

# Peace Advent

## **ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**The mission of St. Charles is to spread the life-saving  
message of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments,  
Prayer and Service to others.**

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# ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

## MASSSES

### Saturday, December 7, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Patricia Frost

### Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Elmer & Grace Evard

11:00 a.m. † Michael & Richard Zurbuch

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased of the Charles & Carol Voglewede Family

### Monday, December 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

6:15 a.m. † Gary Vanderbilt

8:15 a.m. † Mary Vingia

6:30 p.m. For Our Parish Community

### Tuesday, December 10, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Dolores Horstman

8:15 a.m. † Nellie Wood

6:30 p.m. † Edward Dahm

### Wednesday, December 11, Advent Weekday, St. Damasus I, Pope

6:15 a.m. † Mary Martha Roberts

8:15 a.m. † Kathleen Shank

6:30 p.m. † Thomas & Annette Jones, Stephen Elick

7:00 p.m. PENANCE SERVICE—ST. VINCENT'S

### Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:15 a.m. † Ann Hunter

8:15 a.m. Special Intention (Sr. R.)

6:30 p.m. † Michael & Marilyn Patterson

### Friday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

6:15 a.m. † Chris Smith

8:15 a.m. Special Intention (D. & M. S.)

6:30 p.m. † Felix & Theresa Barile

7:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

### Saturday, December 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. † Steve Hope

### Saturday, December 15, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Louis Schneider

### Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Delbert & Rita Minnick

11:00 a.m. † Deceased of the Bobay Family

5:00 p.m. † Sarah Davis

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8

Sun., Dec. 8: Is 11.1-10/Rom 15.4-9/Mt 3.1-12

Mon., Dec. 9: Gn 3.9-16, 20/Eph 1.3-6, 11-12/Lk 1.26-38

Tues., Dec. 10: Is 40.1-11/Mt 18.12-14

Wed., Dec. 11: Is 40.25-31/Mt 11.28-30

Thurs., Dec. 12: Zec 2.14-17/Lk 1.26-38

Fri., Dec. 13: Is 48.17-19/Mt 11.16-19

Sat., Dec. 14: Sir 48.1-4, 9-11/Mt 17.9a, 10-13

### Weekly ROSARY Times in Chapel

Monday-Friday: after the 6:15 a.m. & 8:15 a.m. Masses

Monday-Friday: before the 6:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday: 7:45 a.m. and after the 8:15 a.m. Mass

Sunday: All four sets of mysteries begin at 1:00 p.m.

### ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2019 - 06/30/2020

December 1, 2019

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	36,750.00
December 1 Collection	\$	30,220.17
This Week	\$	(6,529.83)

### THANK YOU for your continued support!

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

### Saturday, December 14

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Chris Hartman, Sarah Hunnefeld, Kathy Johns, Edward Koors, Pam O'Keefe, Lisa Schleinkofer, Linda Schneider, Andy Stauffer, Tom Yaggy (C Carolyn Tyndall)

**Servers:** Maya Atkinson, John Paul Cheever, Ella Knothe, Kate Knothe (MC Bruce D'Rosa)

**Lectors:** Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell

**Sacristan:** Tina Schneider

### Sunday, December 15

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Krystle Harless, C.J. Steigmeyer, Max & Anne Tinkel (C Jane Relue)

**Servers:** Steven Blackwell, Chloe Wampler, Charlie Wampler (MC Camren Quinlan)

**Lectors:** Lillian Lothamer, James Sherron

**Sacristan:** Cheryl Roy

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Julie Grubbs, Patricia Henry, Jan Hoy, Olivia Koehler, John Magsam, Kathy VandeZande, Donna Wagner, Cecilia Wehrly (C Pat Slater)

**Servers:** Leo Finn, Evellyn Finn, Izzie Finn, Katie Schubert (MC Zach Schubert)

**Lectors:** Lynda Houk, Mary Lou Morris

**Sacristan:** Grace Fischer

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Kathy Bennett, Edwin Capuyan, Betty Dobosz, Maria Ellinger, Phil Kramer, Colleen Krohn, Beth Miller, Jerry & Sharon Nuerge, Darlene Simpson, Kelly Tippmann (C Tom Auer)

**Servers:** Giselle Carrillo, Rogelio Rodriguez, Faith Screeton, Alex Tippmann (MC Joseph Schipper)

**Lectors:** Linda Duesler, Ken Nelson

**Sacristan:** Betty Dobosz

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Christina Gates, John Rorick (2 Volunteers Needed) (C Teresa Burke)

**Servers:** Faith Federspiel, Carter Hammon, Mia Hennegan, Avery Ledo (MC Isaac Rorick)

**Lectors:** Steve Horine, Dave Stevens

**Sacristan:** Maria Cavacini

### USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019—TEAM C

"It is a good and holy thought to pray for the dead."  
(2 Maccabees 12)



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Helen Gochenour**.

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend is the annual collection for Retired Religious. We are grateful to the sisters who have taught in our school and served in our parish for all of our 62 years. There is an envelope in the envelope packet for this collection, or you may mark a check or an envelope to see that it is used for the retired religious.

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is an important day in the Church, and it is an important day for us--the patronal feast of our nation and of our diocese. However, this year December 8 falls on a Sunday. When that happens, the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence. Therefore, we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary on Monday, December 9. While it is still an important day for us, our bishops have determined that there will be no obligation on this holy day.

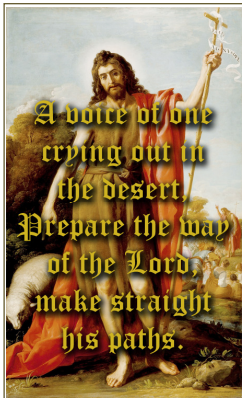
As we have built the relationship between St. Charles and St. Patrick's parishes, our parish has a special invitation this week to a delightful event at St. Patrick's. Very early on Thursday morning, the Latino parishioners of St. Patrick begin the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. At 5:00 a.m., the day begins with Mexican music, Aztec-style dance, and an acting out of the story of the miracle at Guadalupe. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 a.m., and there are usually refreshments afterwards. Most everything will be done in Spanish, a beautiful exposure for us of the richness of our Church. This will be the third year that a group of St. Charles parishioners has attended. We have been very warmly welcomed, and I would love to see our group grow. Please join us at St. Patrick at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday if you are able.

The *Cupertino Classic*, a friendly basketball game between seminarians and priests from our diocese, will be held at Marian High School in Mishawaka on Friday, December 27, at 6:30 p.m. This is a family-friendly event and admission is free.

Advent is a time for Reconciliation, and there are many penance services taking place during this season. St. Vincent has a penance service on Dec. 11, St. John, New Haven on Dec. 17, St. Charles on Dec. 18, and St. Jude on Dec. 19. All begin at 7:00 p.m. We will have guides in the back of church for those who aren't sure about an Act of Contrition or the format of the sacrament. This is a chance to approach Christmas with sins washed away.



Fr. Tom



### December 8 Second Sunday of Advent Our Need to Change

† **Reading I**  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
(The rule of Emmanuel)

† **Reading II**  
Romans 15:4-9  
(Prayer for encouragement)

† **Gospel**  
Matthew 3:1-12  
(John the Baptist)

**Key Passage:** John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

**Adult:** What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

**Child:** What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

### This Week in RCIA

December 10



This week in RCIA, we will take a look at the historical development of the Holy Mass. St. Justin Martyr wrote a letter to the Roman Emperor Titus detailing the different parts of the Mass. This letter was written around the year 150 A.D. It is amazing to read that while the Mass may look different in some ways, the basic structure of the Mass has not changed since the time of the Apostles. It is a great blessing from God that we are able to participate in the Mass. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates, Kayla, Josh, Stephanie, Andrew, Nate, and Caitlin, as they continue their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

### DID YOU KNOW ? ? ? ?

The **Rosary Sodality** is an active group of women that:

- Prepare and serve meals for funeral luncheons
- Sponsor a night of bingo for Byron residents in February
- Bake cookies and pies for the November Craft Bazaar
- Pray the Rosary at funerals
- Provide a booth at the Christ Child Festival
- Bake desserts for Parish Events

We are looking for more active members to add to our ministry. We have two dinner meetings a year- the second Monday of October and December. All ladies of the Parish are invited to our next meeting on December 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hession Center. We will have cheese, crackers and wine, with dinner following. Ham will be served, bring a side dish or dessert to share. The children's choir will sing some Christmas songs after dinner. We will also have door prizes to give away!

Please bring a canned good item to donate for families in need this holiday season. Any questions call Cathy Yaggy @ 418-6379.

**Alzheimer's Support Group**-A support group for caregivers of those with **Alzheimer's or Dementia** meets in our Community Room (the choir room in the church Gathering Space) monthly. Join us on the second Monday of the month from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The next meeting is **Monday, December 9**. Questions, contact Abby Jeha, 419-704-1526..

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

St. Charles School students from grades 3-4-5 will perform a Christmas musical, *The Loaned Manger*. In the small western town of Incarnation, Christmas is celebrated with grit, giddy-up, and gusto! They like to think of themselves as 'the most Christmassy town in the west.' But 1891 is the year that two big 'signs of progress' could spell either trouble or opportunity. Some see the chance to spread even wider the Good News of the birth of Jesus. The performance of this show is **Thursday, December 12**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hession Center gym. (If there is inclement weather, the show will be Friday at 7:00 p.m.) Admission is free. This is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and spirits for Jesus' birth in our lives each and every day! Please plan on spending some time supporting these budding thespians and enjoying an evening out!



## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA



### GIVING TREE 2019

**Franciscan Center** (date 12/7 & 8) Body wash, shampoo, conditioner, diapers - sizes 4,5 & 6 only, pull ups, toothpaste, adult vitamins (all kinds), children's vitamins, cold/allergy medicine for adults & children, cleaning supplies.

**St. Charles Youth Ministry** (date: 12/15 & 16). Monetary gifts. Place your envelope marked "Youth Ministry" in the Sunday collection basket.

### ST. CHARLES VOCATION COMMITTEE

Who will herald Christ in our world? Consider becoming a Priest, Brother, or Sister.  
(Matthew 3:10-12)



Next weekend, December 15, **Cathy Jacob** will take home the Vocation Cross. She will pray daily throughout the week for an increase and strengthening in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**AS THE ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY  
CONTINUES TO PRAY  
FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS TO THE  
PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE  
CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO TAKE HOME THE  
VOCATION CROSS BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2020.**

**Sign up book is in the Gathering Space.**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33*

Ladies,

Please come join us for a once-a-month prayer group just for women! There is laughter, learning, and love of the Father.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 11

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** St. Charles Church

**Questions:** Casey Ryan, 969-4026

**Teaching:** "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" Luke 12:49

Please contact [maryjo@buildingthroughhim.com](mailto:maryjo@buildingthroughhim.com) if you have any questions or check out our website at [www.buildingthroughhim.com](http://www.buildingthroughhim.com)



**ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN** Following devastating legislation in our country surrounding God's greatest gift to us-the gift of life-we are planning a rosary dedicated to the innocent lives lost every day through legalized abortions. **Please join us at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Thurs., December 12, 7:00 p.m. (following the 6:30 p.m. Mass).** Let prayer be the foundation of all we do to defend the indefensible lives at stake. "To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother." -St. John Paul II

**(Please email [marieroe416@gmail.com](mailto:marieroe416@gmail.com) with questions.)**

### SHOPPING ON AMAZON THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

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### OUR FATHERS PLAN BIBLE STUDY

**OUR FATHER'S PLAN**  
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Luke 24:27 "Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them what referred to Him in all the Scriptures."

OFP Bible study follows the same path of study as Jesus did. You will see God's plan for mankind throughout the Old Testament culminate with Luke's Gospel and the book of Acts. This is a 24 session study series that includes a short video, Scripture readings and group discussion questions.

There are two ways to take part in study; Small group home study. You can pick a group of friends or family, meet in a home and schedule the study as you want. Or there will be a large group study in the Hession Center Room D on Tuesday evenings starting Jan 7. This group will be limited to 40 participants.

If you want to form a small group home study, send an email to [SCB.study@msn.com](mailto:SCB.study@msn.com) and the links for the study materials will be sent to you.

If you would like to join the large group study send an email to [SCB.study@msn.com](mailto:SCB.study@msn.com) to sign up. We will have an organizational meeting on December 10, at 6:30 p.m. in Room D in the Hession Center. Please have \$11.56 for the study book.

Prayerfully consider this study to see how God has worked his saving plan out throughout the ages.

## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Aging religious need your help.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

#### "EUCHRE PLAY GROUP"

December play date is **Saturday, December 14**, in the Hession Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with play beginning at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. If you have questions or are interested in joining the group, call Carolyn, 485-0733. Bring your own snacks and drinks! Over 21.



#### AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 11—St. Vincent**

**Tuesday, December 17—St. John, New Haven**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18  
ST. CHARLES**

**Thursday, December 19—St. Jude**

**THANK YOU!!!** The generosity from our parish in giving time, talent and treasure to the residents at Just Neighbors (temporary homeless shelter for families) has been awesome. When our parish was there November 17-22, over and over again we heard the residents saying thank you to us for the great meals, the activities with the children after dinner, and the smiles and conversations we had with everyone. The Staff at Just Neighbors also is very appreciative of the overwhelming generosity and compassion our parish gives to our 'neighbors just down the street' from us (on State Street). Thank you to everyone as we all continue to share our time, talent and treasure with others!

Many thanks,  
Margaret Digan and Maggie Kleber  
Volunteer Coordinators for Just Neighbors

#### ADVENT WREATH

Individuals or Families are invited to help light the candles of our Advent Wreath at all weekend Masses during the season of Advent. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the back of church, near the Lectors' Room.



#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS—2019

You will note that an envelope was included in your envelope packet for December entitled "Christmas Flower Offering". In the past, we requested that you place your Christmas flower donation in a plain envelope and write names on the outside of the envelope. In lieu of this procedure, please write the names of your loved ones on this "new" envelope. Thank you.

#### SCHEDULE MASSES FOR 2020

**CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, 482-2186, TO SCHEDULE MASSES FOR THE 2020 YEAR. MANY OPENINGS IN THE MONTHS OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY.**

The **St Charles' Legion of Mary Ministry** needs more men and women to do the works of this Ministry. Our works are:



- \* To bring back our brothers and sisters in Faith who have been away from the church, through the Sacraments.
- \* The sanctification of our members.
- \* Sacred Heart Enthronement in the homes of our praying and active members.
- \* Visit our new parishioners to welcome them into the parish, its school, activities and parish ministries
- \* To be one in prayers, with the multitude of Legionaries, worldwide, to promulgate  
Holiness among the Faithful and the peoples of this world.

**Come to a Legion of Mary meeting at St. Charles,  
Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.**

**MEETING IN THE  
GATHERING SPACE—BRIDE'S ROOM!**

#### St. Charles Teens at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS  
6-8PM MEET AT THE YOUTH CENTER  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**

SIGN UP:  
[STCHARLESFORTWAYNE.ORG/CHRISTMAS-CAROLING](http://STCHARLESFORTWAYNE.ORG/CHRISTMAS-CAROLING)





## SCRIP NEWS



**2<sup>ND</sup> Week of Advent** – We are one week closer to Christmas and if you still have a list of shopping to do, let **SCRIP** be your “one-stop shopping” spot. We have gift cards for many of the popular gifting items. We have \$5 cards for *Panera* and *Starbucks*; \$10 or \$25 cards for *Amazon*, *Meijer*, *Target*, *Wal-Mart*, *Kohl's*, *Macy's*, *Barnes & Noble* and *Bath & Body*; and \$25 and \$100 cards are available for *Bed, Bath & Beyond*, *Dicks Sporting Goods*, *Walgreens* and others.

In keeping with the spirit of giving, be sure to check out the *Giving Tree*. Many of the ornaments on the tree ask for **SCRIP** gift cards. We are here to help!

**Monday morning, 9:00 AM!** – That is the deadline for calling in items for special order. We make calls to replace our inventory on Monday mornings and can order whatever you need; but we need to know **no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday** in order to guarantee that you have it by the following Thursday. With a short shopping season, you only have this week and next week to order special order items. We will be selling **SCRIP** through December 22, but may not be able to guarantee items after Monday, December 16.



**December 14 Deadline** – Don't forget, you could win 2 tickets (worth \$120) to the *Borromeo Bash* with a donation of **\$100 or more** in **SCRIP** gift cards for the committee to use as prizes. Be sure to check out the special blue order form.

**VOLUNTEERS** – We always appreciate your commitment to our **SCRIP** program but especially at this time of year. Be sure to find a sub or let us know if you are not able to work on your designated day.

Fri., Dec. 13 Sue Christle, Angela Bauer, Peggy Keefer, Judy Smith  
Fri., Dec. 13 CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jennifer Eisaman  
Sat., Dec. 14 Molly Elsass, Tom Neuhaus, Angela Bauer  
Sun., Dec. 15 Cathy Yaggy, Jennifer Hogan, Roberta Keefer  
Mon., Dec. 16 CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Stephanie Keefer

**CONTACT THE COORDINATORS,  
PEGGY OR MADONNA, WITH ANY ?'s  
REGARDING SCRIP PROGRAM,  
(260) 969-4027.**

**STS. PETER AND PAUL HUNTINGTON**  
860 Cherry St., Huntington, IN 46750  
(Fr. Tony's Parish)

**Open House** – Christmas Open House at the Rectory, December 8, 2:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. Come see the beautifully restored 1859 Rectory decorated for Christmas.

**Christmas Concert**, December 29, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Church featuring their parish choir and local musicians.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has an opening for a part time **Diocesan Safe Environment Database Specialist**. The Safe Environment Program Database Specialist is responsible for the input of safe environment information into the diocese's Safe Environment database. For more information and to view other openings in the diocese and at parishes, visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/Current-Job-Postings](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Current-Job-Postings)

**HASA 300 CLUB 2019-2020**  
**\$150.00 - December 8**  
**Rebecca Buchanan**

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**DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND  
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (20s and 30s)  
Young Adult Retreat & Ireland Pilgrimage**

The Diocese is organizing a Pilgrimage to Ireland for young adults in June, 2020 and holding an information night Thursday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at St. Charles Hession Center. (Door #3)

A Young Adult Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020, Lindenwood Retreat Center, Plymouth, IN. More information, [diocesefwsb.org/yam-retreats](http://diocesefwsb.org/yam-retreats)

**Visit the Fort Wayne Museum of Art November 30-March 8 for  
“Theotokos: Contemporary Visions of Mary by Elly Tullis.”**

In this exhibition, Tullis has been inspired by the masters of art history to create over 30 contemporary paintings of Mary, the Mother of God. Though we think of Mary as beautiful, history hasn't recorded her particular features. In these paintings, Tullis explores the beauty of Mary through inspiration from history's master painters as well as her own interpretations of Mary. Meet the artist December 12, at 6:30 p.m. for a gallery talk and tour through her exhibition. Cash bar and appetizers will be offered and admission is free. Visit [www.fwmoa.org](http://www.fwmoa.org) to learn more.

**Motor-Coach Trip to Biltmore Estate & Asheville, NC**, benefiting the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Fort Wayne on April 20-23, 2020. Bus departs from St. Peters Catholic Church, F.W. \$440.00 per person, double occupancy. Add \$90 for single occupancy. Trip includes 3 nights lodging, 6 meals. Guided tour of Asheville, NC, full day visit to the Biltmore Estate, guided drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway, visit to the famous Folk Art Center, visit to the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center. \$75 due upon signing, final payment due 2/13/2010. For pictures, video and information, visit: [www.GroupTrips.com/stvincentdepaul](http://www.GroupTrips.com/stvincentdepaul). Contact Neil or Kathy Coonrod, (260) 623-6708 for more information and to register.

**Divine Mercy Funeral Home** is expanding it's greet staff. Please call 260-426-2044 and ask for Casey or Bob.