

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
November 29/30, 2008

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

Monday	Dec. 1	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	Dec. 2	6:00 p.m.	Venetta Banet
Wednesday	Dec. 3	7:00 a.m.	Jim Smith
Thursday	Dec. 4	7:00 a.m.	Gerald Neufelder
Friday	Dec. 5	7:00 a.m.	James McGillem
Saturday	Dec. 6	6:00 p.m.	Flora Breeden
Sunday	Dec. 7	7:00 a.m.	St. Joseph & Blessed Sacrament Parishes
		11:00 a.m.	M/M Joseph Zehner
Holy Day Vigil	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	6:00 p.m.	Frances Bilderback



Gifts for God

Last Week's Collection

November 23, 2008 due to Thanksgiving –
bulletin was printed before the weekend tally.

Liturgical Ministers for next week:

6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6

Lector: Mary Houchins
Hosts: Julie Koberstein, Linda Jennings
Cup: Roxann Coleman, Bob Gibson, Ary Jennings
Presenters: Kerry Wilhite Family
Servers: Kristen Koberstein, Alyssa Koberstein, Jacob Koberstein
Head Usher: Frank Creedon
Greeters: Charlie Ingram, Bill Lutz, Sharon Neufelder

7:00 a.m. Sunday, December 7

Lector: Jim Wallace
Hosts: Wanda Stephens, Geraldine Weber
Cup: Dave Specht, Ed Alldredge, Sue Alldredge
Presenters: Paul Turner Family
Servers: B. J. Thompson, Mark Turner, Kale Christy
Head Usher: Bob Whitted
Greeters: Mark Wade, Randy Carie, Jim Elliott

11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 7

Lector: Bob Hennig
Hosts: Jennifer Schneider, Elaine Fortner
Cup: Jayne Deckard, Debbie Neufelder, Martha Wethington
Presenters: Kyle Wethington Family
Servers: Hunter Powers, Libby Schneider, Hannah Tuley
Head Usher: Irvin Spindler
Greeters: Linda Yeryar, Robin Young, Rob Dunn
CLW: Mary Collins & Debbie Bateman

6:00 p.m. Sun., Dec. 7 Immaculate Conception Vigil

Lector: Roxann Coleman
Hosts: Larry Matthews, Gail Riedford
Presenters: Mary Lumsdon Family
Servers: Makenzie Lumsdon, Katherine Snethen, Hunter Leonard



Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

- RCIA from 9:30 – 12:00 in the PC Conference Rm.
- Adult Volleyball 6-8 p.m. in the Gym. **All adults welcome!**

Monday, December 1 –

- *Joseph'ines* meet at 9 a.m. in the Celestin Center.

Tuesday, December 2 –

- Men's Basketball 6-8 p.m. in the Gym. **All men welcome!**

Wednesday, December 3 – Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 4 –

Blessed Mother's Prayer Group 6:15 p.m. in Chapel.

Friday, December 5 –

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

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Dear Parishioners,

Within the next day or two, you will receive a special letter with our Advent and Christmas schedule. You will also find an envelope for our Christmas Flower Memorials this year. You may remember a deceased loved one or honor someone living who is special to you.

We will publish the memorials in a special Christmas folder – one for each parish. Please return the flower memorial envelope by December 22nd. We will accept memorials after that date – but they may not be published. The Mass Intention for each Christmas Mass will be the "Christmas Memorials." Happy Advent 2008!

Father Ron

MENS FELLOWSHIP

This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Basement. All men of the parish are welcome!

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA , Saturday, December 6th from 9-11 a.m. at the Celestin Center. \$5.00 includes Pancakes, Sausage, Milk or Juice, Chat & Photo with Santa plus a treat.

Also the **Annual Cookie Walk** will be available at the Santa Breakfast and at all the Masses the weekend of December 6. Fresh baked Cookies for just \$3.00 a dozen. All sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella Circle #157.

D OF I CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be held Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Pood's at 6:30 p.m. Cost of \$13.00 per person includes tax and tip. For reservations call Loretta Koberstein by Friday, Dec. 5. Guests are welcome!

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE

K of C Council 1131 is sponsoring a Dinner & Dance to celebrate the New Year December 31st at the Princeton K of C Hall. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. and Dance to follow at 9:00 p.m. Music provided by DJ Woody. Steak Dinner \$12.50 per person. Dance \$10.00 per person or \$22.50 for both dinner and dance. For tickets call Knights of Columbus at 385-5732.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Small groups are now meeting on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you would like to join any of these small groups please call the parish office at 385-2617 for times and locations. Our thanks to Mark & Karla Wade, Susan Williams, Beth Putt, and Lisa Naas for facilitating the Fall Sessions.



We have a new processional cross given to us in honor of Emory & Lorene Koberstein's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you to their children for this generous and thoughtful gift.

 **School News**

- Dec. 4 - Fr. Ron reads to Kindergarteners.
- Dec. 5 - Advent Prayer Service planned by Gr. 5.
- Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:15 a.m.
- Dec. 10 - School Advent Program at 6:30 in Gym.
All welcome!

Remember to notify the school office of any changes in your phone numbers for the new SchoolReach Program.

PARISHIONER RETREAT: DISCOVERING GOD IN THE ORDINARY

This is a retreat for everyone in the parish. Please consider taking 2 hours to treat yourself to an experience of spiritual renewal at the beginning of Advent. Life gets hectic for most of us during the month of December. This is a great way to start the season off right.

- Nov. 30 -St. John Parish, Vincennes (6:30 p.m. EST)
- Dec. 1 -St Peter Parish, Linton (6:30 p.m. EST)
- Dec. 2 -Holy Family Parish, Jasper (1:00 p.m. EST)
- Dec. 2 -Precious Blood Parish, Jasper (6:30 p.m. EST)
- Dec. 3 -Good Shepherd Parish, Evansville (6:30 p.m. CST)
- Dec. 4 -Christ the King Parish, Evansville (9:00 a.m. CST)
- Dec. 4 -Holy Redeemer Parish, Evansville (6:30 p.m. CST)

SCRIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Why spend hours shopping for a gift that their just going to have to spend hours waiting in line after Christmas to return. Buy them a SCRIP card!

These make great Christmas Gifts! They are quick, easy, the right color, the right size and there's something for everyone including, Restaurants, Walmart, Gas Stations etc. The newest cards we have are: Casey's General Store, Los Azteca's Mexican Restaurant, Kemp's Donut Bank, Crown Hallmark Stores and Steak & Shake.

Stop by the School Library before or after any of the weekend Masses to purchase your cards. They are also available during the week in the School Office.

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

November 30, 2008

Mass Intentions **For The Week**

Sunday November 30 9:00 a.m. Jerad McConnell
Thursday December 04 6:00 p.m. Robert Martin
Sunday December 07 9:00 a.m. Robert Sives

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday before the following week.



Gifts for God

WEEKLY GIVING November 23, 2008

Due to Thanksgiving – bulletin was printed before the weekend tally.

Weekly Budget Need: \$2061.00

Liturgical Ministers:

9:00 am Sunday, Dec. 07, 2008

Lector: Erin Hook
Euch. Mins.: Presider
Host: Lynn Will
Cup: Roberta Peter & Pat Swails
Gift Bearers: Retter Family
Greeter: Mike & Phyllis McConnell
Ushers: **Terry Stolz**, Jeff Reising
J.R. Davis & Ken Beasley
Servers: Mark & Matt Schulten

Weekly Readings

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

First Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 8-9 or 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Matthew 8:5-11

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, Psalms 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

CHRISTMAS FEAR

"There is none who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to cling to You." —Isaiah 64:6

Happy new year! Today we begin the Church year and the season of Advent. We begin to prepare for what could be one of the greatest events in our lives, Christ's Christmas coming. Christ will come in glory and power this Christmas if only we have faith to open the door. Will we open our hearts to the Lord as He comes to "rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking" before Him? (Is 63:19) Are we open to "awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old"? (Is 64:2-3) "No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen" what the Lord has prepared for us this Christmas (Is 64:3).

If we're honest with ourselves, we may be afraid of Christ and Christmas, for "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb 10:31). We're tempted to hide from God (Gn 3:10) in Christmas customs, activities, and even in mindless consumerism. There's a Herod in each of us that's threatened by and afraid of Christ and Christmas. We must change, repent, and die to self. We need time to let Him change our hearts. We need the four-week preparation of Advent, or we will run away from Christ and a true Christmas.

Reflection from Presentation Ministries

ADVENT FAMILY CELEBRATION

Please join us downstairs on Sunday, December 7th, immediately following Mass for our ADVENT FAMILY CELEBRATION. There will be a Jesse Tree activity and entertainment will be provided by our Pre-School and Kindergarten class! A delicious meal will follow with fried chicken from Buehler's and each family please bring a COVERED DISH. Please join us as we prepare for this Holy Season.

Everyone's invited...see you there!

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES will be made out in November. If you would like to be a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, or Gift Bearer, please see Lynn Hook.

WHY CATHOLIC? Small study group meets on Sunday evening in the Parish Center. Please call Mary Sives or Jim Hook for exact time. Everyone is welcome!

DEANERY MASS SCHEDULE

What do you need to do?



1. Be registered in a Catholic Church.
If you're not registered at
St. Joseph or Blessed Sacrament and
want to baptize your child – you

must have a written letter of permission from the parish where you are registered (if you want to register at either parish simply call the parish office and it can be done over the phone.)

2. Register and attend a baptism class.
The dates are listed below. You only need to attend once. (not for each child)
The class is one hour-one time.

FUTURE BAPTISM CLASSES

February 2009, May 2009

Both parents must attend. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. **Please call the parish office at (812) 385-2617 in advance to register.** These classes are only scheduled quarterly so plan ahead.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE

Ring in the New Year with a lot of fun! You are invited to attend the New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance @ St. James Madden Hall. Dinner served at 7:00 pm. Call Allen Grau (768-5093) or Paul Glaser (768-6740) or Gerald Marx (768-6842).

BENEDICTINE LIFE WEEKEND

January 2-4, 2009 -- Come & see a vibrant, joyful community of Benedictine sisters at Ferdinand, Indiana! If you are a single, Catholic woman age 18-40 and you would like to experience religious life this is just the event for you. During this Benedictine Life Weekend you will have the opportunity to share in the prayer and community life of the sisters as well as hear input on the theme Mindful Living: Being Present to the Moment. This vocation weekend is free: a room, meals, and input are provided. For more information or to register online, visit www.thedome.org/JoinUs, call Sister Agnes Marie Dauby or Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at 800-734-9999, or email vocation@thedome.org.

NATIVITY ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

December 7, 2008. Serving from 8:00 - 11:30 am. Sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, german fries, fruit, muffins, juice and coffee. Adults \$5.50, children under 10 \$3.00.

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 27

St. Joseph's – 8:00 a.m.
Sts Peter & Paul, Haubstadt – 8:00 a.m.
St. James, Haubstadt – 8:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception Vigils Sunday, Dec. 7

St. Joseph's – 6:00 p.m.
Sts Peter & Paul, Haubstadt – 6:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Monday, Dec. 8

Sts Peter & Paul, Haubstadt – 5:45 & 8:00 a.m.
St. Joseph's – 8:15 a.m.
Holy Cross, Ft. Branch – 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament, Oakland City – 6:30 p.m.
St. Bernard's, Snake Run – 7:00 p.m.
St. James, Haubstadt – 8:20 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Wednesday, Dec. 24

St. Joseph's – 4:00 & 10:00 p.m.
Holy Cross, Ft. Branch – 4:00 & 10:00 p.m.
Sts Peter & Paul – 4:30 p.m. & 12:00 (midnight)
Blessed Sacrament, Oakland City – 7:00 p.m.
St. Bernards, Snake Run - 10:00 p.m.
St. James, Haubstadt – 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Thursday, Dec. 25

Sts Peter & Paul, Haubstadt – 7:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Cross, Ft. Branch – 8:45 a.m.
St. Bernard's, Snake Run – 9:30 a.m.
St. Joseph's – 10:00 a.m.
St. James, Haubstadt – 7 & 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Wednesday, Dec. 31

Holy Cross, Ft. Branch – 4:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's – 6:00 p.m.
Sts Peter & Paul, Haubstadt – 6:00 p.m.
St. Bernard's, Snake Run – 6:00 p.m.
St. James, Haubstadt – 6:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Thursday, Jan. 1

Sts Peter & Paul, Haubstadt – 8:00 a.m.
St. James, Haubstadt – 8:20 a.m.
Holy Cross, Ft. Branch – 8:45 a.m.
Blessed Sacrament, Oakland City – 9:00 a.m.
St. Joseph's – 11:00 a.m.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES:

November 30 – 6:30 p.m. St. James Church
December 11 – 6:30 p.m. Blessed Sacrament
December 15 – 6:30 p.m. Sts. Peter & Paul
December 16 – 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church
December 17 – 6:30 p.m. St. Bernard Church
December 21 – 4:30 p.m. Holy Cross