too, O Heavenly Father, that the presents we give and those we receive, are given and received in memory of His love. Give peace to our home, O Lord, and peace to the world, so that we may live with our own family and with all in happiness; through the same Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and rules with you in union with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

All Sing: Away in a Manger (or some other hymn), while preparing to bless the tree.

Father: O Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly beg you to bless this tree, (sprinkle it with holy water) which we have decorated with ornaments and lights in honor of your birth in Bethlehem. Grant that our souls may also wear the ornaments of good deeds; and make the light of virtue shine in us, so that we may draw all to you.

Amen.

All Sing: O Come, All Ye Faithful (or other well-known hymn).

The Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree probably originated from popular early medieval religious plays, "the Paradise Plays," performed in churches and town squares of Europe during the Advent season. The plays told the story of the human race from the creation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise till the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. On stage during the play was a great tree hung with apples, symbolizing the Garden of Paradise. Soon people began the custom of putting a "paradise tree" laden with gifts and lighted with candles in their homes during the Christmas season to celebrate paradise regained through the coming of Christ.

Representing many things--the original tree of paradise, the life-giving tree of Christ's cross, the tree John the Apostle saw in the Book of Revelations, "a tree of life, which yields twelve crops of fruit, one for each month of the year...for the healing of the nations"--our Christmas tree is rich in Christian symbolism

Saint of the Week: Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

Juan's father died when Juan was two. At nine, the family moved, and Juan worked at a hospital and began his studies at a Jesuit school. He earned a position as nurse, was very compassionate to the critically ill and lonely, while still a serious student. After graduation he joined the Carmelite order and traveled around Spain

founding monasteries and establishing rules. He became a Discalced (barefoot) Carmelite and came to be known as John of the Cross, Juan de la Cruz. He was imprisoned for refusing to return to his original posting, and beaten weekly. This inspired some of his poetry. He is the patron saint of contemplatives, mystics and mystical theology, as well as Spanish poets.



Listen to "A CD a Week for Advent." Pick up an Advent Bundle (4/\$10) at the Lighthouse display.

Week 1: *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord* by Blessed Mother Teresa

Week 2: *Becoming the Best Version of Yourself* by Matthew Kelly or *God's Family and Ours: The Church and The Trinity* by Dr. Scott Hahn

Week 3: *The True Meaning of Christmas* by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Week 4: *Prepare the Way of the King: Making the Most of Advent* by Dr. Scott Hahn

The NET team was here last weekend to present “Soul Satisfaction”, a retreat to 7th and 8th graders of the parish. A small group of students from these grades gathered together (including one from Valley City) to learn more about their faith. Here is what one of the participants, Jessica Vandal, had to say about the retreat:

“The NET retreat was simply fantastic! Friendly National Evangelization Team members really demonstrated the topic: Soul Satisfaction. With great presentations and personal stories, we developed a community atmosphere. Games and drama really kept everyone’s interest. I felt deeply “refreshed” after Reconciliation and prayer time. The NET retreat left me inspired and more educated in my faith.”

Thank you to all who helped in anyway to bring the team here to Jamestown. Please keep the team in your prayers as they continue to travel around the diocese giving retreats.

Service Experience in Chimbote, Peru...A service trip is being planned to Chimbote, Peru from July 21-August 3, 2010. We will be working with Los Amigos del Padre Juan, the organization which ministers with Fr. Jack Davis in Chimbote, providing support to people who are poor in the area. There will also be a side trip to Machu Picchu and Cuzco, two historical sites of the Incan people of Peru. The cost of the trip is around \$2,000 (airline, hotel, and some of the meals included in this price). Anyone in grades 9-12 and older is invited to consider participating in this trip. For more information please call Sr. Shawna at 252-0478 or e-mail faithformation@csicable.net.

This week our expressed thanks are: Good medical care, many blessings, son’s recover to health, our priests and Sr. Michaelen, for all God’s gifts, my family, Advent, Christmas Carols, good food, children, family get-togetters, for a good doctor’s report, music, a place to worship, hospice care giver, Fr. John for Home Communion, good job, answered prayers, God’s love and divine mercy.

Lost and Found: Found in the church after the St. John’s Academy Christmas Program: Brown with beige trim diaper bag and a man’s right hand black glove. A gold tie clasp was found in the parish center the evening of 1st Reconciliation. If yours, can claim in parish office.

Preparation for Catholics celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage

Timothy Muldoon in “A Theology for Married People” says: “U.S. Catholic pastoral leaders are ill advised to assume that there is a consistent, systematic belief among their congregants that marriage is the natural course for many young lay people, or that those who are married will stay that way or that children will be raised in Catholic households with two parents.”

Marriages witnessed by the Catholic Church are sacraments. The Church sets up the homes of people getting married as domestic churches or “little churches.” It ordains husbands and wives to be the sacramental ministers. This means that Christ identifies His love with their love. Whenever they say: “I love you,” it is Christ who is saying that. Whenever they say: “I forgive you,” it is Christ who is saying that. This has its equivalent when the priest says: “This is my Body...This is my Blood.” When the priest says that, we as Catholics know it really is Christ saying that. So it is with husband and wife. The love they have for each other then makes visible and present God’s love. Their family becomes holy by husband and wife living out daily their marriage vows. This means that living out their sacramental marriage vows is their way of holiness. As Timothy Muldoon says: “Married life is the privileged place of encounter with God, the holy ground upon which God invites them to work out their salvation and

the salvation of their spouses, children, extended families and communities”.

Because it is a sacrament, the Catholic Church requires that a priest (or another minister specifically delegated by the Bishop) be present to witness the exchange of vows. This means that normally the marriage of a Catholic takes place in a Catholic Church in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. However, for specific reasons a Catholic can be married in another Christian Church with its minister presiding after a special dispensation from the Bishop. However, such a couple must meet with a priest to do the proper paperwork and to make sure all the church’s preparation requirements are fulfilled. The Church encourages the priest and the minister to work together in preparing such a couple. The Bishop then grants a dispensation so the Catholic and Christian spouse can sacramentalize their marriage in a non-catholic Church and witnessed by the minister of that church.

If the above is all done, we publish the proposed wedding in our bulletin so everyone knows that all the requirements of the Catholic Church have been met and that the marriage is a valid, sacramental marriage.

In a nutshell: whenever a Catholic gets married, he/she must always visit and work with a priest, deacon or pastoral minister.