

	SCRIPTURE		MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday December 6	Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6 Lk 3:1-6	8:00 9:30 11:00	Parishioners +Joe Meade +Stanley J. Lesniak +Kay O'Brien Special Intention— (Rich and Laura Smith)	5 PM Advent Vespers (anointing of Catechumens) 6 PM Children's Pageant rehearsal (church) 6 PM Youth sting ensemble rehearsal (hall)
The Second Sunday of Advent				
Monday December 7	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	12:10 5:10	+Millicent Noble +Ralph Murray St. Ambrose Parishioners The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
Tuesday December 8	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	12:10 7 PM	+Margaret Kennedy +Jean Dill Special Intention (anonymous) The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Wednesday December 9	Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	12:10	+Deceased members of the Black family Advent Weekday	5:30-6 PM Children's Christmas Choir practice 6 PM Choir practice
Thursday December 10	Is 41:25-31 Mt 11:11-15	12:10	+Kay O'Brien Advent Weekday	
Friday December 11	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	12:10	+Margaret Kennedy Advent Weekday	
Saturday December 12	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:1-18	5:10 PM	+Velma Waldschmidt +Ed Buchanan +Duane Schneider The Third Sunday of Advent	Confirmation ADVANCE (hall) 10-11:30 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday December 13	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:1-18	8:00 9:30 11:00	+Frank Donchez +Ken Kasper +Sui-Kei Chan Parishioners +Lois Hannon The Third Sunday of Advent	FLU SHOTS: 8 AM-12:30 PM (hall) 5 PM Advent Vespers 6 PM Children's Pageant rehearsal (church) 6 PM Youth sting ensemble rehearsal (hall)

THE STEWARDSHIP

"GIFT T.A.G."

Thankful, Accountable, Generous



Stewardship of Time

Pray before meals—even at restaurants.

Stewardship of Talent

A **BIG** thank you to Mary Rummelhart, Jane Hambright, and Amy Kron for all their help with the pancake breakfast on Christ the King Sunday!

Once again, our Thanksgiving dinner was a great success! We served over 125 guests. It would be impossible to thank people individually, but it never would have happened without the generosity of so many people. Thank you to everyone who helped! People gave their time by calling, setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Others gave their talent by providing salads, vegetables, and desserts or made a donation to help with the expense of the dinner.

Stewardship of Treasure

November 29th, 2009

Envelopes	\$	9,083.00
Offertory (money not in envelopes)	\$	3,306.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$	5,520.00
Children's Envelopes	\$	5.00
5% for Peace & Justice allocations	\$	942.00
Total	\$	18,856.00
Amount needed each week:	\$	20,300.00
UNDER budget:	\$	-1,444.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$	446,600.00
Amount received to date:	\$	390,934.00
UNDER budget:	\$	-55,666.00
Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% OF INCOME		
GIVEN IN GRATITUDE		

Stewardship Thought

Stewardship brings us to the altar to give thanks to God.

Rest In Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of Jean Dill and Dorothy Donohoe. May they be welcomed into everlasting life!

Annual Diocesan Appeal

THANK YOU to those who have pledged or given to the ADA. So far, 363 people have pledged \$99,164! Our goal is \$123,000. We are still short about \$24,000.

Congratulations and Welcome!

The following adults were welcomed into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, Confirmed in the Holy Spirit, and shared in the Holy Eucharist for the first time on November 22nd:

Shaina Gaul Laura Kennedy
Dawn Lehnert David Marth
Nicholas Watson

We also Confirmed the following Catholics that day:

Eunjung Choi Choonghee Han
Jayoung Han Joseph Kippley
Christina Lee Jeyeon (Angela) Lee
Jyungsuk You

Vanessa Borilot was Confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time.

MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(a holy day of Mass obligation)

Monday, December 7th, 2009 (Vigil Masses)

5:10 PM St. Mary's
 5:15 PM Newman Center
 5:30 PM St. Wenceslaus

Tuesday, December 8th, 2009

7 AM & 5:30 PM St. Wenceslaus
 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM St. Patrick's
 9 AM & 6 PM St. Thomas More
 12:10 PM & 7 PM St. Mary's
 5:15 PM Newman Center

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Sunday, December 13th, from 8 AM to 12:30 PM

Seasonal flu shots and pneumonia shots will be available in the parish hall. (The H1N1 vaccine is only given by the Department of Public Health.)

ADVENT EVENING VESPERS

One of the great ways to observe the season of Advent is to join with other members of our parish community for Advent Vespers. In our hectic, busy world, we need time for silence, reflection, and prayer. Advent Vespers (Evening Prayer) provides us the opportunity to do just that. Please join us each Sunday evening during Advent at 5 PM in the church as we lift up our hearts and minds to God in preparation for the coming of the Lord.



Children's Christmas Pageant



St. Mary's will present the Children's Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, at 4:50 PM (prior to the 5:10 PM Mass). If you have any children who are interested in participating, please come to our first rehearsal, Sunday (TODAY), December 6th, at 6 PM, in the church.

WANTED:

Youth who play violin, cello, viola, or string bass to be a part of a string ensemble for the 5:10 PM Christmas Eve Mass. You must be able to read music. If you are interested, please call Jacque Ronnfeldt (338-8930). Rehearsals will be Sundays in December (beginning TODAY) at 6 PM in the hall.



St. Mary's Scrip News

It is not too early to start planning your holiday shopping! This year, buy the present that gives two ways. When you purchase gift certificates from the Scrip program, you receive a gift card equal to the price paid AND St. Mary's/Regina earns cash rebates. You can get all your Christmas shopping completed with just one stop at our Scrip table!

Many stores are offering an extra discount in December. Pick up a new list from the Scrip table after Mass. **Remember—half of all of the church's profits throughout the year go to support the music ministry. The other half goes to Regina. When you buy Scrip, you are helping to continue our rich music heritage as well as to support our inter-parish Catholic school!**

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Advent Day of Prayer

They Shall Name Him Emmanuel: God with Us
Benet House, Rock Island

Thursday, December 10th, from 9AM-3 PM

Prepare for the Christmas season with quiet reflection and discussion on the birth of Christ. The presenter will be Sister Catherine Cleary, OSB, MA in Theology. The cost is \$30 (includes lunch). Call 563-283-2108 to register.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Make reservations NOW for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend now! The next one is in Cedar Falls on February 12th-14th, 2010. To register or for more information, contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Please register six weeks in advance.

Choose Life Prayer

We pray for all those involved with providing and performing abortions, that they will value life.

Vocation View

John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today?
(Luke 3:1-6)

Would you like to join our parish? We'd love to have you as part of our St. Mary's family! Please stop by or call the parish office at 337-4314.

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