

December 20, 2009: Fourth Sunday of Advent



Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

— Lk 1:91, 42, 45
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, December 20 (Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45)

8:00 am- Joe R., Emilie, Margaret, Jerome & Helen M. Steffek
10:30 am- Eugene & Eva Brent

Monday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius (Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45)

7:00 am- Laddie & Mary Konvicka, Jerome Haas
10:00 am- Members of CDA #797 (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, December 22 (1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56)

7:00 am- Dr. William Ainsworth

Wednesday, December 23, St. John of Kanty (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66)

7:00 am- Bernie Bludau
8:05 am- David Janak, Sr.

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve (Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25; Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14)

4:00 pm- (*Children's Mass*) Frank & Annie Schaefer Family, Paul Jansky

6:00 pm- Paul P. & Mary Janak
12:00 am- (*Midnight Mass*) Rose Trojcek & James Bludau

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day (Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18)

8:00 am- Delaine Kolacny
10:30 am- Otto Lee Zappe



Saturday, December 26, St. Stephen (Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22)

5:30 pm- Mass of Thanksgiving – Frank & Shirley Conniff's 50th Anniversary

Sunday, December 27, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52)

8:00 am- Henry Etzler, Sr.
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Christmas Confession Schedule

Sacred Heart:

Tuesday, December 22, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

St. John: Monday, December 21, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart: Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., & Midnight. Christmas Day – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's: Christmas Eve – Midnight.
Christmas Day – 9:15 a.m.

Moravia: Christmas Eve – 5:00 p.m.

St. John: Christmas Day – 9:30 a.m.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Selma (Sis) Linhart* formerly of our parish family. *May she & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Deadline for next bulletin is Monday, Dec. 21st at Noon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

–Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.
Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

–Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

–Quilting Circle will not meet until January 5.
–RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

–CCD dismissed for Christmas & New Year's Holidays.
–Spiritual Book Study will not meet until January 6.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Alice Kocian, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klmitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenska, Louise Tesch, Sharon Grahmann, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Robert Vasek, Georgia Schaefer, Geraline Morgenroth, Joseph Ilardo, Anthony Petru, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Barbara Tesch, John D. Henneke, Emil Grahmann, Marilyn Bludau Marikle, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, nursing home residents, homebound.

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Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,379.50; Loose-\$880; Children's-\$50; Immac. Concep.-\$44.50; Catholic Ed.-\$915.

Anniversaries:

Frank & Shirley Conniff 50 years Dec. 26



If you would like to contribute toward the Christmas Poinsettias, you may bring your donation to the Rectory or place it in an envelope & drop it in the collection basket. Thank you!

Perpetual Adoration will continue through Christmas & New Year's Holidays. If you will be unable to fulfill your regular adoration hour, please find a replacement or call your hourly captain. For questions, please call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

Gabriel Project is in dire need of cribs & mattresses, and/or bassinets. Please call Stefani Spears 578-1824.

SHCS Extravaganza, Feb. 6, KC Hall. Social, dinner & dance, \$125/couple. Available for purchase at the school office, Rectory, Beauty Boutique, & S.H. Credit Union.

From the Desk of Father John

This coming Friday we celebrate Christmas – the Incarnation, the birth of our Lord. Hopefully all of us have prepared ourselves well during this season of Advent. When we wake up on Christmas morning, let us begin the day by thanking God for sending us His Son and for giving us the gift of life.

All of us, Fr. John, Fr. Michael, Deacon Sonny, Deacon Joey, Sister Emiliana, Sister Colette and all the staff thank you for your many kindnesses, gifts, cards and prayers for Christmas. We wish you and your families a very peaceful and blessed Christmas!

“Loving Father, increase my faith in the incarnation of Your Son, increase my awareness of how this has changed human history and my personal history, and increase my recognition of His divine and human presence as He pierces the darkness of this world today and every day.”



The Youth ConneXion



Youth Christmas Party, January 10, Youth House (8 – 12 Graders).

Music Practice: Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

December 23 & 30: CCD classes dismissed for Christmas & New Year’s Holiday.

Sacred Heart Catholic School ~ 798-4251

December 21 – January 1: Classes dismissed for Christmas & New Year’s Holiday. Classes resume January 4, 2010. **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

Advent Wreath Prayer Week 4 (All candles lit): *Come, O Wisdom of God Most High, and fill our hearts with Your word of truth. Come, O Giver of the Law, that we may be strengthened by Your mighty power. Come, O Flower of Jesse’s Root, that we may be made fruitful witnesses of Your love. Come, O Key of David, to unlock the darkness of sin and free us by Your grace. Come, O Radiant Dawn, sun of justice, and fill us with Your saving light. Come, O King of the Nations, and bind us all together in the unity and peace we seek. Come, O Emmanuel, Presence of God among us, and fill our hearts with every good gift. Come Lord Jesus!* (Burn candle during evening meals, at prayers or bedtime.)

Calendar Membership: **Dec. 10**: Benita Bordovsky-\$100; **Dec. 11**: Roland Henneke-\$100; **Dec. 14**: Billy Hrcir-\$50; **Dec. 15**: Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$50; **Dec. 16**: Annie Walker, Austin-\$50.

4th Sunday of Advent

For some reason Christmas seems to bring out stories of the underdog – the unseen, unpretentious, almost unknown, who suddenly breaks on the scene. There's the little drummer boy, who has nothing, but shows up to play for the newborn king. There's the fictional story of the fourth magi, who was delayed in getting to the meeting place and so didn't make the journey to Bethlehem but found Jesus later in life. And then there's Charlie Brown's Christmas tree, that forlorn sprig that at the end of the show is shown as a glorious tree.

As we hear in the first reading from Micah, Bethlehem is much the same. A tiny backwater village that isn't even big enough to be numbered among the clans of Judah. Add to the story a young, pregnant girl from a remote town in Galilee and you don't exactly have the makings of fame and fortune.

Yet by God's grace, the underdog triumphs. Mary's kinswoman, Elizabeth, recognizes the greatness when Mary shows up at her doorstep. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb," exclaims Elizabeth, using words that we now pray every time we say the Hail Mary. Elizabeth points out, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

When we're in the lowly position, it can be hard to imagine that we can see our way out. But God does raise the lowly, as Mary said in reply to Elizabeth's greeting. Conversely, when we're on top of the world, we might do well to recall the rest of Mary's prayer: "[The Lord] has cast down the mighty from their thrones." A humble spirit can help us act upon God's will for us.

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“Rediscover Your Marriage” – Attend a Retrouvaille weekend February 12–14 for a chance to rediscover a loving relationship in your marriage. For info or to register, call 979-543-3493 or email lbconner@sbcglobal.net.

Feast Day of the Holy Innocents Celebration, December 28, Raphael’s Refuge, 2715 West US Hwy 90, Flatonia. Mass at 2:00 p.m. followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy. For info., call Midge at 361-865-3021 or 361-258-1514.

Choose Life – “The word became flesh & dwelled among us,” St. John’s Gospel states. Perhaps if we could look at each unborn child as a Word from God, we would be less likely to destroy those children who each have a unique message to share with the world. *Let us pray that as we prepare to celebrate the birth of God’s Son, we may also reach out to welcome each of His unborn sons & daughters.*



Merry

Christmas!

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