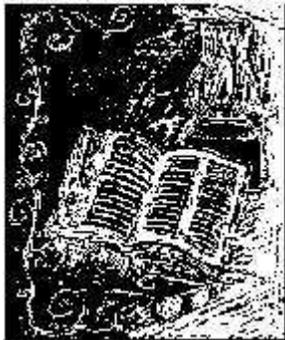


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 26th
 4:30 pm. Repose of soul of Kevin Shane by Grace & Leo Shane
 Sunday, November 27th: First Sunday of Advent
 9:00 am. Special intentions of parishioners by Pastor

10:30 am. Repose of soul of Eugenija Barysas by Diane Cepenkus

Tuesday, November 29th

7:00 pm. Repose of soul of Frances Martin by Fr. Tim & Pastoral Care Team

Wednesday, November 30th: Feast, Saint Andrew at St. Thomas Aquinas High School Chapel

9:00 am. In memory of Anthony Gordon by staff of St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Thursday, December 1st

9:00 am. Repose of soul of Ronald Avon by Anne Avon

Friday, December 2nd

9:00 am. In thanksgiving to parishioners by Marie Coté

Saturday, December 3rd

4:30 pm. Repose of soul of James Sweeney Sr. by Lynda, Mike & Dillon family

Sunday, December 4th: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am. Repose of soul of Mary Agnes McKenna by Joan & Marty Chesser

10:30 am. Special intentions of parishioners by Pastor

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Monday: Teen Sports, St. Thomas Aquinas gym, 8 pm.

Tuesday: Light Up for Christ by the KOC after 7 pm. Mass outside Church; 7:45 pm; Men's Basketball, 8:30-10:30 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas gym

Wednesday: RCIA, Hall - 7 pm.

Thursday: The 9 am Choir Practice, 7 pm.

Friday: First Friday Adoration & Reconciliation 9:30 am - 8 pm.

Saturday: Mixed Ecumenical Breakfast-9am, St. Mary's Anglican Church; Soul Food Saturday, 2:30-4 pm. - Hall; MADD Campaign by KOC, 4:30 pm.

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent; Russell Food Bank Donation Sunday; MADD Campaign by KOC after Masses; Coffee Sundays: 9 am by Youth Group & 10:30 am by KOC; Presentation of Children baptized, 10:30 am Mass; Russell Christmas Parade-KOC float, 1:30 pm.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT OUR LADY'S . . .

Monday, Dec. 5th: Teen Sports, St. Thomas Aquinas gym, 8 pm.

CWL Christmas Dinner outing

Tuesday, Dec. 6th: Men's Basketball, 8:30 - 10:30 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas gym

Wednesday, Dec. 7th: St. Thomas Aquinas High School Confessions (Grades 9-11), 9 am.-STA School; RCIA, Kitchen - 7 pm.; Baptismal Preparation Meeting, 7 pm.

Thursday, Dec. 8th: 9 am Mass CANCELLED; Parish Feast Day Celebration/ Living Rosary/ Mass, 6:30 pm.

Friday, Dec. 9th: Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 am - 12 noon;

KOC Christmas Social (ten Den's home), 7 pm.

Youth Activity Night, 8-10 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Sunday, Dec. 11th: 3rd Sunday of Advent

ALTAR SERVERS: DEC. 3RD & DEC. 4TH

Sat., Dec. 3rd - 4:30 pm. Patrick J., Brianna & Adam

Sun., Dec. 4th - 9:00 am. Ricky, Mitchell & Carl

10:30 am. Jack

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass.

Thank you for your loving service to Our Lord.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday at Noon in writing please.

Church Directory is found in pamphlet rack of Foyer

PLEASE NOTE



Coffee and Donuts

COFFEE SUNDAY: We Serve Fair Trade Coffee!

Please remember this is a service to the parish.

It is your donations that will keep it viable.

9:00 am: hosted by Diane & Steve Dolan of our Parish

10:30 am: hosted by the Pastoral Care Team

Let us continue our celebration by meeting with other parishioners after Masses.

◆ PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL is at the home of the Coté family this week.

◆ KNIGHTS "CANDLELIGHT BLESSING OF THE CRECHE": You and your family are cordially invited to join the Knights of Columbus *this Tues., Nov. 29th* after the 7 pm. Mass. The opening of the holy season of Christmas will take place with the blessing of the creche outdoors.

◆ REMINDER → RUSSELL TOWNSHIP GOOD NEIGHBOURS FOOD BANK: Needed items include kleenex, toilet paper, dish soap, soap, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, condiments, mayonnaise, salad dressings, peanut butter.

◆ ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: Your Altar Server Coordinator, Connie Weston's phone number has changed to 248-3619.

◆ RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) continues this *Wed., Nov. 30th* at 7:00 pm. Topics: Penance & Anointing of the Sick. Everyone is welcome.

◆ SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like to own your own Sunday Missal, they are now available at the office for \$5.00.

◆ REMINDER: Please pick up your 2006 CHURCH ENVELOPES in the Church Foyer or sign up for the POST-DATED CHEQUE PROGRAM. All current post-dated cheque users are asked to submit your 12 monthly cheques for 2006 at your earliest convenience either in the collection basket or at office.



YOUTH CORNER (for youth ages 13+)

TEEN SPORTS continues on Mondays at St.

Thomas Aquinas High School gym at 8 pm.

Info: Jim Watson 443-0115

REMINDER: SOUL FOOD SATURDAY for ages 9 - 13 on *Dec. 3rd* from 2:30 pm. - 4:00 pm. in the Church Hall.

NOVEMBER 27TH, 2005

Month of the Holy Souls



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Friday, 9:30 am-12 noon. First Friday Adoration: 9:30 am. - 12 noon as well as Reconciliation from 7-8 pm.

◆ A BIG THANK YOU from Connie & Scott Weston to the Knights of Columbus for raising money, through a Pancake Breakfast, for their son, Corey's wheelchair. The funds will be used to purchase new wheels.



NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

We congratulate the following children who joined us this month through the waters of baptism:

Noah, son of Kirk McDonell & Eliane Bourbonnais

Noah, son of Robert Thompson & Michelle Brennan

Zachary, son of Mike Branchaud & Nancy Pearce

Evan, Jessie, Emily children of Scott Cluett & Cindy Ruitter

Hunter, daughter of Jaimie Grenier

Andrew, son of Robin Dumas & Kelly Hurtubise



CHURCH DECORATION & FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Christmas by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Christmas. Envelopes are in the pews. DEADLINE: Dec. 11th

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Penitential Service will take place on *Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm.* There will be several priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This is an excellent opportunity for individual confession for both parents and children.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

... Penitential Service ...

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 7 pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th

St. Thomas Aquinas High School-5 pm.
Church -8 pm. & 10 pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th - 10:30 am.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st

New Year's Eve Mass -4:30 pm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st -9:00 am. & 10:30 am.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Everyone is invited to celebrate our Parish Feast Day on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 pm.

Join us for Living Rosary & Mass followed by a reception in the Church Hall.



Novena to the Immaculate Conception

In preparation for our parish feast day on December 8 you are invited to pray a novena (nine days of prayer) to our Lady for your special intentions and the needs of the parish. You may recite one decade of the Rosary each day, followed by the enclosed prayer, and ending with "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Lord God,
you prepared a worthy dwelling place for your Son by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin;
grant, we pray,
that, as you preserved her from all stain of sin in your foreknowledge of his death,
so we, by her intercession,
may come to you with pure hearts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Web Site: www.sta-russell.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Dec. 7: Confessions 9:00 am. - 2:00 pm.

Dec. 14: Advent Masses: 10:00 am. Grades 7 & 8
1:15 pm. Grades Gr. 9-11

Dec. 14: Advent Drama Play, 7:00 pm.

Dec. 16: Snow Flake Semi-Formal Dance

Dec. 21: Advent Music Concert, 7:00 pm.



◆ **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS RAFFLE:** The CWL is selling raffle tickets for 50c each. Approximate value of each stocking is \$450. Draw date: Dec 11th after 10:30 Mass. The stockings are on display in the Church Foyer .

◆ **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR** looking for children (grade 2+) to form a children's choir for the 5 pm Family Christmas Eve Mass being held at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Info: Tara Shannon 229-9631. The more the better!

NEW PHONE SYSTEM IN OFFICE TO BETTER SERVE YOU!

When people call a Church, they are in a sense reaching out to God. Therefore, it is important to answer their calls not with a recorded voice, but with real personal service. With the increased busy-ness of our parish, it was necessary to install a new phone system with 2 lines. We now have the technology to serve you better. Now we need the people!

Again, due to the increase in "holy traffic" in our parish, we definitely need help answering phones. We are already blessed with the assistance of 2 excellent volunteers, but we need more. If you can respond to the "call", for even 3 hours/ week, please let us know! Thanks Fr. Tim

