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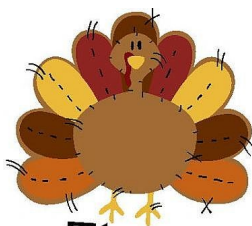
Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday -7:30 am, 9:00 am

Monday—Wednesday - 8:00 am



1st Sunday of Advent November 27



Happy Thanksgiving

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HEARTBEAT DEADLINE

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We welcome reports of events, news of Parish members, committee reports, humor and inspirational pieces. All articles are subject to editing and must be signed.

Please include a phone number.

(Names withheld upon request.) Bring articles to the Parish Office or email to-
lgaska@wi.rr.com



Ladies Ministry III

Let's see—where did we leave the ladies last time? Oh yes, it was the end of 1989, and the savings had accumulated to \$18, 325.86, with \$4,306.92.92 in the check book and \$14,018.94 in four certificates. So, the plans which began forming as far back as 1986, on what renovation was needed in the kitchen, were finally coming to fruition.

Perhaps to better understand the real need for renovation, in the late '40's the original kitchen was one large room. It is believed equipment was purchased secondhand and, in 1986, the range totally broke down, causing a lot of concern about the kitchen's use at coming events and Parish Festival. There were other needs, but only a few were taken care of because money wasn't there. By 1991, though, the work could no longer be put off.

In April of 1991, three of the four savings certificates were turned in to have the money needed for work being done. Adamczyk Sheet Metal received \$5805 for the stainless steel exhaust hood and all the "fixings." In May, the last certificate was redeemed. Salzer's Builders were paid \$1755 for kitchen wall and ceiling construction, dividing the kitchen so the pantry, refrigerator and freezer were behind the wall. For electrical work, Ardell Electric was paid \$12,400.00. Final payments were made by October of that year. Then it was back to business as usual—for a while. Only major purchases were a much-needed freezer in August, 1992, and a refrigerator in June of 1995.

The savings again rose from a balance of \$5367.49 in June of 1995 to \$27,000.75 in July 2000, when \$25,000.00 was placed in a money market account. At the same time, the number of ladies had gradually gone down to a much smaller group, and some of the activities were taken over by others or discontinued, still they did well.

In 2004, other necessary revisions were made to make the kitchen even more efficient. This included a new dishwasher, a rent-to-own, (since the old one continually broke down),

through the Boelter Co., paid in installments by December, 2005. There were counters with space underneath, replacement of old cupboards and sinks, and new flooring was installed, which included asbestos removal. Code required installation of a grease trap, done in February, 2004. Mary Margaret recalls the big hole in the kitchen floor, full of mud, etc. Final payments were made as follows:

	\$ 3, 227.14	Cabinets
	66.62	Extra Silver
	9,123.99	Electric
	3,118.00	Flooring
	2,900.00	Electric
	<u>1,635.00</u>	Painting
	\$24,351.68	Beres Builders
	<u>10,120.95</u>	Dishwasher Boelter Co.
	\$34,472.63	
	1,069.00	Architect
	<u>525.00</u>	Parss - Asbestos removal
Total	\$36,065.63	

Marc Beres of John Beres Builders did not charge for consulting, only actual work time

The \$25,000 money market plus the \$11,141.18 balance in the checking account was used to pay all these bills. Besides that, blinds were replaced in the hallway leading to the hall and in the hall itself for \$2782.95, also paid for by the Women's Ministry.

Of course, by now, the groups' numbers were greatly decreased from those early years, so it's amazing to this writer how they have kept up with all the work that has been done.

At this point, the Women's Ministry consisted of Joan Gaska, Ruth Ann Melk, Ethel Stueck, June Mutsch, Irene Suchla, and Mary Margaret Marshall who come to the meetings. That's quite a difference from years past, isn't it?

Just a note here, as their group numbers decreased over the years, their meeting place was moved. This occurred along with the changes in pastors, etc. Their needs were more because they did much of their art and craft projects at the meetings, too, and needed room for their supplies. One of the first was an upper room in the rectory, in the kitchen for awhile, an upper room in the school, and to the convent (3 small upper rooms), and, finally the large room in the convent. This, after Fr. Karl was threatened by his 12 (yes, only 12) apostles, as he called them, that, if they were moved again, they would quit. Well, they're still here, aren't they?

Oh, they were not done yet—there was a new goal to work toward—a walk-in cooler....

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Throughout the years, the ladies have worked at the Festival—usually in booths, such as the Cherry Tree, Strawberry Patch, and the Doll Booth. The doll booth was run by Vi Grammins. Joan remembers when Vi ran the booth—after a Mass, Vi gave her two dolls dolls and simply said, “ Dress these.” Yours truly even did one! Joan and her family took on the booth and ran it for a few years. That's how it evolved—when one group discontinued a venture, another would pick it up, and also how the ladies got involved in many projects.

Their money at the present time comes from the funeral luncheons, spring luncheons, rummage sales, and also the cookie and craft fair. The fair was taken over when the school was disbanded about 1992-1993. Parents and teachers then had cookie sales, and the Ladies Ministry took over and added the crafts part a little later on. These are the four main moneymakers at this time.

Wish there was room to list (yes, there's a list) all the ladies, but it is so long and probably most of them have gone on to the reward they earned. But, you know, in spite of the amount of work and time spent, it seems the ladies also had many good times because, for the most part, they all worked together so well! And today's ladies are still doing it, but they sure could use some help!

As Joan put it, “We need 'new blood', 'cuz some of us are getting pretty old!” Mary Margaret added that she and Joan really enjoy doing this, but they are grateful for the people who just volunteer to help at functions, in the kitchen, or baking. But somebody has to do the planning, shopping, etc. and the 5 or 6 of them couldn't do it without the people helping them.

To be continued—one more time....



Fair Trade Coffee Sales

On the second Sunday of each month the Human Concerns Committee sells Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate bars, and cocoa in the Gathering Area of Immaculate Heart of Mary after every Liturgy. The regular or decaf coffee is available in whole bean or ground at \$10/12oz bag. The chocolate bars are dark or milk chocolate at \$2/bar.

Why buy at IHM? Fair trade means that the middle distributor has been eliminated and the grower sells directly to a wholesaler/roaster who sells to IHM. This is similar to a farmer's market for fresh vegetables where the grower can sell directly to the consumer. However, we cannot buy coffee, tea, or chocolate directly from the grower so we must have a wholesaler; but the middle distributor has been eliminated. The grower has more control over his price. Our goods are coming from third world countries where the grower needs protection from big business practices. In many instances the money is used to help the grower improve his product and raise him/her out of poverty. The village can also add medical or educational services for its residents through the increased income.

Fair trade works to eliminate poverty, improve agricultural practices, and increase economic stability in poor agricultural communities. The proceeds from IHM's sales are sent to the Archdiocese's mission in the Dominican Republic. Stop at the table on the second Sunday of each month and try the items. Know you are helping the world.



Women's Ministry

We are looking for old records for the Christian Mother's Organization from the time they began at IHM into the late 60's. If you have any information—minutes, financial records, photos, - please let one of the people listed below know.

Mary Margaret Marshall 262-786-9542

Joan Gaska 414-771-2334

Julie Mushall 262- 786-3944

Also if you want to know more about our meetings or would like to help in any way

Soft Silent Snowflakes



Soft silent snowflakes sift through the air
Weaving whirling swirling everywhere
Flittering fluttering falling to and fro
Ah, this is the blessing which we call snow

The snowflakes whirling past set my heart to praise.
I open my hands, my arms I raise
I look to the heavens, I raise my eyes high.
What do I see? A snow filled sky.

Down comes the snowflakes like shooting stars
I see them near. I watch them afar.
Each little snowflake has an identity of its own
Unique by its shape, by its substance, by the path that it has flown.

Unique too my wonder planted by the snow.
I must nurture it. I must cultivate it. I must make it grow.
God, make my spirit climb, sink and swirl.
God, make my imagery glide, weave, and whirl.

But I am silenced by the falling snow I see.
The myriads and their motion mesmerizes me.
It is then, because of God's mercy I see my uniqueness as seen by the
Divine.
It is then, that God speaks to this hallowed piece of space and time that I
call mine.

"Child, you struggle with life's necessity.
Now fly freely in My mercy's mystery.
Snowflakes fall freely, their flights flooding the air
My mercies fill the universe, My mercy is always there.

The wind swirled snowflakes weave waves of white variation.
My mercies are diverse as all the varieties and colors of creation.
Child, I love you always, whether in silence, dance, or rhyme.
My love is immediate, if ever I loved you, now is the time.

The atoms of your body I treasure as the stars of the Milky Way.
For eons of time I guide the stars' planets. I guide your electrons today."
Now, this child ponders at the uniqueness of me.
I ponder of my past, who I am and my destiny.

God, I am silent but I need not speak.
With Your mercy we conquer all, alone I am weak.
God, awareness of Your mercies is changing my heart.
God You blessed me, now I will do my part,
I thank and praise the divine You for what I see.
I will share Your mercies that have become a part of me.



Sharing God's mercies lifts my soul
Sharing God's mercies helps me become whole
By sharing this small mercy, I hallow that which gave me delight
For by sharing this, this gift of mercy, with God and others I unite.

Ah, it is good to give thanks for snow – this unique gift.
Snow gives beauty, snow gave meaning, snow caused my spirit to lift.
God, soft silent snowflakes and Your mercies are gentle in their fall.
Soft silent snowflakes and your mercy will encompass all.

The snow covers the river, the field, the tree.
Oh, what a majestic sight to see.
It blankets the earth, this blanket of snow.
Its sparkling white where ever go.

John Donovan

We Remember... November 1, 2015—October 31, 2016

Catherine A. Aliota	April 5th, 2016
Joan Claire Ammerman	July 30th, 2016
Ruth Ann Baker	October 10th, 2016
Gertrude Mae Belanger	August 30th, 2016
Richard J. Bonkowski	November 12th, 2015
Roland Bopp	March 23rd, 2016
Nicholas Dumak	December 19th, 2016
Kenneth John Ehlenbach	August 15th, 2016
Katherine Guell	February 7th, 2016
Mary Ann Hedberg	July 27yj, 20166
Robert C. Hedberg	January 9th, 2016
Henrietta A. Hintz	May10th, 2016
Lucille E. Horvath	December 25th, 2015
Joyce Jakabowski	August 8th, 2016
Delores Barbara King	July 28th, 2016
Pauline J. Massie	October 11th, 2016
Ann C, Newlin	June 7th, 2016
Donald Gene Newlin	March 16th, 2016
Kathleen A. Osowski	October 7th, 2016
Jean L. Ottow	December8th, 2015
Celine Pierson	February 15th, 2016
David R. Prasser	May 10th, 2016
Frank W. Prochnow	April 13th, 2016
Joseph H. Smith	November 3rd, 2015
Colette Josephine Stone	February 1st, 2016
Werner Stuberg	October 17, 2016
Frank R. Weismann	July 22, 2016
Elizabeth Windorff	September 25th, 2016
Morgan ZM. Ziolecki	June 6th, 2016



May They rest in Peace



IHM Christmas Cookie and Craft Fair

Dec. 10 - 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Dec. 11—7:30 to noon

Anyone wishing to sell their crafts, please call
Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542 for more info.

We ask that families from IHM to bring a batch of their
favorite Christmas Cookies on Sat. after 2 pm. We then
package them in 1 pound boxes to sell.

IHM Senior Social Club

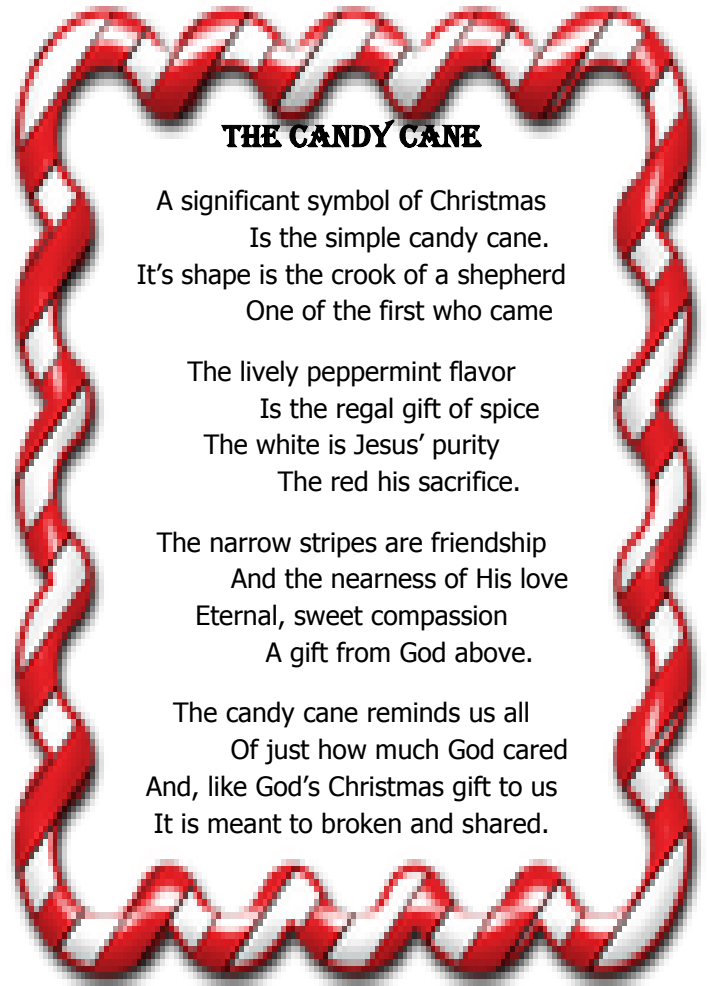
Come, join us... We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the
month from September to June at 11:30—3 in the Hall.
We have some theme months such as...

November is Thanksgiving. We furnish the turkey and
ask that you bring a dish to go along with.

December is a Christmas Party at Meyer's Restaurant.
We ask you to bring a wrapped gift of at least \$5
value—one you would like to receive in return.
The meal is family style and around \$14.00.

March is St. Patrick's Day with corn beef and
June - a picnic.

We have a \$2.00 dues per person per month to help pay
for expenses
Any senior from the parish is welcome. Any questions, call
Mary Margaret 2262-786-9542.



THE CANDY CANE

A significant symbol of Christmas
Is the simple candy cane.
It's shape is the crook of a shepherd
One of the first who came

The lively peppermint flavor
Is the regal gift of spice
The white is Jesus' purity
The red his sacrifice.

The narrow stripes are friendship
And the nearness of His love
Eternal, sweet compassion
A gift from God above.

The candy cane reminds us all
Of just how much God cared
And, like God's Christmas gift to us
It is meant to broken and shared.

Reflections On Christmas Eve by LaVerne Kasian

The day is dawning, It's early morn
A special day is born Outside,
Light snow covers the ground,
Inside, 'tis quiet, not even a sound.

This is the time to reflect on this day,
Trimming the tree in it's full aray.
Calling your loved ones across vast miles,
Knowing their faces will light up with smiles.

Good smells from the kitchen, Mom's cooking and bak-
ing,
Cakes and cookies are ours for the taking.
The house will be decorated, lights all aglow,
Oh? Joy, it's Christmas Eve you know.

Friends and relatives will visit this night,
Children's presents are still out of sight.
Up in their beds children turn and toss,
Wondering and waiting for Santa Claus.

As I lay here thinking about this day,
And people hustling along their way,
Will anyone during this festive night,
Remember the star o'er Bethlehem bright?

Who will think of the Babe born in a manger?
To much of the world He's still a stranger.
On this Holy Night, who will drop to their knees, And
thank God for these Christmas Eves?

It's rewarding lying here thinking ahead,
But the day has dawned and I must leave my bed. But
first, before I get on with my chores,
I must say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to you and yours.

May these holidays renew
The love that people have for you.
Here's a toast with "holiday cheer"
For a happy, healthy, peaceful NEW YEAR

RECIPE CORNER



Cherry Pie Bars from Mary Margaret Marshall

This recipe was used for the dessert that was served with the Pulled Pork Dinner at IHM

3 cups (12 oz.) all purpose flour
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups (12 oz.) cold butter, cubed
3 cups canned cherry pie filling (1 1/2 21 oz. cans)
3/4 cup chopped pecans
1 cup powdered sugar
1/4 tsp almond extract



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line bottom and sides of a 9 x 13 inch pan with heavy duty aluminum foil allowing 2 to 3 inches to extend over sides. Lightly grease foil with cooking spray.

Pulse flour, sugar and salt in food processor to combine. Add butter cubes and pulse until mixture is crumbly. Reserve 1 cup mixture and press remaining mixture onto bottom of prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven until lightly browned, 25—30 minutes. Spread cherry pie filling over crust in pan. Toss together reserved flour mixture and pecans and sprinkle over the pie filling. Bake until golden brown about 40—45 minutes. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Lift baked bars from pan using foil as handles. Stir together powdered sugar, 4 tps. milk and almond extract. Add additional milk to desired consistency and drizzle over pecan topping. Cut into 48 bars. Serves 24. Mary Margaret suggests adding some almond extract to the cherry pie filling and says substituting apple pie filling works well also.

It's Pumpkin Season! What can be better than Perky Pumpkin Seeds?

When you carve your pumpkin, save the seeds and put them in a large shallow baking pan (unwashed). Combine them with 1 1/2 tablespoons melted butter, 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce and 1 1/4 teaspoon salt. Bake in a 250 degree oven for 2 hours, stirring frequently until seeds are crisp, dry and golden.



Brain Teasers



1. What is the longest word in the English language with only one vowel?
2. There are five words in the English language that have no rhyming equivalent. Can you name more than two?
3. What is the tree on the Vermont Quarter?
4. How many eyes are there on a one Dollar Bill?
5. In a deck of cards, what's unique about the King of Hearts?
6. What is the world's greatest use of cow hide?
7. You can put it on a table, cut it, then properly pass portions of it around the table, but never eat it.
What is it?
8. If you have two knees, why are you above average?
9. How long does it take to cook minute rice?
10. Name three words that begin with "D W"

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KID'S KORNER

Where is God?

Two brothers were terrible trouble makers—always breaking things, stealing things, lying, etc. The parents, out of options, ask their pastor to help. He says he will talk to the boys, but only one at a time. The parents drop off the youngest and go home promising to return soon to get him. The boy sits in a chair across from the pastor's desk and they just look at each other. Finally the Pastor says, "Where is God?"

The boy just sits and doesn't answer. The pastor looks stern, and says loudly, "Where is God?"

The little boy shifts in his seat, but still doesn't answer. The pastor is starting to get angry at the boy's refusal to converse and practically shouts, "Where is God?"

To the pastors surprise, the little boy jumps out of his chair and runs out of the office. He runs all the way home, up the stairs and into his brother's room. He shuts the door and pants, "We're in big trouble. God's missing and they think we did it!"

SENIOR'S SPOT



Here's a thought provoking quote from the late author, John Steinbeck: "We give the president more work than a man can do, more responsibility than a man should take, more pressure than a man can bear We abuse him often, and rarely praise him. We wear him out, use him up, eat him up. And with all this, Americans have a love for the president that goes beyond party loyalty or nationality; he is ours, and we exercise the right to destroy him."

Together with God While looking through a new catalog for Christmas gift ideas, a wooden plaque caught my attention. It said, "Before you go to bed give your troubles to God. He will be up all night anyway."

That seem like good advice for nights when we worry instead of sleep. The holiday season is a joyful time..., but it can also have moments of stress. In Philippians 4:6 we are told, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests br known to God."

Our Father, forgive us when we lose sight of your abiding presence. Let Your love heal our troubled minds. Amen.
Aleen Mallory

Church Bulletin Bloopers:

"Ushers will eat latecomers."

"Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."

"The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir."

"A cookbook is being compiled by the ladies of the church. Please submit your favorite recipe and a short antidote fo it."

"When you're in a jam, a good friend
will bring you bread and butter."

"Charity is baking for the church bazaar;
Compassion is buying it back."

"If people weren't meant to have a night snack,
why do they put a light in the refrigerator?"

"Christmas is that one day of the year when your
mother has to separate the men from the toys."

"The only way to appreciate the miracle of the
sunrise is to have waited for it in the dark."

Brain Teaser Answers

1. Strengths
2. Silver, purple, orange, depth and month
3. Maple
4. Four: two on Washington, one on the eagle and on the pyramid
5. It's the one King without a beard
6. Cover cows
7. A deck of cards
8. Because there are a few people in the world without a knee . . . So the average is less than two
9. Five minutes
10. Dwarf, Dwell, Dwindle

TIME TO PRAY

I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't take time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
And heavier came each task,
"Why doesn't God help me,"
I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."
I wanted to see joy and beauty
But the day toiled on, gray and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."
I woke up early this morning
And paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.

Author Unknown

Good Morning Prayer

Good morning God!
You are ushering in another day,
untouched and freshly new.
So here I am to ask you, God,
if You'll renew me too.

Forgive the many errors
that I made yesterday,
and let me try again dear God
to walk closer in your way.

But Lord, I am well aware,
I can't make it on my own,
so take my hand and hold it tight,
for I cannot walk alone.

