



The answer is  
**love**  
*this Christmas*



KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY

## SUPPORT YOUR FUTURE PRIESTS

*Seminary Christmas Collection*

DECEMBER 24 - 25, 2015

"Faith is no refuge for the  
fainthearted... it is a magnificent  
calling, the vocation of love."

— Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven and see;  
take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand  
has planted. - Psalm 80:15-16

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, December 19th

7:45 AM + Wanda Groszek  
4:00 PM Douglas & Jerrie Rothweil & Family

#### Sunday, December 20th

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM + William Meadows

#### Monday, December 21st

7:45 AM + Walter Schaefer

#### Tuesday, December 22nd

7:45 AM + Nancy Diuguid

#### Wednesday, December 23rd

7:45 AM + Jerry Vogt

#### Thursday, December 24th

7:45 AM Mandi Heipel  
4:00 PM + Betty Ruemker

#### Friday, December 25th

8:00 AM + Joann Dabrowski  
10:00 AM + Marie Kubik

#### Saturday, December 26th

7:45 AM Ernestina Peugeot-Osborne  
4:00 PM + Louis Paszkiewicz, Jr.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Sue Barnowski, Jerry Bielicke,  
Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., Dennis Curtis, Chris  
Doerr, Pat Feeler, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores,  
Leon Frigillana, Joshua Galaster, Lon Griffard, Gerry  
Harrington, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Dolores  
LaBruyere, Everleigh Lauber, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle,  
Marion Mentzer, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Krista  
Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender,  
Rosemary Pichler, Ray Rancilio, Mary Ray, Rosemary  
Rivituso, Bob Roelke, John Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Cathy  
Schlueter, Ariane Sery, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Evelyn  
Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth,  
M.S.F., Bill Zib

### ADVENT/HOLIDAY CONCERT

The 5th Annual Advent/Holiday Benefit Concert with  
**Richard Carr** and vocalist, Karlyn Alderson is this  
**Sunday, Dec. 20th**, at 2:30 pm in the church. The  
concert is free, but a suggested donation of \$10.00 is  
appreciated. Donations will go to the Ed Auer Educa-  
tion Fund which provides scholarships to students of  
St. Frances Cabrini Academy, our parish school.

### WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrat-  
ing the Eucharist with us on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

### Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we take time to properly prepare ourselves to celebrate  
Mass each Sunday.

### A NEW ORDER

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergy-  
man named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back  
in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used  
them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treas-  
ures come. In today’s first reading, he knew that from tiny  
Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to  
do the will of God by establishing a new order and by  
becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that  
Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that  
wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate  
anew the fruit of Mary’s womb. As we are told in Hebrews,  
Jesus’ new order is being established even today. And as  
Micah proclaims, His greatness is reaching even now to the  
ends of the earth.

### FUNDRAISERS

Our Ladies of Mary are hosting a **Bake Sale** this weekend,  
after all Masses.

Our **Trivia Night** will be February 13, 2016. Save the date!

### DECORATING CHURCH

This **Sunday, December 20th**, we will decorate the church  
for Christmas after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us!

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

#### Sunday, December 27th

Novena to the Holy Family begins this day and ends on  
Monday, January 4th, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Holy Family Novena pamphlets are available in the vestibule  
of the church. You are encouraged to come to Mass as often  
as possible during the Novena, and of course you can also  
say the prayers at home as a family or wherever you are.

**Missionaries of the Holy Family Collection** will take place  
at all Masses next weekend, Dec. 26th - 27th, which is the  
feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The  
Missionaries of the Holy Family have served our parish since  
1960. Please be generous in your support of this collection.

## DECEMBER 20th, 2015

### GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH

Last Week's Collection	\$ 2,271.54
Weekly Collection Goal	\$ 3,035.00
Average Collection Fiscal Year	\$ 2,191.23
(Fiscal Year is July 2015 thru June 2016)	
Parish Appeal 2015	\$ 115.00
Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 190.00

#### Stewardship Reflection

*“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”*

*(Luke 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

### MUSIC REMINDER

**Robert Sousa**, trumpet extraordinaire, will play for us at the 8:00 am Mass on Christmas Day. His schedule does not allow him to play at the other Masses for Christmas.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for all Cantors, Musicians and Choir Members is **Tuesday, Dec. 22nd**, at 6:30 pm in church.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

St. Wenceslaus will sing Christmas Carols for the residents and staff of Little Sisters of the Poor next **Sunday, December 27th**, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. E-mail Darlene Doerr at: [DarleneDoerr@archstl.org](mailto:DarleneDoerr@archstl.org), if you would like to join us. We will carpool to the nursing home at 5:00 pm.

### FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS

This year's Fall Festival made a profit of **\$33,418.80**, our most successful ever. **Thank you** to all chairpersons, and to everyone who worked, supported or helped us in any way. **God Bless You All!**

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Peter Canisius
Wednesday:	St. John of Kanty
Thursday:	The Vigil of Christmas
Friday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Saturday:	St. Stephen; First day of Kwanzaa

### MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* THURSDAY, 12/24/15, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Blosser  
Mike Blosser  
To Choir & Disabled: Rich Olliges  
Commentator & Lector: Martie Aboussie  
Servers: Tina, Paula, Theresa & Tommy Nguyen  
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser  
Musicians: John Harper & Richard Carr

\*\*\*\*\* FRIDAY, 12/25/15, at 8:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Jody James  
Bill Kren  
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen  
Commentator & Lector: Terry Dabrowski  
Server: Anthony Nguyen  
Cantor: Lisa Holland  
Musician: Richard Carr

\*\*\*\*\* FRIDAY, 12/25/15, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Adela Peugnet  
Karen Holthaus  
To Choir & Disabled: Jan Harper  
Commentator & Lector: Paul Jolly  
Server: Jose Campos  
Cantors: Andrea Harper & Stephanie Blosser  
Musician: John Harper

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 12/26/15, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Martie Aboussie  
Dave Huelsing  
To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert  
Commentator & Lector: Mary Bardo  
Server: Matt Kellner  
Cantor: Ed Koeninger  
Musician: Richard Carr

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 12/27/15, at 8:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Darlene Doerr  
Mary Ann Gajdosik  
To Choir & Disabled: Anthony Nguyen  
Commentator & Lector: Mike Ackermann  
Servers: Tina & Paula Nguyen  
Cantor: Michelle Dow  
Musician: Richard Carr

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 12/27/15, at 10:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Karen Holthaus  
Rich Olliges  
To Choir & Disabled: Pat Lohmar  
Commentator & Lector: Adela Peugnet  
Server: Kathryn Holland  
Cantor: Mary Pichler  
Musician: John Harper

**A Most Blessed Celebration of Christmas to Everyone  
and Best Wishes for a Grace-filled Year 2016!**

**Father Jim Wuerth, M.S.F. and Staff**