

*From the Pastor's Desk***FATHER JOHN ZVIJAK, C.P.P.S.**

January 3, 1937 - November 29, 2009



Father John died Sunday, November 29th of complications following a stroke. St. John Parish is proud to claim him as a native son. He entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1950 and was ordained to the priesthood June 8, 1963. Father was a true minister of the Lord. His ministry was varied and fruitful. He taught at Carroll High School in Dayton, Ohio and at Brunnerdale Seminary, in Canton, Ohio. He shared his deep faith and love for Jesus through his involvement in Marriage Encounter and by conducting retreats throughout the country. In 1981 He was asked to balance parish ministry as associate pastor here at St. John's while also teaching at Calumet College of Saint Joseph. In 1996 he was named an associate pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Cleveland and later associate pastor of the Marion Cluster of parishes in and around Maria Stein, Ohio.

In 2005 poor health forced him to move to St. Charles Center in Carthagen, Ohio. He immediately began two more fruitful ministries: The "Ministry of Prayer" by offering his many sufferings especially for his Community members, family and friends. He was successful in his "Ministry of Visit". With a warm smile and contagious laugh he brought Christ's love to the many retired and infirm priest and brother residents of St. Charles Center.

The key to Father John's successful ministry was his heart. A heart filled with a deep love for and devotion to the shed Blood of Jesus Christ.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!

Ministries

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YOUTH MINISTRY	Jamie Sandona (219) 659-0023

*Worship and Spirituality***Monday, December 7, Ambrose, bishop & doctor***Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26*

- 7:00 am †Cathleen & Thomas Bender (SJB)
- 8:00 am †James A. Wright (IC)
- 7:00 pm Vigil of Immaculate Conception (SJB)

Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)*Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38*

- 7:00 am †Mark Biel (SJB)
- 8:15 am †Frank Kobli (IC)
- 8:30 am †O'Drobinak & Matalik Families (SJB)
- 7:00 pm †Anne Brtko (Anniversary) (SH—Bilingual)

Wednesday, December 9, Saint Juan Diego, hermit*Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30*

- 7:00 am †Joseph Bencur (SJB)
- 8:00 am †Charles & Donald Kovach (IC)
- 8:30 am †Clem Markowski (SJB)

Thursday, December 10, Advent Weekday*Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15*

- 7:00 am †Paul & Theresia Palko and their sons & daughters families (SJB)
- 8:00 am †Johanna Meachaj (IC)

Friday, December 11, Damasus I, pope*Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19*

- 7:00 am †John Dubec (SJB)
- 8:00 am †Judy Beda (IC)
- 8:30 am †Charles Salley (SJB)

Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe*Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38*

- 7:00 am †Robert Banas (SJB)
- 4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
- 7:00 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH—Bilingual)

Sunday December 13, Third Sunday of Advent*Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18*

- 8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
- 8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
- 8:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (IC)
- 8:30 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
- 10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
- 10:45 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
- 11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

- Monday, December 14th—Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 15th—All Saints 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 16th—St. John Bosco 7:00 pm
- Thursday, December 17th—St. Catherine of Siena 7:00 pm
- Monday, December 21st—St. John the Baptist 7:00 pm

Stewardship

SACRIFICIAL GIVING	
Sunday, November 22	
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,317.00
Sacred Heart	\$1,845.00
St. Adalbert.....	\$1,273.00
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly.....	\$10,055.83
High School.....	42.50
Grade School.....	79.73
Total for Week.....	\$10,178.06
Campaign for Human Development Collection	
Immaculate Conception.....	\$118.00
Sacred Heart.....	\$502.25
St. Adalbert.....	\$227.00
St. John the Baptist.....	\$2,230.65
Sunday, November 29	
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,480.00
Sacred Heart	\$2,198.00
St. Adalbert.....	\$984.00
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly.....	\$9,566.51
High School.....	22.50
Grade School.....	174.50
Total for Week.....	\$9,763.51
St. Vincent DePaul Cluster Collection.....	\$3,051.91

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers all the homebound, all those who are in hospitals, adult foster care homes, those who are ill and those with ongoing health issues. Please remember those we have been asked to pray for: David Adams, Sr., Zach Arnold, Gail & Joseph Baczynski, Lenny Barnaby, May Bayus, Rose Beaulieu, Mary Beda, Lucille Braun, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Margaret Chekan, Dorothy Chovan, Doris Cinotto, Abigail Coates, Rebecca Coates, Darryl Coppage, Maddie Corpus, Maggie Corpus, Marie Dado, Celia Covarrubias, Mary Danielson, Angela Grace Davila, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Pauline Dobrowolski, George Dombrowski, Magdalene Doucette, Anna Drac, John T. Drac, Lucille Federenko, Adolph Ferber, Anthony Fercik, Jim Ferree, Sophie Foley, P.J. Fox, Ann Furiak, Ann Golubic, Sophie Gorczyca, Dennis Grzyb, Ann Gulas, Betty Hanchar, Brian Hlavaty, Elliot Hlavaty, Marie (Mitzi) Holman, Matthew Hoyda, Eleanore Jakubielski, Loretta Jambik, Lillian Kacak, Adrian Kall, Gloria A. Kaminsky, Mary Kasprzak, Helen Koehler, Richard Kovach, Jerry Kozak, Laura Kresich, Patricia Kubacki, Julia Kukta, Lottie Kurek, Florence Kurella, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Victoria Miller, Larry Milkowski, Janet Moran, Mary Ann and Albert Odlivak, Ana Palomo, Mary Pavlak, Caitlan Pawlowski, Henry Paz, Jim & Joan Peters, Richard Pesenko, Ruth Rapchak, Jennifer Reeves, Marcia Ross, Ed Roszkowski, Lane Rovito, Marian Rovito, Mildred Saliga, Tony Sapyta, Rev. Gary Scherer, C.P.P.S., John and Geraldine Sciacero, Dave Sikes, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Misty Sims, Virginia Sinal, Angie Srncik, Olga Stiga, Carolyn Surdy, Mary Trelinski, Virginia Troksa, Romualdo Uinate, Geraldine Valko, Marion Vargas, Robert Vasquez, John Vrlik, Margaret Vrlik, Dorothy Yuhas, Dorothy Zabrecky, Marianne Zemen.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE				
	GOAL	GIFTS	PLEGDED	PAID
IC	\$10,120.	69	\$8,335.	\$8,285.
SH	\$22,699.	75	\$13,663.	\$11,498.
SA	\$10,948.	74	\$9,345.	\$9,245.
SJB	\$71,135.	333	\$52,022.	\$49,970.



Please continue to pray for all the service men and women who are currently serving in the military, especially: Sean Bowman, Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Michael Clark, Austin Chiluski, Sean Coleman, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Joseph Igras, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Keith Kennedy, Jeffery Koval, Mark Koval, Walter Malenki, Benjamin Mann, Randall McAllister, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Mark Opachan, Michael Ortiz, Thomas Pupilava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Leticia Soto, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., Alex Supergan, Jason Sutton, Samuel Valdyke, Carl Young

Stewardship Gift From a Child

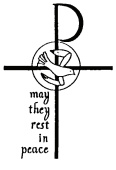
~ "I will be tuff in basketball"~
~ "I read to my brother" ~

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THANKS
Thank you to Frank Vargo for his generous donation to the Church in memory of his wife, Anne.

ST. JOHN THANKS
Many thanks to Anne Jurbala, Anna and Robert Urick, and Bankston Fork Baptist Church for their donations in memory of Tacye Chiluski to the St. John School Endowment Fund.

FOOD DRIVE THANKS
God bless all of you who donated food and helped package and deliver the baskets. Twenty-one families were fed and you made their holiday a blessing. Thank you so very much.

MORE THANKS
Thanks to the generous participation of all who attended the Interdenominational Thanksgiving Prayer Service, \$1,305.00 was donated to the Whiting Food Pantry. May the generosity of our community continue to bless those who are in need during this winter season.



Mary Badankovich
James Bobos
Eugene M. Kasper
Lynne Rovito
Albert J. Stasny
Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

Peace and Social Justice

Thank you to the Faith Formation students, the St. John the Baptist students, and parishioners of our cluster churches for generously donating hundreds of hats, scarves, earmuffs, and gloves for the less fortunate. God bless you!

Please take the time to read the flyer we have prepared for you: *Peace is...the Presence of Christ.* God bless your Advent journey! Please note that we will not be distributing another flyer until the first Sunday in March.

Parish Life

BLESSING THE OUTDOOR CRIB



The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to come to the Christmas Crib at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and 119th St. on Saturday, December 12th at 5:30 pm (right after the 4:30 pm Mass) for an Advent celebration of the blessing of the outdoor crib and caroling. Bring your voice, a musical instrument if you'd like, family members, friends and neighbors to make a joyful noise in praise of God, our savior. Song sheets will be provided. Everyone is most welcome.

ST. ADALBERT NEWS

The new St. Adalbert Parish Lay Ministry schedule for Jan., Feb., and March 2010 is being planned. If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server, please drop a note with your name and number in the collection basket or call Gina Cassoday at 659-8497, and leave a message before December 13th. Current members requesting a scheduling preference, contact Gina Cassoday before December 13th.

SACRED HEART NEWS

Congratulations to Erin Boyle, daughter of Bill & Alice Boyle, granddaughter of Jane McHale & Virginia Boyle, for her induction into the National Honor Society at Andrean High School.

ST. JOHN ROSARY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The St. John Rosary Society will be having their Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 27th at 1:00 pm. Dolores McCampbell and members of Group 6 are the hostesses. Tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased in advance. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday, December 21st. Call Dolores at 659-5074 or Carol at 659-3041 for ticket delivery. Hope you can come to celebrate the season!

THE GIFT OF LIFE



St. John the Baptist Church will sponsor their annual blood drive from the Heartland Blood Center on Saturday, January 16th in the Mural Room of St. John School from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Nationally, 4.5 million American lives will be saved each year because of blood donors. One donation can save up to three lives. You can make an appointment by calling Mary Poppen at 659-8440 or you can walk in at your own convenience. We cannot thank you enough for giving the Gift of Life.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOR THE NEEDY

On Saturday, December 12th, our Middle School Students will be caroling through the Whiting/Robertsdale neighborhood from 5:30-7:00 pm. The proceeds from this project will be used to support needy families in our community. If you would like us to visit your

home, please call the school office at 659-3042 and leave your name and address. We will do our best to stop by. It would be helpful if you left the porch light on. Thank you for helping us with this worthwhile charity event!

FAMOUS PIROHI SALE

Members of the FCSLA Branch 81 and St. John pirohi makers will join together on December 13th from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Panel Room and lobby to sell our famous pirohi. They are \$7.00 per dozen. Varieties are Apricot, Plum Butter, Cheese, Potato, and Kraut. You may pre-order by calling Geri at 659-0090.

ST. ADALBERT CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The St. Adalbert Holy Name Society is sponsoring its annual Christmas Brunch today, December 6th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome. Tickets are not necessary, as there will be a freewill offering. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



COME TO THE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Whiting Park Festival Orchestra & Chorus is presenting its Holiday Pops Concert this evening, Sunday, December 6th at 6:00 pm in Marian Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

St. John's is sponsoring "Vilija, Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner" this evening as well. The social will be at 3:00 pm and the dinner at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$25.

You can enjoy both the concert and the Vilija for \$35.00!

OPLATKY AVAILABLE

Oplatky will be available for sale after all the weekend Masses in St. John's Church Centennial Room beginning Saturday, December 5th. If you prefer, you may purchase them at St. John's rectory during regular office hours (9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday). The price is \$2 per envelop, 4 wafers to an envelop.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SACRED HEART

Our Lady of Guadalupe novena began on December 4th at 7:00 pm and will continue until December 12th.

December 8th there will be a Bilingual Mass at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church. Novena on this day will begin at 6:30 pm.

December 12th, Mañanitas at **6:00 am** at Sacred Heart Church, breakfast will follow in the Rose Room. Apparition Play is at 6:00 pm. At 7:00 pm there will be the Mass of the Roses. After Mass there will be a Mariachi playing for half an hour and refreshments following in the Rose Room. Everyone is invited. (There will be no Spanish Mass on Sunday, December 13)

December 19, Posada in the Rose Room at 6:00 pm. There will be a play, piñatas, candies, sweet bread and hot chocolate. All parents and children are invited.

Sacred Heart Church will celebrate Spanish Mass on Christmas Eve (December 24) at 7:15 pm. On New Year's Eve the Mass will be at 6:00 pm.

There will be no Spanish Mass on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING BULLETINS

Due to the publishers schedule during the Christmas Holidays, the following deadlines will be strictly enforced.

The December 26/27 issue has a deadline of Noon, December 17th, and the deadline for the January 2/3 issue is Noon, December 22nd. Thanks to all for your cooperation.

HELP NEEDED

Could you volunteer 30 minutes of your time one Sunday morning a month to help with the Sunday Morning service at the Whiting Care Center? The responsibilities are as basic as showing up at 9:40 am and helping to move wheelchairs and patients from their rooms to the dining room where the service begins at 10:00. If a priest is available, Mass is offered. If there is no priest, then the team conducts a prayer service using the readings of the day followed by distribution of Holy Communion. The work is very rewarding, since the Care Center residents are so very grateful for the opportunity to pray together and receive the Eucharist. Why not come to the center any Sunday to see for yourself? Then perhaps you will feel comfortable enough to volunteer to assist. Since Care Center residents are from all our parishes, we invite all the cluster churches to help. For more information, please call Joe Kruczek at 616-3116 or Margaret Saliga at 659-4138.

**SLOVAK CHRISTMAS TREE AT
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY**


Bring your family and friends to view the Slovak Christmas Tree on display at the Museum of Science and Industry's Annual "Christmas Around the World" exhibit in Chicago. The tree is decorated by the First Catholic Slovak Union with ornaments imported from the Slovak Republic. The exhibit features trees from 55 countries, and runs until January 3rd.

The Museum is at 57th Street & South Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. For more information, call 773-684-1414 or visit www.msichicago.org.

**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE
HONOR ROLLS**

We are pleased to announce the following students who have made Honor Rolls at their high schools.

MOUNT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

High Honors went to Freshman Samuel DeCero II, Sophomore Joshua Gaal, and Senior Michael Maloney III.

Honors went to Freshmen Adam Lewandowski and John Petty, and Sophomore William Dattulo.

ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL

Achieving all A's were: Sophomore Brittany Vitkovish from St. John Parish, and Junior Joshua Rios of Sacred Heart Parish.

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Honor Roll members are: Kayla Dietz, Lauren Boyle and Roberta Solorio-Arellano.

A CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE

St. Patrick Marriage Enrichment Ministry would like to invite married couples from the diocese to **A Celebration of Sacramental Marriage** at Trinity Banquet Hall in Chesterton. This event will include a day of faith and refecton with Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation, presentations, guest speakers, celebration of the Eucharist, dinner, dancing and more on Saturday, January 16th from 12 to 9:00 pm. To purchase tickets or for more information visit www.stpatsparish.org/marriage. Questions, please call Donna at 219-979-9111.

CRIME WATCH MEETING


The Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch meeting will be on Thursday, December 10th, 6:30 pm at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Room 200. Let's work together as one community to keep our neighborhood safe! All are welcome.

Community Calendar
Sunday, December 6

- Food Pantry (SJB)
9:30-11:30 Middle School Faith Formation
Extended Class (SH)
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
1-4:00 pm Whiting Animal Shelter Fundraiser
(1915 Front St. or call 659-0977)
3:00 pm Traditional Slovak Vilija Dinner (SJB)
6:00 pm Home for the Holidays Christmas Concert
(SJB Auditorium)
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (SH)

Monday, December 7

- 10:30 am Bible Study (SH)
6:30 pm Faith Enrichment Meeting (SH)
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (SH)

Tuesday, December 8

- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (SJB)
6:30 pm Adult Enrichment – Doctors of the Church (SH)
6:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (SH)
7:00 pm Bilingual Holy Day Mass (SH)
7:00 pm School Board Meeting (SJB)

Wednesday, December 9

- 6-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Level 1-5 (SH)
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (SH)

Thursday, December 10

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SB)
6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (SJB)
6:30 pm Crime Watch Meeting (Calumet College)
6:30 pm Reconciliation Parent Formation (SJB)
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (SH)

Friday, December 11

- 7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (SH)

Saturday, December 12

- Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe
6:00 am Mañanitas (Breakfast follows in SH Rose Room)
6:00 pm Apparition Play (SH)
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (SH)
5:30 PM Blessing of the Outdoor Crib (SJB)

Sunday, December 13

- Food Pantry (IC)
7:00 am HAS Pancake Breakfast with Santa (SJB)
9:30-10:30 am Middle School Faith Formation Classes (SH)
11:00 am Reconciliation Rite of Enrollment (SJB)
11:00 am NO Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
12-2:30 pm PHYRE Ministry Gathering (Benedict Hall)
7:00 pm Christmas Band Concert (SJB)

Key Code: IC - Immaculate Conception Church
SH - Sacred Heart Church
SA - St. Adalbert Church
SJB - St. John the Baptist Church


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Noticias

Anuncios Para El Boletín!

Si usted desea clasificar un anuncio en el boletín (en español) pueden mandarlo vía e-mail a sheartwhiting@sbcbcglobal.net. Estos anuncios deben de entregarse los Lunes **NO más tarde de las 12:00 del día.**

Catecismo

Domingo 6 de Diciembre hay clase extendida (9:30 a 11:30 a.m.). Es importante que por favor lean el boletín mensual que se envía a casa con los estudiantes ya que en el podemos encontrar valiosa información. Jueves 10 de Diciembre, Junta para padres de familia que tienen niños preparándose para la Primera Reconciliación en él la escuela de San Juan Bautista a las 6:30 p.m. Es esencial que al menos uno de los papás asista a esta junta.

Donación de Comida

Gracias a todas las personas quienes generosamente donaron latas de comida. Todas las donaciones recibidas serán entregadas al gabinete de comida de la comunidad de Whiting para ayudar a familias necesitadas. Próxima fecha será el día 27 de Diciembre.

Novena

La novena para la Virgen de Guadalupe dará comienzo el próximo Viernes 4 de Diciembre en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón a las 7:00 p.m. y continuara hasta el día 12 de Diciembre. Por lo cual todos los parroquianos están invitados a formar parte de esta novena anual. **Excepción Martes 8 de Diciembre, la Novena dará inicio a las 6:30 p.m.**

Misa de Obligación

Recuerden que La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción (Martes 8 de Diciembre) es día de precepto, lo cual quiere decir que todos los Católicos están obligados a **asistir a Misa en este día. La Misa será a las 7:00 p.m. (Bilingüe)** La novena dará inicio a las 6:30 p.m. (Solo por este día.)

Como pertenecer a la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón

Si usted no está registrado en nuestra Parroquia y le gustaría ser miembro del la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón, puede llamar al TEL. 219-659-0140. Si usted está registrado pero **NO** está recibiendo los sobres, por favor contáctese con Nora Pérez.

Posada

Sábado 19 de Diciembre, la Iglesia Del Sagrado Corazón invita a toda la comunidad a participar en la posada a las 6:00 p.m. en el salón de la Parroquia. Habrá pan dulce y chocolate. También tendremos una pastorela, piñatas, y dulces para los niños.



Horario para Celebración Para la Virgen de Guadalupe (12 de Dic.)

Mañanitas 6:00 a.m. y desayuno en el Salón de la Parroquia. Obra de las Apariciones, 6:00 p.m. Misa, 7:00 p.m. y cena con mariachi en el Salón de la Parroquia. Si usted está interesado en ayudar de alguna manera puede hablar con Nora después de Misa ó puede comunicarse al teléfono 219-659-0140. **NECESITAMOS MUCHO DE SU COOPERACION.**



Domingo 13 de Diciembre NO Habrá Misa de español (8:30 a.m.)

Bautizos

Si usted desea bautizar a un niño (a) en alguna de las parroquias de la comunidad de Whiting-Robertsdale, puede comunicarse al teléfono 219-659-014. Los bautizos regularmente son los sábados a las 12:00 del día.

Misas Dic. 24 y Dic. 31

La Misa de Noche Buena será el Jueves, 24 de Diciembre a las 7:15 p.m. **Y No Habrá Misa** de Navidad a las 8:30 a.m. (25 de Diciembre). El Jueves 31 de Diciembre (Fin de Año) la Misa será a las 6:00 p.m. **Y No Habrá Misa** de Año Nuevo (8:30 a.m.)

Bendición de Paja

Hoy Domingo tendremos la Bendición de Paja después de Misa. Todos están invitados a llevarse una poquita para que la coloquen ya sea en su nacimiento ó debajo del mantel de su mesa. Al poner la paja en la mesa, hacemos que nuestros hogares sean símbolo del pesebre de Belén, palabra que significa "La casa de pan". Cada vez que invitamos a alguien a comer, nuestro hogar se convierte en un lugar amoroso donde Dios viene a vivir.

Rifa de Canasta y Galletas

Todavía estamos vendiendo boletos para la rifa de Galletas y una canasta adornada con artículos de Navidad. El costo de los boletos es de \$1.00 dólar ó 6 por \$5.00 dólares. Los fondos recaudados en esta rifa serán para el mantenimiento de nuestra Parroquia. La rifa se llevará acabo el Domingo 13 de Diciembre a las 10:15 a.m.

Segunda Semana de Adviento

Hoy es el Segundo Domingo de Adviento y debemos de encender otra vela de la corona. Podemos hacerlo reunidos con la familia y amigos. Mientras se enciende la vela, no se olviden de hacer una oración breve. También pueden leer una Sagrada Escritura (como el Evangelio de dicho Domingo). Después de unos minutos de silencio, cada uno de los miembros reunidos pueden hacer un comentario y un propósito que les ayudara a vivir mejor. Si hay niños reunidos, los propósitos deben de ser muy sencillos para que ellos puedan entender. (por ejemplo: "pondré mis juguetes en su lugar después de que juegue con ellos.")

