

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 12/13, 2009

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday	Dec. 14	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	Dec. 15	6:00 p.m.	John Hagerty
Wednesday	Dec. 16	11:00 a.m.	(The Waters) Bob May
Thursday	Dec. 17	7:00 a.m.	Betty Kissel
Friday	Dec. 18	8:15 a.m.	Flora Breeden
Saturday	Dec. 19	6:00 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament & St. Joseph Parishes
Sunday	Dec. 20	7:00 a.m.	Jim Smith
		11:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Halbig



Sun., Dec. 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

- RCIA from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. in the Celestin Center.
 - Religious Ed today from 9:30-10:45 in Parish Center.
- Monday, Dec. 14** – No Joseph'ines for the next 3 weeks.
Ladies will resume meeting on Jan. 4th.

- Associates meeting at 6 p.m. in the Celestin Center.
 - Cub Scout Pack meeting/Christmas Party 6:30 in Caf.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15** –
- Boys Basketball Game with Barton at 5:30 p.m. in Gym.
 - Men's Basketball after Boys Game. All men welcome.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 – VOCATION PRAYER DAY!

- Adult Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in Church.
- PS/PK School Advent Program at 6:00 in the Gym.

Thursday, Dec. 17 –

- Blessed Mothers Prayer Group at 6:15 p.m. in Chapel.

Friday, Dec. 18 - Church Cleaning Crew #4 –
Angie Bertram, Linda Yeryar.



Gifts for God

Dec. 6, 2009 Collection = \$7,857.00
Fiscal Year to date: \$100,217.47

Liturgical Ministers for next week:

6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 19

Lector: Bob Hennig
Hosts: Terri Channell, Lorene Koberstein
Presenters: Terry Theys Family
Servers: Haley Beasley, Nathan Beasley, Kristen Koberstein
Head Usher: Marion Koberstein
Greeters: Richard Paul, Celia Enyeart, Alan Weiss Families

7:00 a.m. Sunday, December 20

Lector: Jim Wallace
Hosts: Mark Wade, Geraldine Weber, Dave Specht
Presenters: Paul Turner Family
Servers: Ryan Wade, Brandi Wagner, Kelsey Wagner
Head Usher: Gene Allen
Greeters: John Jaquemai, Dennis McGraw, Roy Stoll Families

11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 20

Lector: Joe Cochran
Hosts: Elaine Fortner, Kyle Gilbert
Presenters: Clayton Dame Family
Servers: Allyson Schneider, Libby Schneider, Jaelyn Dunn
Head Usher: Nick Karges
Greeters: Barbara Young, Jim Channell, Beth Putt Families
CLW Linda & Megan Yeryar

SCRIPS

6:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, December 19 Kelli Mayer
7:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, December 20 Angie Paul
11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, December 20 Vicki Dunn

PLEASE CONTACT PAT KERMODE IF YOU CAN'T WORK YOUR
SCHEDULED TIME AT 664-5496.



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as "Gaudete" Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning rejoice. The expectation of Christ's coming is a cause for joy and renewed diligence as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Many Advent hymns express the joy of this Sunday as we wait for the coming of the Lord Jesus. The most notable of these is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." This ancient hymn is based on the "O Antiphons," a series of seven short verses originally part of monastic prayer during the Middle Ages. Today the hymn is sung or recited as part of the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer from December 17 through December 23. Taken from the prophetic and wisdom books of the Bible, the "O Antiphons" include these titles for Jesus: O Wisdom, O Lord of Lords, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of All Nations, and O Emmanuel. We invite you to celebrate Advent by reflecting with your family on the verses of this ancient hymn.

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!
The Lord is near.**

(See page 3 for a children's version of "O Antiphon" prayers.)

working exceptionally hard since Oct. and they sound amazing!

THE ADVENT WREATH (part 3)

The third candle is the shepherd’s candle. This candle, rose in color, is lit on the third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for “rejoice” and it is the first word of the entrance psalm for Mass on that day.

The last candle lit on the Advent wreath is the angel’s candle, which announces the love of the Father to send his only Son to dwell among us. Advent wreaths are a part of our Catholic heritage. Many families still place them in prominent spots such as the dining room table or in the living room. As each candle is lit, the family might sing a chorus of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” or recite a daily prayer, or read a passage from Scripture. May you and yours enjoy all the blessings of this holy Advent season.

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O ANTIPHONS FOR CHILDREN

December 17:

O Wisdom of our God Most High, fill us with your gift of knowledge.

December 18:

O Leader of the House of Israel, rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19:

O Root of Jesse’s stem, sign of God’s love, come save us without delay!

December 20:

O Key of David, you opened the gates to God’s kingdom, come and free us from the darkness!

December 21:

O Radiant Dawn, shining out with eternal light, come and shine your light on us!

December 22:

O King of all nations, come and save all your people!

December 23:

O Emmanuel, our King, come save us, you are the Lord our God!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- The K of C is taking advance orders for their fresh ground Pork Sausage. You can place an order by calling the Club at 385-5732 after 4 p.m. or contact any Knight. Orders will be ready for pick-up after 12 noon Jan. 16.
- K of C Meeting Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Did you know that since 1994 through the effort of their Tootsie Roll Drive that your Knights of Columbus Council 1131 has been able to donate \$71,886.60 to GCARC?

Christmas Eve. (10:00 p.m Mass) Come 30 minutes early for a Carol Service Sr. Kim and the choir have been



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 15 Boys Basketball Game with Barton at 5:30. in the Gym. . *Go Wildcats!*
- Dec. 16 PreSch/PreK Advent Program - *The Christmas* Story begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. All invited.
- Dec. 21-Jan 3 Winter Break! Have a great time off.

For Sale:

- Pumpkin Rolls** \$8.00 each while supplies last.
White Gravy Packets \$3.50 each.
(Packet will make 73 servings, but it can be divided).
Contact any PIE Committee member or call the school office at 385-2228.

Don't forget to buy your *Scraps Cards!* They make great Christmas Gifts. You can get them at the School Office during the week and before and after all the Masses on the weekend in the School Library.

CHURCH & SCHOOL WEBSITE:
www.stjosephprinceton.com

a BIG THANKS

To Susan Feutz & Denise Kramer for all their hard work in our Flower Bed under the Bell Tower. They have been weeding, planting and beautifying that space for several years. We appreciate all their time and talent. In the spring we will be looking for more help with the gardening. If you have a talent and/or the time to donate in this area we would love to have your help. Please call the Parish Office at 385-2617.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Sandy's Pizza Fundraiser | Jan. 4-15th, 2010 |
| D of I Kuchin Sale | Jan. 16/17, 2010 |
| St. Joseph Dinner/Dance/Auction | Feb. 13, 2010 |
- (if you want to donate to the auction contact Jennifer Schneider at 385-0124)*

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WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

December 6, 2009

Mass Intentions For The Week

Sunday December 13 9:00 a.m. Fred Hyde
Thursday December 17 6:30 p.m. Jerad McConnell
Sunday December 20 9:00 a.m. Robert Sives

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday before the following week.



Gifts for God

WEEKLY GIVING Dec. 06, 2009

37 - Adults \$2899.00 - Loose \$154.17

Total - \$3053.17 Last Week - \$1535.20

Weekly Budget Need: \$2061.00

Liturgical Ministers:

9:00 a.m. Sunday, December 20, 2009

Lector: Kelsey Reising
Euch. Mins.: Presider
Host: Pat Swails
Gift Bearers: Becky Wright Family
Greeter: David Memmer Family
Ushers: Doug Meiring, Mike Meece
David Williams & Josh Stolz
Servers: Mark Schulten & David Anderson

Weekly Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18, Ps: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

Monday: St. John of the Cross

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17, Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13, Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23

Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25, Ps 85:9-10, 11-12-14

Luke 7:18-23

Thursday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10, Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17

Matthew 1:1-17

Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8, Ps 72:1, 12-13, 18-19

Matthew 1:18-24

Saturday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25, Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17

Luke 1:5-25

**Parish Council meeting
January 14, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.**

REJOICE SUNDAY"

"With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation." —Isaiah 12:3

Today is "Gaudete Sunday" or "Rejoice Sunday." We are rejoicing because Jesus is real and Christmas is real. We will receive Jesus' love in an ever deeper way this Christmas season, which will begin in just twelve days. Christmas is not just a holiday when we engage in various customs and ceremonies. Christmas is not merely recalling the past but experiencing Jesus' love in the present. Therefore, we can hardly help but "shout for joy" and "sing joyfully" (Zep 3:14). We are "glad and exult with all" our hearts (Zep 3:14). Considering the reality of Christmas, we must "rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice!" (Phil 4:4) The Lord Himself does not just observe our joy but rejoices with us. "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty Savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in His love, He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals" (Zep 3:17-18). In fact, we can rejoice with Jesus' joy (Jn 15:11). We can have "complete" joy (Jn 15:11), which no one can take from us (Jn 16:22). The rejoicing in our lives and even in our cities can rise to fever pitch (Acts 8:8). Happy "Rejoice Sunday!" *Reflection from Presentation Ministries*

ANGEL TREE

If you would like to buy a gift for someone in need please take an "Angel" off the tree. Buy a gift, (suggestions of sizes etc are on the "Angel Card") then return it to the tree by the deadline of December 20th. The gift are going to help folks in need from: The House of Bread & Peace and Ozanam Shelter. Both are Catholic Organizations very much in need.

Join us Christmas Eve after Mass for a celebration of our Saviors birth. Sweet bread, Egg Nog, and Hot Chocolate will be served after Mass downstairs. Bring the family !

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Holy Day Masses

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) Blessed Sacrament 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day (Dec. 25) St. Joseph's 10:00 a.m.
New Years Eve (Dec. 31) St. Joseph's 4:00 p.m.
New Years Day (Jan. 1) Blessed Sacrament 9:00 a.m.
St. Joseph's 11:00 a.m.

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Here's a gift idea that is appropriate for all and especially those folks on your list that are difficult to buy for. Purchase for them a one-year subscription to the Message. It is only \$24 for one entire year. We make up a beautiful gift card for the recipient and we mail it if you want, OR, you give it to them personally. Just email Diane Csukas at dcsukas@evdio.org or Steve Halbig shalbig@evdio.org with the name of the individual you wish to gift, and we do the rest. You may also call 1-800-637-1731.

ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE

The operational cash reserves of the Ozanam Family Shelter (1100 Read Street, Evansville, IN - www.OFSEvv.org) has reached a critical state.

2009 has been "the perfect storm" of financial challenges for this family homeless shelter. If the shelter cannot find much needed donations by January 2010, the board will be asked to consider cost-cutting measures, including closing residential rooms and staff.

Ozanam Family Shelter is spin-off project of Saint Vincent De Paul, and the organization still maintains its traditional ties to that organization, with a majority of board members from Saint Vincent De Paul. Ozanam is rather unique in its mission to maintain the integrity of families who have stumbled into financial crisis. The shelter can house 17 families and 6 single-women (without children). The adults are provided a case manager to help them become financially viable into the future, and the shelter keeps careful records so that it services cannot be abused by those who are not intending to improve their own situation.

If you are looking for a way to give to someone in need this Christmas, this is a very worthwhile cause. Send your check to the above address or you may call this number 1-812-422-2214 to arrange to drop off your gift. A list of needed items are on the bulletin boards.

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT on Saturday, January 9, 2010. It is being held in the Holy Cross School cafeteria. Doors open at 5:30 with play beginning at 7 p.m. The Buy-in is \$50 for \$500 chips. Reservations are appreciated but Walk-Ins are welcome. Seating is limited. Call 768-6890 for Mark or 753-3548 for Lisa.



UPCOMING DEANERY SERVICES:
(Holy Days of Obligation)

<u>Christmas Vigil</u>	<u>(December 24)</u>
Holy Cross	4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
St. Joseph	4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Sts. Peter & Paul	4:30 p.m. & 12 Midnight
Blessed Sacrament	7:00 p.m.
St. Bernards	10:00 p.m.
St. James	10:30 p.m.

<u>Christmas Day</u>	<u>(December 25)</u>
St. James	7:00 & 9:00 a.m.
Sts. Peter & Paul	7:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Cross	8:45 a.m.
St. Bernards	9:30 a.m.
St. Josephs	10:00 a.m.

<u>New Years Vigil</u>	<u>(December 31)</u>
St. Joseph	4:00 p.m.
Holy Cross	4:30 p.m.
St. Bernards	6:00 p.m.
Sts. Peter & Paul	6:00 p.m.
St. James	6:00 p.m.

<u>New Years Day</u>	<u>(January 1)</u>
Sts. Peter & Paul	8:00 a.m.
St. James	8:20 a.m.
Holy Cross	8:45 a.m.
Blessed Sacrament	9:00 a.m.
St. Joseph	11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES:
December 13 Holy Cross 4:30 p.m.