

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 14	8:00am	+Joe Meloy
Tuesday, Dec. 15	8:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday, Dec. 16	8:00am	Leo Doser & Family
Thursday, Dec. 17	1:30pm	Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Dec. 18	8:15am	+Craig Abing



WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, Dec. 19	4:00pm	+Debbie McDermott Specht
Sunday, Dec. 20	9:00am	+Dolores Margan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

3rd Sunday of Advent: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18.
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7/15-17a/Mt 21:23-27.
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32.
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23.
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17.
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25.
 4th Sunday of Advent: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45.

It's that time a year again, please note: During the winter months when weather is inclement and school is cancelled or running two hours late, Morning Prayer or Word & Communion which ever is scheduled will be cancelled also.

REFLECTION—*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."*
Philippians 4:6-7

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

PRIVATE RECONCILIATION AT ST. MARY'S

Thursday, December 17—7pm - 8pm
 Saturday, December 19—9am -10am (extended to full hour)
 Wednesday, December 23—8:30am until all are heard
 Or by appointment

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve — Thursday, December 24
 5:00pm, St. Mary
 7:00pm, St. Augustine
 9:00pm, St. Mary
 Christmas Day — Friday, December 25
 9:00am, St. Mary
 10:30am, St. Augustine

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY NEWS!

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Sat., Dec. 19 4:00pm	Sun., Dec. 20 9:00am
Altar Servers	
Anna Whisenant Olivia Bartelme Maria Busch Mathew Busch	Stephanie Momot Vince Momot Katie Melssen Cole Reuter
Lectors & Leader of Prayer	
Angie Boldt Bob Bodden Skip Stone	Dee Woolf Terry Woolf Lee Eggers
Sacristan	
Peggy Banfield	Barbara Peterson
Music Ministry	
Deb & Choir	Open Ensemble
Greeters	
Alan & Julie Klein Joyce & Barney McDermott Mike McDermott Sue Soppe	Joyce & Gabe Loeffelholz Terry & Joyce Seng Mary Ann Shultz Jan Siegert
SCRIP	
Annette Carroll	Sharon Bartels



ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS — The First English Lutheran Church is hosting this year's Free Ecumenical Christmas Dinner at twelve noon on Christmas Day. Both individuals and families are welcome to attend.

Several Platteville churches have joined together to serve this Free Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Crafts and activities will be available for children while adults socialize after dinner. Music and caroling will make the Christmas spirit come alive. In-town transportation available for those in need. Please call First English Lutheran Church, 348-3022 to make reservations or transportation arrangements. Sign up sheet for food donations, and workers is on the table at the back of church.

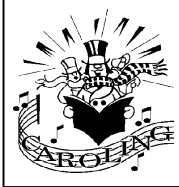
BAPTISM — Congratulations to Allen Schneider and Courtney Heins whose son, Bradey Allen Schneider was baptized last weekend. May he always find joy in being part of God's family!

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS - Envelopes are on the table near the center entrance of church for donations for Christmas flowers, wreaths, etc. for our church. You may donate for the cost of a specific item or any amount. The donation may also be given as a memorial to a deceased loved one. Be sure to indicate the name if it is a memorial. Thank you for your great response every year!

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, December 20th after the 9am Mass to help decorate the church for Christmas.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS - The KC's will be conducting their annual Christmas breakfast this this Sunday in the parish hall. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, rolls, juice, milk and coffee will be served from 8am-11am. Prices are only \$6 for adults and \$3 for children; KC widows, children under 5, and veterans will receive free complimentary breakfasts. By way of celebrating the Holiday season, Santa Claus will also make a special appearance. Everyone is welcome. All proceeds will go to St. Augustine's building fund.

The KC'S will have "Keep Christ In Christmas" signs and magnets available this weekend. \$5.00 donations are recommended.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING - SHARE THE JOY

Saturday, Dec. 19 — Directly After 4:00pm Mass
Chili Supper - Followed by Caroling.
Everyone is welcome to join in and share Christmas joy with our shut-ins. No experience is necessary!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Please bring donations for Food Baskets to church entrances or church hall kitchen by Mon., Dec. 14th. Packing will be done on Tues., Dec. 15th. The ham may be put in the rectory garage freezer. Monetary donations are welcome, envelopes for those donations are in back of church or drop off at the parish office. We have approximately 40 families needing baskets. We appreciate your generosity!!

THE NEXT TEC (Together Encounter Christ) will be held December 28-30, 2009 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) here at St. Mary's. We are very fortunate to have TEC right here at home and the support of Msgr Charles. TEC is an experience in Christian living designed for young people and adults. It is a fresh, different approach to enriching your Christian, everyday life. After Christmas is the perfect time to get away from your hectic schedules, sit back, relax and let others share with you a 3-day experience you'll never forget. Several people from our parish have already made TEC. We would love to share it with you.

If you have been thinking about giving yourself some much needed time off, why not come and join us on TEC. Brochures with a registration form are on the bulletin boards in the back of church. If you have any questions, please call Jerry or Connie McCabe at 348-8336.

QUIZNOS SUBS has just been purchased by Jerry Schewe and he extends the following opportunity. Quiznos Subs of Platteville will donate 10% of your purchase on December 13 between 1 and 5 pm to either St. Augustine or St. Mary's; just indicate which church.



Classes K-4 will attend the Christmas Exhibit at the Mining Museum in the next week.

Ho, Ho, Ho!!! We are making our list and checking it twice to see who will be in Kindergarten in 2010. Mrs. Wodarz and the Kindergartners are gearing up for the new Class of 2010-2011. We are sending out Christmas letters to the Preschoolers to introduce ourselves to them. If you have a child or know of a child who would like to be a part of the St. Mary Family, please contact the school office at 348-5806.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Wed., Dec. 16 — Grades 1-6 - Class, 3:30; Christmas Program, 4pm.
Classes for Grades 7-10 at 7pm at St. Augustine's.
Grade 9 caroling at Manor Care, 6pm. Permission slip needed.
Sun., Dec. 20 — Confirmation Class, 4pm at St. Augustine's.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday - Bible Study, 8:30am, Hospitality Room.
RCIA, 7pm.
Wednesday - Rel. Ed. See below.
Thursday - Private Reconciliation 7pm - 8pm.
Friday - Scripture Sharing, 9am.
Saturday - Chili and Caroling after Mass.

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

at St. Clement's in Lancaster

Sundays: Jan. 10, Feb. 7, & Mar. 7; from 6 - 8 pm

To register, contact Emily at 608-821-3134

or nfp@straphael.org

Go to www.madisondiocese.org/nfp

for further information and other available classes

Due to Advent the all parish celebration for the capital campaign will be re-scheduled for a weekend in January. It was originally scheduled for December 20th.

ROSARY MAKERS YEARLY UPDATE

We had a different kind of year. We got a letter from Rev. Fr. Joseph Batte, Uganda. He runs an Orphanage Home, children not wanted by their parents, or dying from aids are left at the church. He has 630 children at the orphanage who would love to have a rosary. Most of them have no clothes or no covers for the night. So we have made and collected blankets, also little T shirts. So far we have mailed out 3 large expensive boxes and still making blankets.

This year we got help for our little orphans. A Grant from "Kohls for Kids" it pays for the postage to send blankets and clothes for the children. Our postage this year cost \$1,064.15 for rosaries, clothes and blankets.

We made 4,823 rosaries this year; sent mostly to Uganda. We also mailed 330 cord rosaries for the C.C.W. ladies from Kieler and Dickeyville, no money for postage.

One of our Rosary Maker's retired this year. We will miss you Evelyn.

Thanks to the Nancy Klaas family for the large box of supplies.

St. Mary's Rosary Makers

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