

	<b>SCRIPTURE</b>		<b>MASSES</b>	<b>CALENDAR</b>
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	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)
<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b>				
Monday December 14	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27	12:10	+Living and Deceased members of the Joe Rummelhart family +Wayne and Barb Chadima <b>St. John of the Cross</b>	7 PM Evangelization and Stewardship 7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
Tuesday December 15	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32	12:10	+Millicent Noble <b>Advent Weekday</b>	
Wednesday December 16	Is 45:6b-8, 21b-25 Lk 7:18b-23	12:10	+Holy Souls in Purgatory <b>Advent Weekday</b>	5:30-6 PM Children's Christmas Choir practice 6 PM Choir practice
Thursday December 17	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	12:10	+Margaret Kennedy <b>Advent Weekday</b>	5-6 PM Youth casserole making (hall) 7 PM Peace and Justice Commission 7 PM Fellowship Commission
Friday December 18	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25	12:10	+John O'Neill <b>Advent Weekday</b>	11:30 AM Free Lunch at the Wesley Center 12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic
Saturday December 19	Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45	5:10 PM	+Nicola D'Angelo +Shirley Rocca +Larry Myers <b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	8 AM-12 PM Homebound Cookie Baking 10-11:30 AM Communal Penance
Sunday December 20	Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45	8:00 9:30 11:00	+Roberta Stiles +Cleone Fay +Caroline Simon +Rosemary and Joe Manjoine +Joe Meade Parishioners	5 PM Advent Vespers 6 PM Children's Pageant rehearsal (church) 6 PM Youth sting ensemble rehearsal (hall)
<b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>				

**THE STEWARDSHIP**   
**"GIFT T.A.G."**

**Thankful, Accountable, Generous**

**Stewardship of Time**  
 Pray the rosary.

**Stewardship of Talent**

Thank you to Marilyn Boyd for serving as the Collection Committee Chairperson for many years! Also, thank you to Tami Murphy for volunteering to be the new Chairperson!

**Stewardship of Treasure**

December 6th, 2009

Envelopes	\$	16,139.00
Offertory (money not in envelopes)	\$	3,107.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$	155.00
Children's Envelopes	\$	0.00
5% for Peace & Justice allocations	\$	1,021.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,422.00</b>
Amount needed each week:	\$	20,300.00
<b>OVER budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>122.00</b>
Amount needed year to date:	\$	466,900.00
Amount received to date:	\$	411,356.00
<b>UNDER budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-55,544.00</b>
<b>Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% OF INCOME</b>		
<b>GIVEN IN GRATITUDE</b>		

**Stewardship Thought**

Stewardship means having an "attitude of gratitude".

**With the cold and flue season underway, please be respectful of those who may not want to shake or hold hands during the liturgy.**

**INCENSE NOTICE:**

Incense will be used at the following Masses: *Christmas Eve Mass in the Night (11 PM), Christmas morning (8:30 AM and 10 AM), and the Solemnity of the Epiphany.*

**FLU SHOT CLINIC**

**TODAY, 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 rehearsal, Sunday (TODAY), December 13th, 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.



**FREE LUNCH**

St. Mary's next opportunity to serve Free Lunch at the Wesley Center to many hungry people in our community is Friday, December 18th. Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule to contribute salads, casseroles, and desserts. Food may be brought to the parish hall on Thursday evening from 7-8:30 PM.

**CITY-WIDE COMMUNAL PENANCE**

**SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 19th, at 10 AM	St. Mary's
Sunday, December 20th, at 2 PM	St. Patrick's
Monday, December 21st, at 7 PM	St. Thomas Moore
Tuesday, December 22nd, at 7 PM	St. Wenceslaus

### **Seating for Christmas Masses**

People attending the 5:10 PM Christmas Eve Mass and the 11 PM Christmas Mass During the Night sometimes arrive early and reserve pews for family members and friends. Other people, who come later, are then told that they cannot sit in the reserved pews. Obviously, this creates some tension! ☺ The Liturgy Commission has decided that seats may be reserved until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. At 4:40 PM and 10:30 PM, an announcement will be made that open seating is now available. What this means is: If you are planning to reserve a seat for someone else, they must arrive 30 minutes before Mass begins. Hopefully, this will alleviate any seating problems in the future.

### **Charitable Donations Cut-Off Date**

IRS code specifies that the cut-off for claiming a charitable income tax deduction for 2009 taxes is December 31st, 2009. If a donor wants a deduction for calendar year 2009, the gift must be received by hand delivery or envelope postmarked by December 31st. Gifts received (or postmarked) January 1st or later cannot be "back dated" to count for 2009. All gifts must be recorded in the calendar year received.

## **YOUTH HAPPENINGS**

### **Teen Bible Study**

Sunday, December 13th, from 7-8 PM  
St. Mary's Parish Hall  
Facilitated by Patti McTaggart

### **Cookie Baking for the Homebound!**

**Saturday, December 19th, from 8 AM-12 PM**  
**St. Mary's Parish Hall**

Please bring cookie cutters as well as decorations for the cookies!

*Sr. High Youth as Well as Adults:*

We are in need of drivers to deliver the cookies to our homebound parishioners. If you are able to help, please let Patti know before Friday, December 18th, at 337-4314 or [pmctaggart@icstmary.org](mailto:pmctaggart@icstmary.org) and be at St. Mary's parish hall around 11 AM on Saturday, December 19th.

## **OTHER HAPPENINGS**

### **St. Bridget's Bridge Group**

November 9th, 11:30 AM at the Elk's Club  
For more information, call Hazel Miller (338-8983) or Carole Moore (337-7443).

**-CEW 2010-**

A Christian Experience Weekend, or CEW, offers a chance to retreat from everyday life and take a look at who you are and where you are going. Throughout the weekend, you will be given the time to rediscover yourself, your faith, and your God. The weekend includes time alone and with others. As a member of Christ's community, you deserve the benefits this weekend can give you. Retreats will be February 19th-21st (for women) and March 5th-7th (for men) at St. Mary's in Riverside. The weekend begins at 7 PM on Friday and ends at 4:30 PM Sunday. It is open to anyone over the age of 18. The cost is \$50. Contact Rosemary Fiagle (354-7048), Erin Nelson (430-1557), Dave Sharp (331-0869) or Craig Slay (430-3390).

**Choose Life Prayer**

We pray for women who are struggling with an unplanned pregnancy.

**Vocation View**

"What ought we to do?" the crowds ask John. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step towards welcoming Jesus. (Luke 3:10-18)

**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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