# Saint Adalbert's Basilica "BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

December 6, 2008

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones happy and blessed during this holy season. It has been a quiet six months since last we wrote you a letter about the St. Adalbert appeal efforts. How appropriate then, that we find ourselves in the time of Advent which gives us a gentle reminder that faith-filled waiting is indeed an active mission. It is one that our God calls us to participate in and goes beyond the appeal efforts to the every day of our lives and relationships. On every level of our life journey we have moments...days...years ...of anticipation and waiting...for prayers to be answered...God's presence to reveal itself in our lives and the lives of those we love. What we choose to put into those moments can make all the difference.

And so it is with the appeal. Still we wait patiently at the first level of the process. We wait prayerfully as the Holy See reflects on our situation. We wait with faith that Jesus' presence will be revealed. It is crucial during these days of waiting that we continue to nurture one another and build the vitality of our parish family by words and deeds. We can reach out spreading encouragement, positive thinking and hope.

We warmly welcome you to participate in the enclosed parish activities. It is good to get together to celebrate and to remember all that initially drew us to this spiritual family and continues to keep us a part of it whether directly or indirectly. Please join us for the Christmas season. We sincerely hope that the concert on January 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a time to relax, gather together, visit and enjoy the miracle of Christmas. Another upcoming event on April 25, 2009 will be a reunion for those who attended St. Adalbert's parochial school and St. Adalbert parish. More details will be forthcoming so keep the date open. We hope to see you at all these events and please pass on the invitation to others as well.

Peace and all good to you at this holy season!

With a prayer,

Lorraine Chojnicki

Parish Life Coordinator

#### ST.ADALBERT BASILICA

212 Stanislaus Street Buffalo, NY 14212

# **CHRISTMAS AT ST. ADALBERT'S 2008**

Join us in the beautifully decorated Basilica of St. Adalbert's. Behold the splendor of the nativity scene surrounded by trees with hundreds of thousands of Christmas lights.

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

#### **CHRISTMAS**

Wednesday, December 24 4PM Children's Mass (Folk Group) 12AM Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25 9:00AM Mass (Polish) 11:00AM Mass (English)

#### **NEW YEAR**

Wednesday, December 31 4PM Mass (English)

Thursday, January 1 9AM Mass (Polish) 11:00AM Mass (English)



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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



#### ST. ADALBERT 50/50 CASH DRAWING

Throughout November and December we will be selling 50/50 cash drawing tickets. Donation is \$2.00 per ticket. We need you help to make this effort a success. Please call the rectory (895-8091) if you would like to purchase tickets or if you are interested in receiving some to sell. Drawing for the winner will take place at the cookie social on January 3, 2008.

# FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT /COOKIE SOCIAL BY RICH & DEBBIE DERWALD

Date: Saturday, January 3, 2009

Time: After 4PM Mass

Join Rich and Debbie Derwald after the 4:00PM Mass for an inspirational blend of holiday hymns and sacred music. This will be followed by a cookie social at which time the name of our 50/50 raffle winner will be drawn.