

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 28/29, 2009

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday	Nov. 30	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	Dec. 1	6:00 p.m.	Henry Schmits
Wednesday	Dec. 2	7:00 a.m.	Clint Koberstein
Thursday	Dec. 3	7:00 a.m.	Mildred Hennig
Friday	Dec. 4	8:15 a.m.	Jean Lutz
Saturday	Dec. 5	6:00 p.m.	Gerald Neufelder
Sunday	Dec. 6	7:00 a.m.	Flora Breeden
		11:00 a.m.	Blessed Sacrament & St. Joseph Parishes



The Week Ahead Sun., Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent

- RCIA from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. in the Celestin Center.
- No Religious Ed today.

Monday, Nov. 30 –

- Joseph'ines meeting from 9:00-10:30 in the Celestin Cr.
- Boys home Basketball Game at 5:30 with Haubstadt.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 –

- Men's Basketball in the Gym at 6:00 p.m. Welcome men

Wednesday, Dec. 2 – Parish Council Meeting at 6:30

- p.m. in the Parish Center Basement.
- Adult Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in Church.

Thursday, Dec. 3 –

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

Friday, Dec. 4 - Church Cleaning Crew #2 –

- Clara Mae Welp, Susan Feutz, Sonya Streicher,
Joyce Nonte.

Saturday, Dec. 5 - Childrens Choir Practice at 1 p.m. in Church.

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Dear Friends,

I have always loved the Advent Season. This is the season when anticipation leads to surprising fulfillment, when preparation opens to joyous welcome. To the plaintive cry, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," God responds in ways that exceeds all our dreams and the longing of all the prophets.

In the bleak midwinter we – all of us – are this: a land dormant, stilled by icy winds and often blanketed in snow. We are the empty, silent, and waiting earth. It's no wonder that out of this still and quiet earth the song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arises. It is beyond wonder how God has chosen to come visiting, to come dwelling among us. Our prayer is answered.

Advent is the quiet landscape where miracles sprout. This is the time of miracles. The earth buds a savior; the light shines in darkness; the poor ones become the welcoming committee; the smallest town shelters a newborn king; the virgin becomes the mother.

The wonder is that we have been noticed at all, not only noticed but loved, not only loved but visited, not only visited but died for. All this season we set about celebrating. All our senses are sharpened so we can take this in.

We need Advent to prepare. We need Advent to truly appreciate Christmas.

Father Ron



Gifts for God

Nov. 22, 2009 Collection = \$x,xxx.xx

Fiscal Year to date: \$xx,xxx.xx

Due to Thanksgiving deadline - figures not available.

Liturgical Ministers for next week:

6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5

Lector: Chris Binhack
Hosts: Mark Wade, Ira Jennings, Linda Jennings
Cup: Mark Wade, Terri Channell, Mary Jane Paul
Presenters: Emory Koberstein Family
Servers: Ryan Wade, Trenton Mayer, Ethan Beasley
Head Usher: Irvin Spindler
Greeters: Celia Enyeart, Charles Ingram, Bill Lutz

7:00 a.m. Sunday, December 6

Lector: Teresa Koberstein
Hosts: Mark Wade, Sue Alldredge, Wanda Stephens
Cup: Mark Wade, Geraldine Weber, Ed Alldredge
Presenters: David Specht Family
Servers: Kale Christy, Kelsey Wagner, Brandi Wagner
Head Usher: Bob Eckert
Greeters: Roy Stoll, Paul Turner, Bruce Wheatley Families

11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 6

Lector: Jim Elliott
Hosts: Mark Wade, Gail Riedford, Debbie Bateman
Cup: Mark Wade, Martha Wethington, Bob Hennig
Presenters: Powers & Greenwell Families
Servers: Joseph Wildt, Justin Wildt, Luke Dunn
Head Usher: Nick Karges
Greeters: Rob Dunn, Jane Gottman, Kyle Wethington Families
CLW Linda & Megan Yeryar

SCRIPS

6:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, December 5 Zuniga Kluesner
7:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, December 6 Lisa Wagner
11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, December 6 Stephanie Eckert

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

The **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is GggRrrOooWwwING! Thanks to all who have donated yarn and other materials! They will be put to good use. As always, we can certainly use donations of yarn--any color, any texture. We've also already received three completed prayer shawls. As the weather gets colder, what a perfect time of year to pull out those old knitting needles or crochet hooks and snuggle up with a project! If you can knit or crochet and are interested in becoming involved, contact Sr. Kim.



THE ANGEL TREE

Every year right after Thanksgiving we put up the Angel Tree.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give of your "plenty" to those less fortunate at Christmas time.

Those receiving gifts are our own St. Joseph Homebound, (these are mostly elderly folks in the Nursing Home, Hospital or Shut-in's at home) Salvation Army, GCARC, and The Angel Store.

- ⇒ Select an angel from the tree.
- ⇒ Write your name on the list. (Very Important)
- ⇒ Buy a gift (suggestions, sizes, etc. are on the Angel card)
- ⇒ Return the gift to the tree (**attach the angel card to gift**) (**please return by the deadline - this is a must**)

*Please consider this before taking an angel from the tree: Each year we have a few who take an angel but neglect to return the gift. **Please don't do that!** It creates a big problem because we need 1 gift per person and we don't want anyone to be left out..*

We thank those involved with the Angel Tree Program for all their time and talent.

Those who volunteer for this wonderful program are: Kathy, Lynde and Katee Evans & the Religious Ed students. If you are interested in helping with this program please call the parish office at 385-2617.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 30 Boys Basketball Game 5:30 p.m. in Gym against Haubstadt. **Go Wildcats!**
- Dec. 4 Mass at 8:15 planned by the 2nd grade. *Bibles donated by the K of C and K of C Auxiliary will be presented to the 2nd grade.*
- Dec. 7 Boys Basketball Game 6 p.m. in Gym against St. James. **Go Wildcats!**
- Dec. 9 K-5 Advent Program - *The Not-So-Silent-Night* begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. All invited.
- Dec. 16 PreSch/PreK Advent Program - *The Christmas Story* begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. All invited.

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.

CHURCH & SCHOOL WEBSITE:

www.stjosephprinceton.com
 Check out our calendar of events anytime on line!



ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Celestin Center. Breakfast includes Pancakes, Sausage, Milk or Juice, Photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus & treat for \$5.00. Also the Annual Daughters of Isabella Cookie & Candy Walk. Purchase your home baked goodies for the holidays.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Grandma's Kitchen. Please call Wendi Gonyer at 386-8419 to make reservations by Dec. 4th. Cost is \$10.00. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

November 29, 2009

Mass Intentions For The Week

Sunday November 29 9:00 a.m Ellen Cox
Thursday December 02 6:00 p.m Fred Hyde
Sunday December 06 9:00 a.m Jerad McConnell

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday before the following week.



Gifts for God

WEEKLY GIVING Nov. 29, 2009

- Adults \$ - Loose \$

Total - \$ Last Week - \$1993.00

Weekly Budget Need: \$2061.00

Liturgical Ministers:

9:00 a.m. Sunday, December 06, 2009

Lector: Gina Dupps
Euch. Mins.: Presider
Host: Bill Cox
Gift Bearers: Don Retter Family
Greeter: Cathy Coleman & Mary Sives
Ushers: Jeff Reising, Ken Beasley
JR Davis & Andrew Stolz
Servers: Matthew Schulten & Jonah Dupps

Weekly Readings

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1Thessalonians 3:12--4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Romans 10:9-18, Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5
Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10, Ps 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10, Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6, Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26, Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 9:35--10:1, 6-8

PREGNANT AGAIN

"In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just Shoot." —Jeremiah 33:15

Happy New Year! Today we celebrate the first day of the new Church year and of Advent. Today, in a spiritual sense, we conceive new life and prepare to give birth to that life in the Christmas season. Advent is similar to pregnancy, in that we carry, protect, and nurture Christ's new life within us. We must take care not to do anything which might hurt the baby. Therefore, the Church warns us: "Be on guard lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence and drunkenness and worldly cares" (Lk 21:34). Just as a mother's smoking, drinking alcohol, or taking drugs can have bad effects on her baby, so our sinful preoccupation with "worldly cares" can damage or even abort the new life of Advent. We should begin this year and this spiritual pregnancy by going to Confession. By repenting, we remove things which stifle the growth of God's life within us. We should also simplify our lives, freeing up more time to pray, read God's word, evangelize, and share fellowship. We should be nourished and rested in our pregnancy. TV, videos, and compulsive activities could very well smother our new life in God. Advent, like pregnancy, is a wonderful time as long as we carefully protect and nourish the new life within us.

Reflection from Presentation Ministries

Advent Family Gathering

There will be an Advent Family Gathering immediately following Mass on Sunday, December 6th. There will be Christmas/Advent skits by the Religious Ed students and a delicious breakfast afterwards. The entire parish is invited downstairs to the basement for this Advent Family Gathering. The students have worked very hard on their skits, won't you please join us?

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS
Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

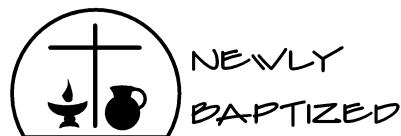
PENANCE SERVICE
Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.
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BOY SCOUT TROOP 399 IS SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Evansville's Westside. Frasier Firs, Balsams and Douglas Firs are available. Venture Crew 399 is also selling Wreaths and tree stands.

OUR ANNUAL HOLY CROSS CARD PARTY is Thursday, December 3, in the Holy Cross cafeteria. Doors open at 6 p.m. Cards from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. Admission is \$5. Come join the fun and games, door prizes, table favors, and refreshments. For table reservations call Sue Harrel at 753-3463.

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 D.J.



CONGRATULATIONS to Isabella Lee Schatz - child of Jeremy & Jennifer Schatz on her baptism on 11/8/09 and Langstyn Ryann Young - child of Jason & Robin Young on her baptism on 11/22/09. We welcome Isabella & Langstyn to our faith family here at St. Joseph's.

ADVENT VESPERS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Take some time this Advent to prepare for the celebration of Christmas with the evening prayer of the Church. Come to Saint Benedict Cathedral every Sunday in Advent (November 29; December 6, 13, and 20) at 5:30 pm for the celebration of Vespers (evening prayer). Evening Prayer consists of the singing of psalms and canticles, the reading of Scripture, homily, and intercessions. This is a great opportunity for families, religious education groups, and anyone looking to give thanks to God this Advent season. If you have questions, please contact Matt Miller at the Catholic Center (mmiller@evdio.org or 800-637-1731), or Jeremy Korba at Saint Benedict (jkorba@evdio.org).

UPCOMING DEANERY SERVICES:
(Holy Days of Obligation)

Immaculate Conception Vigil (December 7)

Sts. Peter & Paul 6:30 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament 7:00 p.m.
St. James 7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception (December 8)

Sts. Peter & Paul 5:45 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.
Holy Cross 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
St. James 8:20 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
St. Bernard 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Vigil (December 24)

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.

Christmas Day (December 25)

St. James 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.
St.s 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.

New Years Vigil (December 31)

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m.
Holy Cross 4:30 p.m.
St. Bernards 6:00 p.m.
St.s Peter & Paul 6:00 p.m.
St. James 6:00 p.m.

New Years Day (January 1)

St.s 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:

November 29 St. James 6:30 p.m.
December 9 St. Bernards 7:00 p.m.
December 10 Blessed Sacrament 6:30 p.m.
December 13 Holy Cross 4:30 p.m.