

| | SCRIPTURE | | MASSES | CALENDAR |
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| Sunday December 27 | Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52 | 8:00 9:30 11:00 | +Ralph Neppel +Ken Kasper +Joseph Eng +Deceased members of the Giblin family The Holy Family | Pantry Sunday |
| Monday December 28 | 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18 | 12:10 | Special Intention (Lois & Ken Gerard—anniv.) The Holy Innocents | 7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced |
| Tuesday December 29 | 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35 | 12:10 | Special Intention (Kay Whitney) +Millicent Noble The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas | |
| Wednesday December 30 | 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40 | 12:10 | +Betty Fisher +Living and deceased members of the Joe Rummelhart family The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas | 6 PM Choir practice |
| Thursday December 31 | Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21 | NO 12:10 PM MASS 5:10 | +Charlotte K. Fisk Thompson Vigil of Mary, Mother of God | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED |
| Friday January 1 | Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21 | 10 AM NO 12:10 PM MASS | +Rex Fleming +Joe Gallardo Mary, the Mother of God | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Holy day of obligation</i> |
| Saturday January 2 | 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28 Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12 | 9 AM 5:10 PM | Special Int. (in thanksgiving) SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen +Ed Buchanan The Holy Family | 9 AM First Saturday Mass 10-11:30 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Sunday January 3 | Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12 | 8:00 9:30 11:00 | Parishioners +Sheryl and Steve Sueppel family +Joe Meade +John Buckingham +Linda Williams +Paul Peterson The Epiphany of the Lord | Newcomers Welcome (all Masses) |

THE STEWARDSHIP

"GIFT T.A.G."

Thankful, Accountable, Generous



Stewardship of Time

Spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Stewardship of Talent

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with St. Mary's share in the Homeless Overflow Project, especially Jim McCue for coordinating the volunteers. The following people served as overnight volunteers:

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| Rich Roller | Pilar Marce |
| Jeff Villhauer | Irvin Pfab |
| Julie Homewood | Chris Villhauer |
| Kathy Maxwell | Bill Mausser |
| Mike Lanaghan | Susan Burlingame |
| Kirsten Hanrahan | Rosalind Smith |
| Terry Ducharme | Randy McDonough |
| Tim Sullivan | Bernard Dutchik |
| Jim McCue | Kaitlin Praeter |
| Marilyn Boyd | |

Stewardship of Treasure

December 13th, 2009

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| Envelopes | \$ | 16,996.00 |
| Offertory (money not in envelopes) | \$ | 937.00 |
| Electronic Funds Transfer | \$ | 1,865.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$ | 2.00 |
| 5% for Peace & Justice allocations | \$ | 1,042.00 |
| Total | \$ | 20,842.00 |
| Amount needed each week: | \$ | 20,300.00 |
| OVER budget: | \$ | 542.00 |
| Amount needed year to date: | \$ | 487,200.00 |
| Amount received to date: | \$ | 432,198.00 |
| UNDER budget: | \$ | -55,002.00 |

Stewardship of Treasure **Goal: 5% OF INCOME**
GIVEN IN GRATITUDE

Stewardship Thought

Stewardship means not being wasteful of what God has given us.

City-Wide Mass Schedule for Mary, the Mother of God (a holy day of obligation)

Thursday, December 31st

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

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 PM)

Friday, January 1st

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| St. Patrick's | 9 AM |
| St. Thomas More | 9 AM |
| St. Mary's | 10 AM |
| St. Wenceslaus | 10 AM |

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.

First Saturday Mass

Mass will be at 9 AM this Saturday (January 2nd) and every first Saturday of the month.

Contribution statements will be mailed on January 15th, 2010 to those who request them.

REMINDER:

Please do not feel badly if someone chooses not to shake hands at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and still come to Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say "Peace be with you" to avoid bodily contact, or one might wave slightly at the other..

INCENSE NOTICE:

Incense will be used at Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

Prayer for Priests

Father, you have appointed
Your Son Jesus Christ eternal
High Priest.



Guide those he has chosen to be ministers
of word and sacrament and help them
to be faithful in fulfilling
the ministry they have received.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

YOUTH NEWS

Catholic Connections Overnight Lock-In **Monday, December 28th, 8 PM-8 AM** **at St. Patrick's**

Contact Chuck Brock (337-2856) for more
information.

Youth Ski Trip!



Who: Youth in grades 6-12

When: Sunday, January 17th, 2009

Where: Sundown Ski Resort, Dubuque

Time: 1 PM-10 PM

Cost: \$55 (skis/pass/lift)

\$40 (pass/lift only)

\$60 (snowboard/lift pass)

*Checks can be made payable to St. Mary's Youth
Group.*

Permission slips are in the December SMART
Newsletter and on the back porch of the parish
office. The deadline for permission slips is Monday,
January 11th, at 4 PM.

Natural Family Planning

Come learn the highly effective cross-checking symptom-thermal method of natural family planning. Gain knowledge that your grandmother never knew about the signs of natural fertility and infertility of a woman's body. This three-class series begins Monday, January 18th, at 6:30 PM at Mercy Iowa City. Contact Mercy On Call for information or to register (358-2767). The cost is \$50.

Choose Life Prayer

We pray that families may by word and example teach their children that each and every human life deserves respect.

Vocation View

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for families who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world.

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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EDUCATION

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