

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 19/20, 2009

## Mass Intentions For The Week

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| Monday    | Dec. 21 | 7:00 a.m.  | Morning Prayer                             |
| Tuesday   | Dec. 22 | 6:00 p.m.  | Henry Schmits                              |
| Wednesday | Dec. 23 | 7:00 a.m.  | Frank & Madge Scherrer                     |
| Thursday  | Dec. 24 | 4:00 p.m.  | Christmas Memorials                        |
|           |         | 10:00 p.m. | Christmas Memorials                        |
| Friday    | Dec. 25 | 10:00 a.m. | Christmas Memorials                        |
| Saturday  | Dec. 26 | 6:00 p.m.  | Oliver & Margaret Halbig                   |
| Sunday    | Dec. 27 | 7:00 a.m.  | Blessed Sacrament &<br>St. Joseph Parishes |
|           |         | 11:00 a.m. | Jim Naas                                   |



**Sunday, Dec. 20 –**

- 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. 21 –** No Joseph'ines for the next 2 weeks.  
Ladies will resume meeting on Jan. 4th.
- Tuesday, Dec. 22 –** Church Decorating for Christmas at 6:30 p.m. We need a lot of hands!
- Men's Basketball at 7:00 p.m. in Gym. All men welcome.
- Wednesday, Dec. 23 –**
- Adult Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in Church.
  - Church Cleaning Crew #5 - G.Riedford, M.Turner, K.Wade.
- Thursday, Dec. 24 –**Children's Choir Practice 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
**Parish Offices closed for Holidays until Jan. 4th.**

## Liturgical Ministers for next week:

### 4:00 p.m. Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve.

Lector: Melissa Shoultz  
Hosts: Mary Collins, Debbie Neufelder  
Cup: J. D. Wildt, Rick Coleman, Bob Gibson  
Presenters: Rod Vickers Family  
Servers: Brandt Kolb, Jaelyn Dunn, Luke Dunn  
Head Usher: Gil Karcher  
Greeters: Rob Dunn, Alan Weiss, Ken Halbig Families

### 10:00 p.m. Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve.

Lector: Jim Elliott  
Hosts: Wanda Stephens, Debbie Bateman  
Cup: Terri Channell, Johnetta Powers, Geraldine Weber  
Presenters: Ed Alldredge Family  
Servers: Hunter Leonard, Trystan Allerellie, Brendan Bateman  
Head Usher: Nick Karges  
Greeters: Dennis McGraw, Norma May, Mike Pflug Families

### 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 25 Christmas

Lector: Teresa Koberstein  
Hosts: Gail Riedford, Lorene Koberstein  
Cup: Mark Wade, Jennifer Schneider, Kyle Gilbert  
Presenters: Larry Matthews Family  
Servers: Allyson Schneider, Libby Schneider, Jacob Koberstein  
Head Usher: Jeff Koberstein  
Greeters: Clara Mae Welp, Jane Gottman, Kyle Wethington Families

### 6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 26

Lector: Peggy Smith  
Hosts: Mary Jane Paul, Terry Theys  
Presenters: Tim Koberstein Family  
Servers: Haley Beasley, Nathan Beasley, Taylor Cochran  
Head Usher: Charles Ingram  
Greeters: Celia Enyeart, Bill Lutz, Jeff Binhack Families

### 7:00 a.m. Sunday, December 27

Lector: Dave Specht  
Hosts: Dan Gilbert, Dave Specht  
Presenters: Bruce Wheatley Family  
Servers: Jake Hartman, Payton Halbig, Mark Turner  
Head Usher: Lonnie Greenwell  
Greeters: Gene Allen, Roy Stoll, Bruce Wheatley Families

### 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 27

Lector: Joe Cochran  
Hosts: Johnetta Powers, Bob Hennig  
Presenters: Phil Perry Family  
Servers: D'Neil Greenwell, Emily Fortner, Erin Fortner  
Head Usher: Irvin Spindler  
Greeters: Jim Channell, Larry Matthews, Beth Putt Families  
CLW Mary Collins & Debbie Bateman

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The period from December 17th to December 23rd is known as the Octave before Christmas and it is a very special time of preparation during the Advent season. During Vespers (evening prayer) of that week, a special antiphon, or refrain, is sung before the gospel canticle. These antiphons are known as the O Antiphons. The importance of the O Antiphons is two-fold. First, each is a title of the Messiah: O Sapientia (O Wisdom), O Adonai (O Lord), O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O Clavis David (O Key of David), O Oriens (O Rising Sun), O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), and O Emmanuel. Second, each O Antiphon refers to a prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

According to Professor Robert Greenberg of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the arrangement of these antiphons in the order above also fulfills a purpose. Beginning with the first letter of each antiphon and spelling it out in reverse order we get the Latin phrase *Ero Cras*, meaning "Tomorrow, I will come." Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, "Tomorrow, I will come." So the "O Antiphons" not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion!

Sr. Kim



## Gifts for God

Dec. 13, 2009 Collection = \$8,864.00  
Fiscal Year to date: \$107,081.47

## SCRIPS

6:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, December 26 Linda Yeryar  
7:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, December 27 Loretta Koberstein  
11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, December 27 Stephanie Eckert

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

*October and they sound spectacular! You won't want to miss this!!!*

**THE ADVENT WREATH**

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.

Did you know that the K of C Council 1131 collected 1,145 cans to help stock the Food Pantry at the Salvation Army in 2009?

*Come a half-hour early for 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve to hear the choir present a musical reflection of hope, peace, joy and love. The title of the reflection is "Candles and Carols" and it incorporates both the scripture story of the Birth of Christ as well as modern day interpretation and relevance of the story. The choir has been practicing since*



#### **ANGEL TREE**

Don't forget to return your items to the Tree.  
The final deadline is December 20.  
Thank you to all who have made Christmas a  
little brighter this year for someone in need.  
Your gifts are truly appreciated!

**FREETHROW CONTEST** sponsored by the K of C Council 1131 at the St. Joe Gym on January 17th beginning at 1:00 p.m. All girls and boys ages 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are eligible to participate. Winners move on to the Regional Contest and receive a plaque. No sign-up necessary, just show up and try your luck!

#### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sandy's Pizza Fundraiser        | Jan. 4-15th, 2010 |
| Catechist Toolbox               | Jan. 11th         |
| Why Catholic Leader Training    | Jan. 14th         |
| D of I Kuchin Sale              | Jan. 16/17th      |
| St. Joseph Dinner/Dance/Auction | Feb. 13th         |

*(if you want to donate to the auction contact Jennifer Schneider at 385-0124)*

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR NEXT QUARTER ARE  
READY TO BE PICKED UP AT THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE  
OF CHURCH.**

## WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

December 20, 2009

### Mass Intentions For The Week

Sunday December 20 9:00 a.m. Robert Sives  
Thursday December 24 7:00 p.m. Robert, Joseph, Robert Jr. Williams  
Sunday December 27 9:00 a.m. Betty Kissel

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday before the following week.



### Gifts for God

WEEKLY GIVING Dec. 13, 2009

31 - Adults \$1283.00 - Loose \$99.00

Total - \$1382.00 Last Week - \$3053.17

**Weekly Budget Need: \$2061.00**

#### Liturgical Ministers:

9:00 a.m. Sunday, December 27, 2009

Lector: Cindy Fuhs  
Euch. Mins.: Presider  
Host: Roberta Peter  
Gift Bearers: Ken & Carla Beasley  
Greeter: Roy & Becky Freudenberg  
Ushers: John Davis, Ken Dupps  
Mike McConnell & John Davis Jr  
Servers: Joe Schulten & Noah Elmore

#### Weekly Readings

##### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4, Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

**Monday:** Song of Songs 2:8-14, or Zephaniah 3:14-18

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Luke 1:39-45

**Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28, Ps: First Samuel 2:1, 4-8

Luke 1:46-56

**Wednesday:** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

Luke 1:57-66

**Thursday:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16, Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Luke 1:67-79

**Friday:** Isaiah 52:7-10, Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Ps 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21

Matthew 10:17-22

*Community Blood Drive, Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. We need at least 40 donors. Please check your calendar and sign up to give the gift of life.*

#### Christmas Eve Mass

7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 24, 2009

Lector: Erin Hook  
Euch. Mins.: Presider  
Host: Lynn Will  
Gift Bearers: John Davis Jr. Family  
Greeter: Pat, Becky & Sam  
Ushers: Rick Georges, Bill Cox  
Alan Will, Roy Freudenberg  
Servers: Tony Retter & Tony Sforza

*After Mass on Christmas Eve, join us downstairs for sweet bread, eggnog, and hot chocolate. Bring your family and friends for some fellowship time in celebration of Our Savior's Birth!*

*Debbie Anderson has requested prayer for her mother, Joan Williams, who has been in trauma ICU for the past 20 days.*

#### Jesus, Peace On Earth"

*He shall be peace." —Micah 5:4*

The angels heralding Jesus' birth proclaimed "Peace on earth" as Peace Incarnate entered the world. In doing the will of God the Father, Jesus, the Ruler, brings peace to His people. Jesus our Peace comes to bring peace. When He appeared to His apostles on the evening of His resurrection, Jesus' first words were "Peace be with you" How ironic and sad that Peace should be hunted down by the government as an Infant, forced to flee as a Refugee to a foreign land, and made to live in poverty. Finally, Peace was persecuted, brutalized, and crucified. Jesus is still hunted down and crucified by present-day governments. For example, Jesus was ejected from the American public schools. Decades later, some high schools hire armed guards to try to keep the peace. How many acts of violence have been committed in the public schools since Peace was thrown out? Jesus laments to all who reject Him: "If only you had known the path of peace this day; but you have completely lost it from view!" Do we really want peace on earth? Would we rather have worldly peace, which is often merely the temporary cessation of war, or true "shalom" peace, which overturns the world's systems, cultures, societies, and lifestyles? True world peace can be achieved only by opening our lives, homes, social structures, schools, institutions, and governments to Jesus, Who is Peace.

*Reflection from Presentation Ministries*

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

## DEANERY AND DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**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](mailto:dcsukas@evdio.org) or Steve Halbig [shalbig@evdio.org](mailto: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](http://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 its 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!!! SOURCE + SUMMIT RETREAT**  
 ~ February 19, 20, 21, 2010 ~ Please go to [www.sourcesummitevansville.org](http://www.sourcesummitevansville.org) for complete details, registration information and how to become a member of the 2010 retreat team!

## **UPCOMING DEANERY SERVICES:**

*(Holy Days of Obligation)*

| <b>Christmas Vigil</b> | <b>(December 24)</b>    |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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.              |

| <b>Christmas Day</b> | <b>(December 25)</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 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.           |

| <b>New Years Vigil</b> | <b>(December 31)</b> |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 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.            |

| <b>New Years Day</b> | <b>(January 1)</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 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.         |

**NATIVITY, IN COOPERATION WITH LOURDES MICHEL OF CAPE & HEADSTART**, has opened a "Wednesday Clothes Closet" in our facility to provide clothes for needy Latino babies and children (diapers, pajamas, coats, gloves); white baptismal and first communion outfits (new or lightly used); gowns and tuxes for Quincineras for 15 year old girls and their escorts (new or lightly used from weddings or proms); work clothes for jobs & job interviews for needy Latino adults. Drop off clothes any Wednesday, 9-4. Families can pick up clothes "only" on Wednesdays, 9 - 4. All clothes are "free" to those referred by Nativity, CAPE, Headstart or any Catholic parish. Not open to the public and not in competition with St. Vincent De Paul or any other resource.