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Third Sunday of Advent

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

ngoing Items: There is a schedule list for the liturgical ministries for the Christmas vigil/Christmas Day and New Year's Eve/New Year's Day Masses, please volunteer at which liturgy you will be present.

Advent Reconciliation services are in Soldotna Tuesday December 18th at 7pm.

Fr. Andy Sensenig, OMI

Bro. Craig Bonham, OMI

Fr. Joe Dowling, OMI

There are several large items for the rectory that are needed; if you wish, please check the list on the bulletin board and donate money in the canister there or buy scrip for the Fathers to purchase items. If you would like to purchase a specific item on the list, please see Father Tony.

now an individual or youth group serving our local Church and community in an exemplary way? The 2008 St. Francis of Assisi Awards Committee is calling for nominations in three categories: clergy or religious, lay person, and youth or youth group. Nominations are due by 5pm on Monday, January 7, 2008. Awards will be February 5, 2008 at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel. Nomination forms are on table in foyer.

pening for Eucharistic Adoration from 5 to 6pm and from 7 to 8pm on Thursdays. Please, please call Maria if you are interested in trying these times 262-1703!

rath Parsait there will be a Truth Pursuit Meeting at 12:30 in the community room on December 16—All are welcome! For more information, contact Kathy Johnson @ 776-8593.

rom the Norma Daniels family: Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, support during mom's (Norma Smith) stay at Heritage and during this difficult time of her death. We are most grateful for our parish love and support. Norm/John Daniels.

Calendar for December 17— December 23, 2007

December 17 Monday: Noon Mass

Morning prayer, 7:30am

Music practice for Christmas, 7pm

December 18, Tuesday: Noon Mass

Morning prayer, 7:30am

St. Vincent dePaul meets, 5:30pm, O'Neill Hall Reconciliation, 7pm

December 19, Wednesday: Noon Mass

Morning prayer, 7:30am

December 20, Thursday: Noon Mass

Morning prayer, 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon Mass Pastoral Council meets, 6:30pm, O'Neill Hall

December 21, Friday: Noon Mass

Morning prayer, 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration continuous from yesterday, ends before noon Mass

December 22, Saturday: Mass, 5pm

Reconciliation, 4:00pm

December 23, Sunday: 9am and 11:30am Masses

Christmas Information: These are the Christmas Mass/New Year's Day Mass schedules:

Christmas Eve: 5pm Children's Mass; all children are reminded to bring their baby Jesus from their home crèche sets to the Mass for a blessing. In addition, please bring bells to be rung during the Gloria of Mass.

Midnight Mass: at midnight; Please bring additional bells to Mass to be rung during the Gloria of Mass. At the Midnight Mass, there will be an opportunity for those who have been recently (within the last couple of weeks) engaged to be married to have their engagement rings blessed during the Mass.

Christmas Day: 10am New Year's Eve, December 31st, 7pm New Year's Day, 10am

he Archdiocese's Office of Stewardship & Development is looking for bread recipes to be included in next year's One Bread, One body Annual Appeal promotional materials. Please submit bread recipes from you family-and any questions about this request for your help-to Julie at <u>julie.alfred@caa-ak.org</u>. To contact Julie by phone, please call 297-7718. THANK YOU!

lease remember to put your miles onto the board in the foyer for Journey to Bethlehem — So far, 3,900 miles have been traveled. Email jfellman@alaska.net or call 262-9009.

et your calendars for the next Theology on Tap with Fr. Andy Sensenig, who will present, "The True Meaning of Christmas". We will meet at Paradiso's in Kenai at 7:00pm, small banquet room, doors open at 6:30pm. Please come enjoy a meal, a drink or just good conversation about the blessed season of Christmas. This is a great opportunity to relax with one of our new priests. For more information, call Kris at 776-7693.

rchbishop Schweitz' celebrating 40th year of ordination Greeting may be sent to: Archdiocese of Anchorage, Pastoral Center, 225 Cordova St., Anchorage, AK 99501, c/o Mary Gore.

Saturday, December 22, 2007 Sunday, December 23, 2007 5:00pm 9:00am 11:30am Presider: Fr. Andy

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sue Dukowitz Margaret Sill Shirley Aleckson Rick Dukowitz Gloria Sweeney Karen Evans Mike Sweeney Diane Garske Cheryl Hammarstrom Steve Hammarstrom Meg Zerbinos Connie Gatling Alex Zerbinos Lynn Senette

Lectors:

1st reading: 1st reading: 1st reading: Linda Houglum David Nelson Barbara O'Lena 2^{ns} reading: 2^{ns} reading: 2nd reading: Jackie Swanson Eli Woodvine Karl Kircher

Altar Servers:

Mark West Robert Johnson Grey Hansen Forrest Henry Danny McIntosh

Mop & Bucket: 12/17—12/22:

Collection Counters: 12/23: Connie Gatling & Jacquie Moxey