DECEMBER 2, 2012
First Sunday of Advent

Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish

Embracing the Cross of Christ to share in His Mission of DISCIPLESHIP:

SEEK - FIND - LOVE

Year of Faith
October 11, 2012 – November 24, 2013
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHEDRAL PARISH
139 SOUTH MADISON
GREEN BAY, WI 54301-4501
920-432-4348

Weekend Masses
Saturday ...................................................... 4:00 pm
Sunday .............................................................. 9:00 am

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday ............................................ 8:30 am

Devotions
Mondays-Fridays before Mass ..................... Rosary
Tuesdays & Thursdays after Mass .......... Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fridays ............................................................... Perpetual Help Novena

Holy Days of Obligation
Vigil .......................................................... 5:15 pm
Holy Day ......................................................... 8:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays ..................................................... 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Confessions
Saturdays ................................................................. 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm
Wednesdays ...................................................... 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Baptism
Call to arrange a date & time. A preparation session is required.

Marriage
Call the parish office at least 9 months in advance of your desired wedding date.

Museum
Tours by appointment ............................................ 920-432-4348

St. Thomas More School
650 S. Irwin Ave., Green Bay, WI 54301
Principal, Mrs. Mary McCabe

Mass Intentions

Saturday .............................................................................................................................. 4:00 pm
December 1
† Living & Deceased Members of
The Joseph Mongin Family

Sunday ............................................................................................................................. 9:00 am
December 2
† Living & Deceased Members of
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral;
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Green Bay;
St. Rose Parish, Clintonville;
St. Mary Parish, Bear Creek

Monday ............................................................................................................................ 8:30 am
December 3
† Living & Deceased Members of
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral;
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Green Bay;
St. Rose Parish, Clintonville;
St. Mary Parish, Bear Creek

Tuesday ............................................................................................................................ 8:30 am
December 4
† Fr. Tony Dolski

Wednesday ...................................................................................................................... 8:30 am
December 5
† Albertha Jorgensen

Thursday ............................................................................................................................. 8:30 am
December 6
† Irene Van Adestine

Friday ................................................................................................................................. 8:30 am
December 7
† Living & Deceased Members of the
Frank & Mary Geiger Family
† Special Intention of John & Thelma White

Saturday ......................................................................................... 4:00 pm
December 8
† Concetta Scasny

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday ......................................................................................................................... 9:00 am

Readings for the Week of December 2, 2012

Sunday: ..... Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/
.............................................................. Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: ........................................ Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: ........................................ Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: ......................... Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: ........................................ Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: ........................................ Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: ......................... Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
............................................................. Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: ... Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
November 24th and 25th

Sacrificial Giving…………………………………….$6296.00
Offertory Collection………………………………….$ 759.06
Building and Maintenance……………………………$0.00
Total...........................................................................$7,055.06

St. Vincent de Paul..................................................$1,804.00

We need an average of $8000.00 from the weekly collection to meet our budget.

YEAR OF FAITH

Bishop David Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, offers “10 Ways Catholics Can Live the Year of Faith.” Rooted in guidelines from the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, some of these suggestions are already requirements for Catholics; others can be embraced by Catholics at all times and especially during the Year of Faith.

The fifth suggestion, of ten, for your meditation is:

Read the documents of Vatican II. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) ushered in a great renewal of the Church. It impacted how Mass is celebrated, the role of the laity, how the Church understands itself and its relationship with other Christians and non-Christians. To continue this renewal, Catholics must understand what the Council taught and how it enriches the lives of believers.

Relics for veneration this week are:
St. Eligius, feast day, December 1
St. Francis Xavier, feast day, December 3
St Barbara, feast day, December 4
St. Nicholas, feast day, December 6
St. Ambrose, feast day, December 7

“It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one’s progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.” (St. Francis Xavier, Priest)
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have now entered the liturgical season of Advent – a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. What does the word ‘Advent’ mean? The Latin word ‘advenire’ means ‘to come to’, ‘to reach’, or ‘to arrive at’. Basically, the word advent means “coming”. And indeed this is what the season is all about. As Christians, we recognize the fact that Jesus did come to us over 2000 years ago in the form of a man, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary. And we also recognize the fact that nine months prior to His having been born of the Virgin in Bethlehem, He was already born in the world, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and carried for nine months in the womb of His Blessed Mother. Thus even before His actual birth, the Savior was present in the world.

But Christ will also come again. As we pray in both the Apostles’ Creed as well as in the Nicene Creed, we know that the Lord “will come again to judge the living and the dead.” But as for the exact time when that day will arrive, “we know not the day nor the hour.” The best way we can prepare for the Lord’s second coming is to prepare ourselves for when He comes for us at the end of our lives. When the moment of our death arrives, we will have to make a complete accounting of our lives – all secrets will be revealed, and we will have to answer for what we have done and what we have failed to do. And so, in anticipation of that day, we must make every effort to live our lives in such a manner that we are prepared.

Advent is a penitential season. So often we think of Lent as the only penitential season, but Advent is as well. It is a time when we reflect on the Lord’s coming into our lives and our own preparedness. Violet vestments are worn, symbolizing this penitential season. The Gloria is omitted from the Sunday Mass, and churches are decorated in a simple manner. In this way, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the fact that the Lord has come, will come, and is in fact, coming. Certainly the Lord has entered into the world in numerous ways. He is present in the community, in the Sacred Scriptures, and in the Sacraments – most especially in the Holy Eucharist. But the season of Advent reminds us of three things; not only has the Lord of lords and the King of kings come into this world to save us, He will also come again at the end of the world and He will come personally for us at the end of our lives. The Lord is coming! Be prepared!

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make our 3rd annual Cathedral Fall Bazaar such a big success. A special thanks to all the individuals who donated and purchased items for the Fall Bazaar, we couldn’t have done it without you! Everything is gone. Lots of people came and enjoyed themselves with good food and interesting things to buy. This year we raised $6,478.40 for our parish activities! We will be having a wrap up meeting, on Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Gehl Center. Everyone is welcome to join us to look at this year’s Fall Bazaar and plan ahead for next year! Winners of the Fall Bazaar Raffle items: Plant terrarium – Jim and Mary Fruzen, Statue/Rosary – Rick Fisher, Chairs and Table setting – Sylvia McElroy, Stainless steel cookware – Cynthia Narance, Quilts – Carol Holzem and Kim Myers, Tool chest – Emma Schuch, Packer football – Randy and Marion Servais, Packer lamps – Dorothy Martin and Jim Czechanski, Statues – Eileen Storzer, Katie Moran, John and Georgia Prosser, Flight into Egypt – Doug Coyle, Stained glass class – Sharon Nagy, and Dinner with Fr. Girotti – Alex Christon.

May God Bless You,
Fr. Girotti

FROM CATHEDRAL STAFF

SEEK – FIND – LOVE: Small Groups are Coming!

Today is the First Sunday of Advent; the season of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus – both in the remembrance of His Incarnation and Birth at Christmas and in anticipation of His coming in glory at the end of time. What great LOVE Jesus showed us when He humbled himself, took on human nature and was born to the Blessed Virgin Mary to save each of us from our sins! In thanksgiving for such an amazing gift, it is so important that each of us SEEK a deeper personal relationship with Jesus, who is always calling us to FIND and to LOVE Him. A wonderful way to SEEK, FIND and LOVE Jesus is to sign up to participate in the small group ministry that is coming to the Cathedral. These small groups will meet weekly during the Lent and Easter seasons. Mark your calendars for the Mini-Mission and Small Group Sign-Up Event on the evenings of January 8 and 10, 2013 from 7-8:30 pm at the Cathedral. Both evenings will feature talks from Fr. Girotti and Douglas Bushman on how to grow in holiness and how to SEEK, FIND and LOVE Jesus.

Ann Vorpahl, MTS, Pastoral Associate
Calendar of Events

Saturday, Sunday, Monday ..........December 1, 2, 3
All Masses ...............................Novena of Grace

Sunday ........................................December 2
4:00 pm ...............................Advent Vespers - Bp. Ricken

Monday ......................................December 3
8:30 am ..............Feast of St. Francis Xavier Mass - Bp. Ricken

Mondays ..................................December 3 & 10
6:00-7:30 pm ..........Marian Consecration in Gehl Center

Wednesday ................................December 5
Father Girotti’s 37th Birthday

Friday ........................................December 7
First Friday Muffins & Coffee after morning Mass - BWC
12:15-12:45 pm ..............Friday Artist Series in Church
5:15 pm ........................Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception & Marian Consecration

Saturday ....................................December 8
8:30 am ..............Immaculate Conception Mass - Bp. Banks
10:00 am .................First Reconciliation - Fr. Girotti

Saturday & Sunday ......................December 8 & 9
All Masses ..............Second Collection for Retired Religious

Weekends of ..................December 8/9, 15/16, 22/23
After all Masses ..............Seroogy’s Candy Sale

Monday .....................................December 10
6:00 pm .................Natural Family Planning session - BWC

Friday ........................................December 14
12:15-12:45 pm ..............Friday Artist Series in Church
3:00 pm ..........................Stockwell/Schnurer Wedding

Sunday .....................................December 16
After 9:00 am Mass ......................Baptism

Monday .....................................December 17
7:00 pm ...............Call to Holiness Meeting in Gehl Center

Friday ........................................December 21
12:15-12:45 pm ..............Friday Artist Series in Church

Monday .....................................December 24
4:00 pm .............Christmas Eve Mass (no 8:30 am Mass)
9:00 pm ........Christmas Eve Mass - Bp. Ricken (televised)

St. Catherine Book and Gift Shop
131 S Madison St. Green Bay WI 54301
920-432-0078
Hours are Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm, Sat, 10 am-4 pm.
info@stcatherinebookshop.com

UPCOMING EVENTS
December 3 - 8, Christmas Open House. Donate non-perishable food items to receive 10% off your purchase. Daily In-store specials. Register for Prizes. Free holy water bottle with $50 purchase. Treats and coffee while you shop! December 31, 10am - 2pm, Book signing with Fr. Benjamin Sember, “Twelve Lessons on the Catholic Faith”.

St. John the Evangelist Parish
413 Saint John Street Green Bay, WI 54301
(920) 436-6380

Start your Advent Season with a Penance Service at St. John Evangelist Parish on Thursday, December 6 starting at 7 pm. Confessions will be heard by Fr. Girotti and Fr. Doerfler. Come early to enjoy our choir perform at 6:30pm.

All families are invited to join our annual St. Nick’s Party in the social hall on Sunday, December 9 from noon to 1 pm. This family fun filled event is hosted by the Deaf Community.

There will be a 5:30 pm Mass and an authentic candle-lit Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24. There also will be a 10:45 am Christmas Day Mass on Tuesday, December 25.
First Reconciliation:
Parishioners are asked to pray this week for the following children who will be making their First Reconciliation on December 8: Brayden Czechanski, Tyla Ferrill, David Gelhar, Dominic Janowski, Taylor Kreft, David Martens, Sam Norton, Joseph Pizzuti, Noelle Runke, Catherine Sherman, and Hayden Zehms. Please also pray for their catechist, Miss Jenny Johns, as she assists the parents in preparation to receive this sacrament of mercy, healing, and forgiveness.

FRIDAY ARTIST SERIES
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 140 S. Monroe Ave., is having a “Friday Artist Series” during the month of December which is the season of Advent and Octave of Christmas. The concerts will take place on December 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 12:15pm - 12:45pm in the Cathedral. The concerts will feature area organists, harpists and violinists. If you are in the area and are looking for a short respite from the hustle and bustle of the season, come and enjoy some beautiful Advent and Christmas music in a beautiful setting.

ESTO VIR
Calling all men! You are invited to be with your brothers at the Monthly Esto Vir Mass on Saturday morning, December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. Mass will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help located one mile East of Champion. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jewel Aytona. The morning begins with a Rosary at 8:00am, then Mass at 8:30 followed by a talk by Father Aytona. Juice, coffee, fruit and bakery will be served, while sharing some fellowship. We hope to see you there!

JANSSEN FORUM
Parishioner Tom Vorpahl, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Starboard Media Foundation, Inc. and former Chief Executive Officer for Relevant Radio will be Janssen Forum's guest speaker on Thursday, December 13 at Mount Tabor Center, Menasha. Mr. Vorpahl will share "Why I Love Being Catholic" through his involvement in Relevant Radio, spiritual experiences within his parish and the Green Bay Diocese, along with being a husband, father and grandfather. Forum begins 7:00am with a continental breakfast and 7:30am speaker presentation with 8:30am Mass concluding the program. Call 722-8918 for reservations.

FROM THE OFFICE OF BISHOP RICKEN
Please join Bishop Ricken Sunday, December 2 at 4:00pm at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 140 S. Monroe Street, Green Bay for Advent Vespers with Benediction to celebrate the Year of Faith, the season of Advent and a new liturgical year. This celebration and visit to the Cathedral is one of the special prayer activities to which the Year of Faith indulgence is attached. To gain the indulgence, in addition to joining Bishop for prayer, Catholics are to attend Mass, receive Holy Communion, and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance within two weeks (before or after) the event. The celebration should last about an hour.

Next weekend, December 8 and 9, our diocese will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. As in past years, we will have the opportunity to give to the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. In addition, we are adding an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. The donations for our senior priests will go through the retirement fund established for them. You may donate to one or both of these groups.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER
Wolfgang and Rebecca Grassl
Julie Ann Fountain

BRAVO AND MANY THANKS!
The first St. Cecilia Concert at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, under Music Director, Jody Strnad, was a splendid success! More than 225 people enjoyed an evening of sacred music; including works by Mozart, Bach, Gounod, and Handel. The instrumentalists, Schola Cantorum, and Cathedral Choir gave outstanding performances. Thank you to Megan Parker, who was the cantor for the evening. Hearing her beautiful voice in the Cathedral was truly a special treat for all. A standing ovation was the final affirmation that everyone was blessed by this glorious evening. Thank you again, to all who attended.

Fr. Girotti

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