

**THIS WEEK AT ST ANNE'S NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

**WELCOME** Fr. Kallenberg as our Celebrant today.

**CHILDREN'S FORMATION** classes are held following the 10:15 service.

Atrium I - children ages 3-6, Lisa Francis-teacher,

Atrium II - children ages 7-9 Pam Vosler-teacher, will be using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Living the Good News for ages 10-12 is Sheila Cobb-teacher.

**DECEMBER OUTREACH - HATS & MITTENS** on the Giving Tree. We will collect items during December to keep children warm on the cold winter days. The items will be donated to the Title One Schools in Warsaw.

**REVERSE ADVENT BASKETS:** Blessing of the Baskets will take place at both services. The concept is similar to the Advent Calendar (each day opening a window in the calendar reveals a treat - usually chocolate) only in reverse. Using a basket (or box) each day during Advent you place an item in the basket. On December 24, you have a bountiful collection of goods that you then deliver to a group or organization. Most examples mentioned have been food banks, but we could donate to Fellowship Mission, Beaman Home, Animal Welfare League, Combined Community Services, St. Margaret's House, and I am sure there are others. This is a personal opportunity to minister to the needy of our community. The teens have been invited to participate as well. How big a basket, how big a box? It really depends on what you are collecting and for whom. A smaller basket would be good for personal hygiene products, while a laundry basket might be better for larger items. I have even seen examples using wine boxes (12 bottles per box, two boxes is 24 days). The boxes are more useful for collecting food or other large items. A family may need to have a large box! Think about what would hold 24 items. You will be surprised how much will be collected in a very short period of Advent. Bring the baskets to church on Sunday December 3 and receive a blessing by Father Kallenberg. This will send us out into the world to fulfill the mission to tend to those around us.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** As of December 1, we have received 61 pledge cards and a total of \$189,074 pledged for 2018. Thank you for your pledge.

**REFLECTIONS** Join us for our weekly bible study on the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. in the parlor.

**ADVENT DINNER** SAMS and ECW will host a dinner for the parish on Saturday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Rose Hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you and your family plan to attend. If you would like to provide a dessert, please see that sign-up sheet. Steve Shelby has created another beautiful silver cuff to be raffled at the dinner. Tickets are on sale in Rose Hall at the gift counter, proceeds will go to the priest's discretionary account. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

**CLERGY SEARCH COMMITTEE** Thank you to all who turned in applications. The Search Committee has been chosen, they are: Sheila Cobb, Dan Coons, Michael Goodrich, Cheryl Hastings, Judy Kinsey, Nanette Newland, Miechi Petro, Jay Rigdon, Bruce Shaffner, Pam Vosler,

and Mark Wease with Greg Ellis and Pam Hester being alternates. Please keep them in your prayers.

**PRAYER TEAMS** As support for our Search Committee, we would like to pray for each member. If you would like to be on a prayer team, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Rose Hall.

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS** We would like to continue sending our email with prayers and concerns for one another. If you have a request for yourself or a loved one, with the permission of the loved one, send your request to [office@stanneswarsaw.org](mailto:office@stanneswarsaw.org).

**SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING** Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. A training is scheduled for all persons who are on the vestry, teach or minister to children in a classroom, nursery or during Parish Life Events. Safeguarding God's Children is a Child Abuse Prevention course that is required by the Diocese of Northern Indiana for all persons who minister to children. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Rose Hall.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS** We need two volunteers per Sunday to help out in the nursery from 10 a.m. to just before Communion. There is a sign-up sheet in Rose Hall. Thank you in advance for considering serving our church family in this way. The diocese also requires a background check for anyone who works with children.

**CHEESEBALLS** are available for \$5 each in Rose Hall. They are selling fast, so stock up for the holidays. Thank you to all who came on Tuesday, we had a great turnout!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Those who are sick: Zack, Courtney, Eldon, Earline, Loretta, Tim, Lisa, Rita, Sharon, Kay, Susan, Jesse, Julie, Carol, Doris, Troy, Lexi, Carla, Maddie, Kevin, Adam, Fr. Dewey, the Shingler, Poling, Hanna, Proietti, Lilly and Jagger families. The Homebound: Virginia, Annette, Dottie, Graham, Mary Ann, Doris, Talitha, Ed and Pat. The Faithful Departed: Gary, Kay, Mike, Edmond and George. Members serving in the Armed Forces: Audrey, Leah, Siera, Cameron, Matt, Bradley and Nate.