

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2005

St. Christopher
Catholic Church,
Marysville



What Makes You Happy?

By Fr. Gerald Britz

The third Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete.” It is a Latin word that translates ‘joy’. The ultimate reason for joy in our lives is Jesus Christ. He has come to us. He is with us now. He will always be with us. He is glad to be with us.

There are lots of things that give us joy and make us happy. Family, friends, material things, works of art, celebrations, recreation, entertainment, sports and so on and so forth. However, there is no one and nothing that can give us joy and happiness like Jesus Christ does.

Jesus Christ is an antidote and cure for any and all sadness possible in our lives. His presence is a cure for depression, for loneliness, disappointment, dissatisfaction, whatever and whoever. With the Lord, we can carry the cross of poverty, illness, want, joblessness. If we know and feel that Jesus Christ has been there before us and is with us, we can still have joy and happiness.

I talked with a person last week with terminal cancer. She claimed she was O.K. with it because she believes that “the Lord is with me”...”is madly in love with me”... “will always care for me.” It would be terrible if one did not believe that. We can always be “Gaudete”, joyful, accepting, if we are conscious of God’s presence. We can quit being grouchy, negative, critical, complaining, unhappy if we convince ourselves that...the Lord is really with us.



This Sunday’s Gospel

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist was not the light of the world, nor are we. John was a witness to the light of the world. John was sent to testify to the light, Jesus Christ who would give us His Spirit.

Our role is to witness, to live, to testify by our living in the Spirit of God.

1. Is your life pointing out Jesus Christ to others ? How?
2. What are you doing to promote God’s way?
3. Are you in union/ communion with your fellow parishioners in witnessing to Jesus Christ?

Next Week’s Readings

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 p.m.

Communal Reconciliation Within Our Vicariate

Wednesday, December 14 , 7PM

Saturday, December 17, 3 PM

St. Mary, Port Huron

Wednesday, December 14, 7PM

All Saints, Memphis

Saturday, December 17, 12 PM

St. Mary, St. Clair

Wednesday, December 21, 7 PM

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Emmett

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Sunday, December 11, 2005**

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word
For those adults and teens inquiring about the Catholic Church.

9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting
Ages 10 months – 3 yrs.

9:30 a.m. Children's Church
Ages 3 yrs – Kindergarten

10:30 -12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

10:45 a.m. 1st –8th Grade

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

Monday, December 12, 2005

7:00 p.m. Administration Mtg./Rm. 1

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

7:00 p.m. Communal Penance

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

12:00 p.m. Homebound Eucharistic Ministers Mtg.

4:00-5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades

7:00-8:30 p.m. 6th, 7th, 8th Grades

Thursday, December 15, 2005

6:00 p.m. Hospitality Ministers/
Social Hall

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

Saturday, December 17, 2005

4:00 p.m. Confession

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Marriage Preparation Weekend

The Covenant Love Marriage Preparation Weekend offers engaged couples an overnight-weekend, experience as a special preparation not just for their wedding, but for their life-long marriage in Christ. The next weekend takes place January 14-15 at St. John Center in Plymouth. For details, call Janet Gruley at 734-414-1104 or email her at gruley.janet@aod.org.

"Feed the Hungry"

Parishioners brought up 6398 pounds of food during the liturgies this year. Families referred to the Blue Water Community Food Depot are grateful for the food provided to them. Thank you - Tons! 3 Times!

St. Vincent de Paul

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gratefully acknowledges gifts in loving memory of
**Dorothy Frendt
Richard Kern
Jack Murray**



It's that time of year again for the Giving Tree. Please take a tag from the tree in the Social Hall and shop for a gift. **When you return the gift, please make sure that tag is attached to the present.** We will be distributing the packages Sunday, Dec. 18, so please have your gift under the tree by then. Thank you in advance for your overwhelming generosity!

The Giving Tree Committee

**CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE****Christmas Eve-December 24**

4:00 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Mass

11:30 p.m. Christmas Music
with Carol Sing-A-Long
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day-December 25

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

**Remember to Keep in
Your Prayers**

Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Irene Brow, Freda Pelech, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Avery Langowski, Mary Warren, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Sally Eagen, Jason Finn, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Bernice Melczarczyk, Theresa Prince, Rosie Dazer, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Mia Nowak, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Al Kustowski, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, Kim Stephenson and those who care for them.

ARE YOU MUSICALLY GIFTED?

If you have a love for the liturgy and have been gifted with musical abilities, please consider sharing your gifts with your parish family.

BECOMING A CANTOR

We are looking for individuals who have been confirmed to serve as cantors during our Masses.

Rehearsals

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

In the Church

INSTRUMENTAL MUSICIANS

If you play a musical instrument (clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, guitar, drums) and have the ability to sight-read, please consider ministering at our weekend Masses.

To register or for additional information, please contact

**Melissa Duso at 364-4100,
ext. 205**

**Weekend Liturgy
December 17 & 18, 2005**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 pm.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Mr. & Mrs. W. Taylor By The O'Brien Family Elwin Locke, Sr. (8 yrs.) By His Family	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Joan Kosmowski By Ted Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Striker By Their Family	Grace Bellich & Sandy Keck By Judy Roussin & Family
Celebrant	Fr. Britz	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Mike Finch Andrew Cieslinski	Nancy Trudell Deem Boldyreff	Martin Frascchetti Karen Frascchetti	Rachel Frikken Stephanie Makowski
Eucharistic Minister	Jack Quinlan Barb Stocker Rollin Stocker Vince Pecoraro Judy Pecoraro	Linda Tokarski Charlotte Carufel Poppy Goddard Gayle O'Donnel Donna Orr	Flo Herlihy Jerry Huber Terrie Formaz Tosia Tucker Liz Bachler Laurie Bachler Beth Graham	Kathy Robison Julia Szczygiel Joanne Wesch Chris Krohn Cheryl Azarcon Mary Jo Jewell Betty Ann Trumbell
Cantor	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned
Altar Servers	Ryan Watson Adam Cieslinski	Bobby Orchard Joel Orchard	Dylan Jones	Kyle Hercliff Emmanuel Canto
Hospitality Ministers	Thomas & Kathleen Neumann Steven Ginther	Greg & Penny White Ben DePetris Mike O'Brien	Chris, Tori, Nick, Nate, Kim Deland	Arthur, Laura, Arthur, Bruce Bianchi

**Weekday Mass Intentions
December 12, 2005 – December 16, 2005**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Helen Leneway, By Virginia Tracey
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Emma Rhadigan, By Kay Borowski
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Veronica Quinlan, By Ralph & Bertha White
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Guy Oatman, By William Simms

Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's

December 3 & 4.....\$10,176.58
Children's.....3.00
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Christmas.....70.00

Stewardship Thought...

All of the people in today's readings-the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist-seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

The December 15th Dinner Meeting of the **League of Catholic Women** will be held at the Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron at 12 p.m. noon. You may choose from a menu of Roast Port Loin or White Fish, and dessert for \$12. Please state your choice when mailing your reservation check to Katie Ricketts, 906 Hollis St., Port Huron, (982-7418) or Arlene Krejci (987-1623). Guests are welcome. Reservations will not be taken at the door.

Readings Of The Week

**Sunday, December 11
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday, December 12
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Sugg: 690A: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:91a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Tuesday, December 13
Lucy, virgin, martyr**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 14
John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church**

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15

Is 54:1-10

Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8

Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17

Asian Earthquake Reparation

An Evening of Superb Entertainment

Friday, December 16 ~ 7 PM

Neuman Center

505 Huron Ave., Port Huron

Tickets: Free-will-offering at door
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