

DECEMBER 2, 1973.....THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES: PALMER..... 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday  
WASILLA..... 8 a.m. Sunday at Sacred Heart Church  
THIS SUNDAY: 3 p.m. Baptism at Gunsight Mountain Lodge  
THIS SUNDAY: 7 p.m. Mass at Holy Family Church, Glennallen

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: 9 a.m. in Palmer on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,  
Friday (First Friday of month): 10:30 a.m. Mass in Pioneer Home

CONFESSIONS: Before all Sunday Obligation Masses; & Saturdays at 4 p.m. & 8 p.m. in Palmer.

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MARRIAGES: Appointment to see the priest should be made three months in advance.

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CCD CLASSES: PALMER...Pre-school thru grade 8: Sundays following 10 a.m. Mass.  
WASILLA...Pre-school thru grade 8: Wednesdays at Sacred Heart Church following  
school--take school bus #6 for a ride...overflow will ride in CCD cars.

HIGH SCHOOL DELICIOUS DISCUSSION GROUPS:

PALMER: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Mondays in Rectory Basement from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

WASILLA: Wednesdays at Ray George home at 7 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSE: EVERY SUNDAY AT HIGH NOON (12 noon to 1 p.m.) IN RECTORY BASEMENT.

TODAY'S TOPIC: JESUS CHRIST.

(Baby-sitting during 12-1 period will be available at St. Michael's Church.)

ALL PALMER CCD TEACHERS WILL MEET TODAY AT 11:30 A.M. (CCD CLASSES WILL BE DISMISSED EARLY)  
TO PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION -- A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR  
ALL CATHOLICS. PARISH MASSES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS FOR HOLY DAY OBLIGATION:

WASILLA..... 7 p.m. Friday, December 7.

PALMER.....12:10 noontime and 5 p.m., Saturday, December 8.

(Note: 7 p.m. Mass, Saturday evening, December 8, will be a Sunday Obligation Mass.)

TODAY...AFTER MASS IN PALMER...6th Grade CCD Class will hold a Bake Sale...proceeds will be  
used to make available Bibles for the 6th Grade Class.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD IN ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Gretchen Holly Wansor, daughter of Peter and Kay Wansor of Palmer.

MONDAYS: LEGION OF MARY MEETING at 9:45 a.m. in Rectory Basement every Monday.

SATURDAYS: SWIMMING AT FORT RICHARDSON POOL for grades 6-12 & adults; 12 noon to 1 p.m.

SUNDAYS: CARD PARTY IN RECTORY BASEMENT every Sunday, 7:30 to 10 p.m.; sponsored by Altar  
Society; Bridge & Pinochle played regularly; \$1.50 donation covers games, prizes, refreshm'ts

THIS WEEK TUESDAY: LADIES OF CHARITY IS SPONSORING A "FISH" TALK AND MOVIE AT HOME EXTENSION  
SERVICE OFFICE IN PALMER AT 8 P.M. COME AND LEARN HOW TO HELP MEET EMERGENCIES WITH  
COMMUNITY HELP.

THIS WEEK THURSDAY: ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at 8 p.m. in Rectory Basement.

All adult parishioners are invited to attend and participate.

THIS WEEK FRIDAY: First Friday of the Month...please call the rectory to arrange home  
Communion for those ill or confined. Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Pioneer Home in Palmer.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR ADVANCE PLANNING; ST. MICHAEL'S ALTAR SOCIETY WILL HOLD A COMBINED  
MEETING / CHRISTMAS PARTY on next week Tuesday, December 11, at 8 p.m. in Rectory Basement  
for all women of the parish. Those attending are asked to bring a gift (\$1.00 value) for  
the gift exchange.

COLLECTIONS, Nov. 25: Palmer - \$405.65; Wasilla - \$62.21; Total - \$467.86.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR DEC. 9: (Palmer servers are for either 7 p.m. Saturday or 10 a.m. Sunday)

PALMER...SERVERS: Stephen Jumbo, Pat Soule, Ben & Jon Hermon, Craig Butler

LECTOR: Ken Soule; USHERS: Lloyd Rebischke & Rick Espen

WASILLA...SERVERS: Those assigned will be notified.

A FREE BABY-SITTING SERVICE IS PROVIDED IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT DURING 10 A.M. SUNDAY MASS.

THE U.S.C.C. (United States Catholic Conference) FILM CLASSIFICATION LISTING IS POSTED ON  
THE BULLETIN BOARD.

ADVENT MEANS THE START OF A NEW CHURCH YEAR. HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTED NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:

1. Help organize our Parish Libraries in Palmer & Wasilla. You can help in the cataloging  
of the books or in serving as a librarian after Sunday Masses. Volunteers for Wasilla please  
call Mrs. Howard Brown (376-5385); For Palmer, call Mrs. Harland Grower (745-4296).

2. Prepare a Christmas Basket for the needy. Call the Ladies of Charity and offer your help.

3. Offer your help for one of the Christmas Masses. Help sing, suggest program, etc.

FIRST CHRISTMAS MASS: WASILLA...~~Saturday~~ Dec. 24, at 7 p.m.; a "Children's Mass" with  
ornaments, crib figures, & small gifts brought up by children at the Offertory time.  
Call Judy Dragseth (376-5691) or Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Barry to help.

SECOND CHRISTMAS MASS: PALMER...Christmas Midnight. Call Jo Gladson (745-3133) to offer  
help in singing.

THIRD CHRISTMAS MASS: WASILLA, 8 a.m.; Organist: Mrs. Pat Carter (376-5892).

FOURTH CHRISTMAS MASS: PALMER, 10 a.m.; Organist: Mary Combs (745-3157). Singers can  
help lead congregational hymns.

FIFTH CHRISTMAS MASS: GLENNALLEN, 7 p.m. Christmas evening.

SPECIAL ADVENT PROGRAMS:

NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 9: at 11 a.m.--PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR GRADES 6-7-8, FOLLOWED BY ADULTS.

THE ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE ON PAGE "N" OF OUR MISSALETES WILL BE USED.

ON SUNDAY, DEC. 16: at 11 a.m.--PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR GRADES 4-5-6, FOLLOWED BY ADULTS.

THESE TWO SUNDAY SERVICES PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CONFESSION.

ON SUNDAY, DEC. 23: at 11 a.m.--ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM BY OUR CCD CLASSES.

PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

PRIEST: Our help is in the name of the Lord. PEOPLE: Who made heaven and earth.

PRIEST: Let us Pray. O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth

Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our

hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces.

Through Christ our Lord. PEOPLE: Amen.

(The wreath is sprinkled with Holy Water; the first candle is lighted.)

PRIEST: Let us pray. Stir up Thy might we beg Thee, O Lord, and come so that we may escape  
through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us  
because of our sins. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. PEOPLE: Amen.

DECEMBER 23, 1973 -- THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT WREATH:

PRIEST: O Lord, stir up your might and come. Aid us with your powerful assistance so that, through your grace and merciful forgiveness, we may attain salvation, which now is hindered by our sins: You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ALL: Amen

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OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF MR. AND MRS. WALTER SHAMPINE WHOSE BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW BOTH RECENTLY DIED IN NEW YORK.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY ARE ANNOUNCED BETWEEN MICHAEL COMBS AND LANA MARIE SCOTT, BOTH OF THIS PARISH.

A SUGGESTED CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR \$5.00: THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE, with large print, replete with maps, notes, pictures & index. Available in sacristy and at rectory.

THE LATEST U.S.C.C. FILM CLASSIFICATION LISTING IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

COLLECTIONS, Dec. 16: Offertory & Bldg Fund... Palmer \$375.10; Wasilla \$84.92; Total \$460.02  
Christmas Flowers:.....Palmer 51.00; Wasilla 3.00; Total 54.00

ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 30: (Palmer Servers are for either Saturday 7 p.m. or Sunday 10 a.m.)

PALMER---SERVERS: Eric Restad, John Furbush, Jim Laux, Fred & Greg Mothershead  
LECTOR: Ed Rogan; USHERS: Clarence Furbush & Norbert Chowanec

WASILLA---SERVERS: Those assigned will be notified.

A FREE BABY-SITTING SERVICE IS PROVIDED IN RECTORY BASEMENT DURING 10 A.M. SUNDAY MASS,

THIS WEEK.....DECEMBER 23-29, 1973-----

SUNDAY.....CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IN PALMER AT 11 A.M. UPSTAIRS IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

All are invited to attend and to join in the refreshments which will be served downstairs following the program. We thank the CCD teachers, helpers, parents and CYO who have made this program possible.

OUR SPECIAL GUESTS TODAY ARE: Sister Mary Clare, P.B.V.M.  
Sister Mary Grace, P.B.V.M.  
Sister Mary Elizabeth, P.B.V.M.  
Sister Joseph Mary, P.B.V.M.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS, 12-1 p.m. in Rectory Basement; Today's topic: CREATION.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS TODAY at 4 p.m. & 8 p.m.; also immediately following 10 a.m. Mass.

AT WASILLA TODAY: RAFFLE DRAWING FOR WOMAN'S PARKA (postponed from last week).

MONDAY.....LEGION OF MARY meets every Monday at 9:45 a.m. in Rectory Basement.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS at 4 p.m. at St. Michael's Church, Palmer

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS, Sacred Heart Church, Wasilla, 7 p.m. (to be preceded by Confessions until 5 minutes before Mass); CCD Christmas Program by Wasilla classes will be included in the Mass; Organist - Nancy George.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS will be heard also until 5 minutes before Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in Palmer.

TUESDAY.....SECOND CHRISTMAS MASS, Palmer, Christmas Midnight; Organist - Jo Gladson.

THIRD MASS OF CHRISTMAS, Wasilla, 8 a.m.; Organist - May Carter

FOURTH MASS OF CHRISTMAS, Palmer, 10 a.m.; Organist - Mary Combs

(CONFESSIONS will be heard until 5 minutes preceding Masses.)

CHURCH CALENDARS FOR THE NEW YEAR ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY.

THURSDAY.....ST. JUDE'S GUILD MEETING, 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church (changed from regular Tuesday meeting date because of Christmas)...all adult parishioners of Wasilla area are invited to attend.

SATURDAY.....SWIMMING AT FORT RICHARDSON POOL from 12 noon to 1 p.m. for grades 6-12 and adults; meet at rectory at 11 a.m. to arrange (& provide) transportation.

CCD CHRISTMAS VACATION: CCD classes will not meet in Palmer and Wasilla until the new year.

Classes resume Sunday, Jan. 6, in Palmer, following 10 a.m. Mass; and Wed., Jan. 9, in Wasilla following school. HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUPS resume meetings on Monday, Jan. 7, in Palmer, and Wednesday, Jan. 9, in Wasilla.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM MSGR. JOHN G. NOLAN (National Secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association): "I will be most grateful if at Christmas you will tell all of your parishioners and especially my friends in Palmer that at the Midnight Mass in Bethlehem I will be thinking of them and remembering them in a very special way. Please ask everyone to keep me in prayer. It will be a very happy Christmas."

WE INVITE YOU TO SEND GET-WELL GREETINGS to Father Stirling (mail will be forwarded to Seattle from Holy Family Cathedral, 818 5th Avenue, Anchorage, 99501), and to Msgr. G. Edgar Gallant (Glenmore Nursing Home, 4895 Cordova, Anchorage). We pray for their rapid recovery.

THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS ASKED US TO ANNOUNCE THAT A MEETING WILL BE SPONSORED BY THEM ON December 28, 7:30 p.m., in Palmer Community Center. Purpose: To unite community residents in an effective program to combat the rapid growth of use of narcotics and crime in the area. Featured speakers will include: Carl Dankworth, Head of Alaska State Troopers; Robert Johnson, FBI agent; Dr. Carolyn Brown; Senator C. R. Lewis; Bob Olson, U.S. Marshall; and others. All are invited.

CHRISTMAS EVE 1973

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH  
SACRED HEART CHURCH  
WASILLA, ALASKA

FATHER ERNEST H. MUELLERLEILE, PASTOR

MERRY CHRISTMAS! This year our Christmas program will be incorporated with the Mass.  
Please sing so we all will be a part of it.

Altar Servers: Greg Garcia and Tim Johnson  
Organist: Nancy George

Entrance Hymn: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL, page 42

Decorating Jesse Tree: Janice Dewan; Andy George; Haleasha George; Martin George;  
Brenda Hull; Mark Hull; Bob Menard; Janette Silvers; Robert  
Silvers; Charlene Tellier; Thersa Tellier; Rose Mary Tellier;  
Sam Tellier; David Terry; Jo Jo Yukluk; Lu Lu Yukluk and others

Lectors:

First Reading: Patti Cooper  
Responsorial Psalm: Curtis Menard  
Second Reading: Troy Dragseth  
Alleluia: Thersa Johnson

Nativity: Immediately following the Gospel.  
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM # 17, page 51. Sing first verse then pause, continue as  
Mary and Joseph are brought forward.

Mary: Michelle Carney  
Joseph: Mark Carney

Cantor: Taryn Caywood

SILENT NIGHT # 13, page 49

Baby Jesus: Bryan George

Angels: Billy Blake; Renee Cooper; Bernice Cooper; Maria Dragseth; Margaret George;  
Tangle Smith

Blessing of Crib: Page 44

General Intercessions: Thersa Johnson and Ralph Carney

Collection: Ushers, Larry Longnecker and Stanley George

Presentation of Gifts: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH # 31, page 58

Bread and Water: Ruthann Longnecker and Mureen Johnson

Gifts for Baby Jesus: All children in church

Communion Hymn: ADESTE FIDELIS # 6, page 47 and COME ALL YE FAITHFUL #5, page 47

Alternate Latin and English

#6 verse 1

#5 verse 1

#6 verse 2

#5 verse 2

Closing Hymn: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH #8, page 48

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS.....EVERYONE IS INVITED

MERRY CHRISTMAS