

Monthly Older Adult Gathering At St. Casimir's Thursday, January 5, 2006 Mass at 12:10, Luncheon

Blessings to all this Christmas Season! You are invited to begin the new year by gathering with us this first week in January for our monthly time of prayer, meal and fellowship. **Note that because of the upcoming renovation plans for the Cathedral, we have a new temporary location for our luncheon gatherings — St. Casimir Parish has graciously offered their meeting and dining space for our gatherings!** You are invited to join us on Thursday, January 5th, for Mass at **12:10 pm at St. Casimir's** (624 W. Broadway) followed by a catered luncheon in the church basement. The menu for January's luncheon includes: stuffed chicken breast, rice pilaf, corn, roll and butter, and dessert. The luncheon is paid for by a free-will offering of \$6.50. Each month we draw for a free luncheon. The ticket never expires and is good as long as we have these monthly luncheons. We really appreciate reservations. Reservations helps us to know how many people will be here for the luncheon when we place the order on Tuesday morning. Please make reservations by 9 a.m. Tuesday, January 3rd, by calling one of the following:

Irma Dvorak 454-4465;
Rita Gallagher 452-9215;
Mary and Louis Mack 454-7725;
Joan Waldock 454-4454;
Tony and Marge Zittel 454-3433
or the parish office
during business hours 452-4770.

Need transportation? No problem!
Tell us when you make your reservation
and be sure to leave your name
and telephone number.

Menu for January Luncheon:
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rice pilaf, corn, rolls, and dessert.



“O Come All Ye Faithful . . .” sang the Cathedral Cherub Choir joined by those gathered for the December luncheon gathering. Our thanks to Jim Ballard and the children who shared their gifts of song and praise with us.



Block Nurse News

The Winona County Health Block Nurse, will be here **January 5th at St. Casimir's** to take blood pressures, weights, and answer questions about health and medications.

Christmas Project Update

Each December, the Apostolate for Older Adults Ministry here at Cathedral commits to a Christmas Project outreach to our faith community members who are homebound or who now reside in a long-term care facility. During the week before Christmas, **89 gifts of lap robes, poinsettias or skin lotion were distributed to our friends who are no longer able to gather with us for community worship.**

Our thanks to the parishioners who assisted with this outreach. Those receiving the gifts and visits were most appreciative of being remembered by their faith community.



Other Activities...

Vatican II Study Group: meets in the St. Augustine Room at 9:15 a.m. twice monthly on Thursday mornings. All are welcome. For more information please call Mary Ann Fuchsel (452-6980).

Outreach to Cathedral Members Residing at St. Anne's Hospice: the third Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the main dining room. The next meeting is January 18th. Volunteers assist in gathering residents and especially with one on one visiting. If interested in assisting with this outreach, please call Ellen Enright (452-6564).

Diner's Club: meets in the third or fourth Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Our next date is Thursday, January 26th at Prime Steak & Cake. For information please call Mary Northam at 452-6132. Everyone is welcome.

Story Theater: usually meets the second and third Wednesdays of each month in the St. Augustine Room. Performances for area school children are underway. New members are most welcome!! For further information please call Nancy O'Reilly (452-5047).

Callista Court: monthly gathering on the second Friday at 1:30 p.m., January 13th. This is a time to connect with Cathedral members now residing at Callista Court. Volunteers serve the treat and visit with the residents. A short prayer time and a short program begin the hour. For more information about this outreach, call Annmarie at the parish office (452-4770).

Rosary: the rosary is said by a number of volunteers several times each month at Lake Winona Manor. For information please call Annmarie at 452-4770.

Exercise Class: Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:15 in the St. Augustine Room. This is a video approach to exercise offered by Gunderson Lutheran. All are welcome. Contact Marge Zittel (454-3433) for further information.

Writing your Memoirs: 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Augustine Room. For more information contact Mary Ann Fuchsel (452-6980).

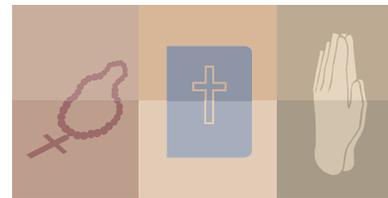
Steering Committee for Apostolate for Older Adults: Meets monthly prior to Mass and luncheon (10:30 a.m., 1st Thursday) to plan for social and spiritual gatherings for older adults of this faith community. Next meeting is Thursday, January 5th, 10:30 a.m., at St. Casimir's. New members are welcome. Please contact Annmarie (452-4770) for further information.

We are Grateful . . .

Cathedral Parish is blessed to have so many wonderful folks who offer their gifts to meet the needs of this faith community. We thank you all for what you do to help the light of Christ burn a bit brighter in the lives of so many! This month, specifically, we thank:

- The members of the Bereavement Committee who plan for food to be brought to the homes of those who have recently lost a loved one: Marge Zittel, Jean Strelow, Barbara Kleinschmidt, and Joan Waldock. Thanks also to those who say "yes" to providing the food when these women call you!
- Those who so faithfully send birthday cards in the name of the parish to those of our community celebrating 65 or more years of life: Mary Jo Bey-erstedt, Lillian Ditter, Gerrie Hengel, Rita Husman, Jean Kertzman, Marguerite Redig, Rita Thill, Mary R. Kohner, Jane Peplinski, Mary Ann Theis, and Dave Williamson.
- The Communion Ministers (32 of you!!) who bring communion to those residing in Lake Winona Manor, Roger Metz Manor, or Adith Miller Manor.

Faithful Stewards — thank you for sharing your gifts!!



Blessing for the New Year

***Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and
years.***

***Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.***

***You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever.***

Amen.