

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 26/27, 2009

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday	Dec. 28	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	Dec. 29	6:00 p.m.	Millie Buckman
Wednesday	Dec. 30	7:00 a.m.	Betty McGraw
Thursday	Dec. 31	4:00 p.m.	Frank Ryan
Friday	Jan. 1	11:00 a.m.	Edward Lemmons
Saturday	Jan. 2	6:00 p.m.	Joe & Rosella Paul
Sunday	Jan. 3	7:00 a.m.	Gerald Neufelder
		11:00 a.m.	St. Joseph & Blessed Sacrament Parishes

## Liturgical Ministers for next week:

### 4:00 p.m. Thursday, December 31 New Years Eve

Lector: Gary Maier  
Hosts: Kyle Gilbert Lorene Koberstein  
Presenters: Mike Riedford Family  
Servers: Darian Grigsby, Avery Sokeland, Eli Sokeland  
Head Usher: Dave Weber  
Greeters: Mary Lumsdon, Sharon Neufelder, Ken Halbig Families

### 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 1 New Years Day

Lector: Ashley Shoultz  
Hosts: Gail Riedford, Jennifer Schneider  
Presenters: Rob Dunn Family  
Servers: Makenzie Lumsdon, Ethan Beasley, Trenton Mayer  
Head Usher: Marion Koberstein  
Greeters: Rob Dunn, Alan Weiss, Norma May Families

### 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 2

Lector: Roxann Coleman  
Hosts: Mark Wade, Julie Koberstein, Bob Gibson  
Cup: Presider, Dan Gilbert, Terri Channell  
Presenters: Alan Weiss Family  
Servers: Kristen Koberstein, Jeff Koberstein, Jordan Koberstein  
Head Usher: Jeff Koberstein  
Greeters: Richard Paul, E. Reeves/C. Bell, Rick Coleman Families

### 7:00 a.m. Sunday, January 3

Lector: Dave Lutz  
Hosts: Mark Wade, Geraldine Weber, Roxann Coleman  
Cup: Presider, Ed Alldredge, Sue Alldredge  
Presenters: Gene Allen Family  
Servers: Kale Christy, Dalton Halbig, Zachary Dove  
Head Usher: Bob Eckert  
Greeters: Paul Turner, Tim Nonte, John Jaquemai Families

### 11:00 a.m. Sunday, January 3

Lector: Brad Schmitt  
Hosts: Mark Wade, J. D. Wildt, Debbie Bateman  
Cup: Presider, Mary Collins, Debbie Neufelder  
Presenters: Richard Neufelder Family  
Servers: Ryan Wade, Kevin Thomss, Hayden Tuley  
Head Usher: Jerry Marx  
Greeters: Glenn Fischer, Linda Yeryar, Barbara Young Families  
CLW Emily Schmitt & Jennifer Schneider

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you are enjoying this Holy Christmas Season! In a few days, we will be welcoming in the New Year, and 2009 will soon be a closed chapter in history. As we reflect on the old, and anticipate the new, I would like to share a true story I read recently. It is the story of a 25 year old African woman named Olivia, who was taken in to the home of The Little Sisters of the Abandoned Elderly in Chissano (Mozambique).

As the story goes, nuns were walking one day and saw "something moving on the ground far away." When they drew near, they saw to their surprise that it was a young woman. They were able to talk to her through a lady who was walking by and who translated into Portuguese what she was saying to us in her dialect. She told the nuns she was crawling to Mass, which was 2.5 miles each way, and she did it every Sunday so she could attend Mass. You see, Olivia crawled because she had no legs, and she wasn't baptized either. The nuns said that although the sand from the road burned the palms of her hands, Olivia crawled to Mass giving witness of perseverance and heroic faith.

Olivia understood who Jesus Christ was. She understood that He was the Son of the Living God, Emmanuel, who came to earth to be with us. She understood that God loved us so much that He sent His Son to live and ultimately die for us. She understood that He was not just a babe born in Bethlehem and not just the subject of hymns and carols, but the Son of God...the gift of eternal life. Olivia went to Mass, not because she had to, but because she wanted to. She knew who Christ was and what He had done for her and nothing could stop her from giving Him the worship and praise that He rightly deserved.

What about us? Whether we are 17 or 77, the dawn of the New Year is a good time to ask ourselves some serious questions. Do I truly understand who Jesus is? Does my faith and behavior reflect that understanding? Do I worship the Savior with hastily prayed words or with my entire life? What are my priorities? Am I chasing the gods of this age...money, material possessions, power, or anything that takes us away from God, or do I want my life to be a true testimony of my faith, like Olivia's was?

Every year, every day, is an opportunity to start over. As 2010 makes its way over the horizon, let us rededicate our lives to Christ. And when the hot sands of life burn the palms of our hands, let us continue the journey. Why? Because we know who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Scriptures says, "When Jesus heard this; He was amazed at him, and turning, said to the crowd...."Not even in Israel have I found such great faith." Let our faith be great, just like Olivia's! (By the way, Olivia was later baptized and joined the Church, and one of the benefactors of the sisters donated a wheelchair for Olivia.)

May you have a happy and blessed New Year!

Deacon Mark Wade

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## Gifts for God

Dec. 20, 2009 Collection

Fiscal Year to date:

Due to Holiday deadlines - figures not available



**Sunday, Dec. 27 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**Monday, Dec. 28 –** No Joseph'ines today.

*Ladies will resume meeting on Jan. 4th.*

**Tuesday, Dec. 29 –**

- Men's Basketball at 7:00 p.m. in Gym. All men welcome.

**Friday, Jan. 1 -**

- Church Cleaning Crew #6 Shawn Halbig, Diane Dunn, Debbie Austill, Jan Noble.

**Parish Offices closed for Holidays until Jan. 4th.**

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**SCRIPS**

6:00 p.m. Mass	Saturday, January 2	Zuniga Kluesner
7:00 a.m. Mass	Sunday, January 3	Lisa Wagner
11:00 a.m. Mass	Sunday, January 3	Debbie Bateman

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

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**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)*

**SCRIP CARD INFO**

For the month of November 2009 we sold \$23,177.96 in Scrips. The profit for those sales were: \$722.38 for the Church and \$483.34 for the School. Keep up the good work and thank you for using Scrips. As you can see it is a big benefit to our Church and School.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Dec. 21-Jan 3 Winter Break! Have a great vacation!

**For Sale:**

**Pumpkin Rolls** \$4.00 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 Scrips Cards! 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.**

**During the Holidays when the Parish Office and the School is closed you may call Pat Kermode to obtain your Scrip Cards at 664-5496.**

**CHURCH & SCHOOL WEBSITE:**

[www.stjosephprinceton.com](http://www.stjosephprinceton.com)

*Check out our calendar of events anytime on line!*

**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?*

**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!

**THANK YOU FOR DECORATING**

Many thanks to all those helping with our Holiday decorating.

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

December 27, 2009

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Sunday December 27 9:00 a.m. Betty Kissel  
Thursday December 31 6:00 p.m. NO Mass  
Friday January 01 9:00 a.m. Gerald Neufelder  
Sunday January 03 9:00 a.m. Gerald Banet

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday before the following week.



## Gifts for God

WEEKLY GIVING Dec. 20, 2009

- Adults \$ - Loose \$

Total - \$ Last Week - \$

Weekly Budget Need: \$2061.00

Due to Holiday deadlines - figures not available

### Liturgical Ministers:

9:00 a.m. Sunday, January 03, 2010

Lector: Barb Verley  
Euch. Mins.: Presider  
Host: Ruth Ann Hurt  
Gift Bearers: Sharp Family  
Greeter: Janice Rausch & Cathy Coleman  
Ushers: JR Davis, Ken Beasley  
Andrew Stolz & Jeff Reising  
Servers: Mark Schulten & David Anderson

### Weekly Readings

*The Holy Family Feast*

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Colossians 3:12-21, Luke 2:41-52

**Monday:** 1 John 1:5--2:2, Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-8

Matthew 2:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 John 2:3-11, Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

Luke 2:22-35

**Wednesday:** 1 John 2:12-17, Ps 96:7-8, 8-9, 10

Luke 2:36-40

**Thursday:** 1 John 2:18-21, Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13

John 1:1-18

**Friday: Mary, Mother of God**

Numbers 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

**Saturday:** 1 John 2:22-28, Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

John 1:19-28

### LIFE IS A ...

*"On the third day they came upon Him in the temple." —Luke 2:46*

Shakespeare said the world is a stage and we are all players in the theater of life. Others say life is a party or game. Job said life was a drudgery. The Lord reveals to us that life is a Passover — a communal celebration of our God-given freedom from slavery. Life is not just a nostalgic look at Passovers past, but a living of Passover present. Life is losing Christ for three days, being crucified and buried with Him, and searching for the Lord in sorrow. Life is also finding Christ and rising with Him "on the third day". All of this is "the Father's business" (our transl). This is everyday life and family life. This is the way of holiness in life and in family. We become holy by becoming like God. We become like God by being baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection and living our Baptisms through daily crosses and repeated experiences of the resurrection. As our lives become Passovers, we and our families become holy. Like Jesus, we progress "steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men".

*Holy Family, pray for us.*

*Reflection from Presentation Ministries*

*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.*

*Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
after 6:00 p.m. Mass.*

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

### Holy Day Masses

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New Years Eve (Dec. 31) St. Joseph's 4:00 p.m.  
New Years Day (Jan. 1) Bl. Sacrament 9:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph's 11:00 a.m.  
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**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)*

**New Years Vigil (December 31)**

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.

**New Years Day (January 1)**

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.

**SQUARE DANCE LESSONS** sponsored by River City Ramblers; taught by Roger Koester; Starts Friday, January 8, 2010, 7-9 p.m.; \$5/couple; @ St. John, Daylight. Call Bonnie Koester (812-567-4485).

**ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE, ST. JOSEPH, AND ST. THERESA PARISHES ARE SPONSORING THE FIRST EVER TRI-PARISH MISSION** on January 10-12, 2010, at St. Joseph Church (600 E. Virginia Street). The speaker is Sr. Jane Nesmith, S.B.S., Pastoral Life Coordinator, St. John the Apostle Church. The mission will help us understand, celebrate, and embrace our diversity by praying together as one community. If you want to develop a deeper faith and a wider sense of community, please join us! The mission schedule is as follows:

Sunday, January 10 – 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
 Monday, January 11 – 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, January 12 – 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 (Mass at 7:00 p.m.)

A light supper will be available on Monday and Tuesday evenings prior to 7:00 p.m. (donations accepted). All children are welcome, but child care will be available for children in the 5th grade or younger. For more information, call 812-422-5668.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

Ring in the New Year with a lot of fun! Attend our New Year's Eve Party @ St. James. Dinner served at 7 p.m. Call Allen Grau (768-5093) or Paul Glaser (768-6740), Gerald Marx (768-6842) or Bob Steckler (867-5285). Grant Jones will be the DJ.

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

