

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 7	8:00am	Word & Communion
Tuesday, Dec. 8	7:00am	+Mary Kay Meloy
Immaculate Conception	12:10pm	+Lorraine & Harold Fleege
Wednesday, Dec. 9	8:00am	+George, Ruth & Jim Trentz
Thursday, Dec. 10	1:30pm	Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Dec. 11	8:15am	+Dale O. & Patricia J. Kettler



## WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, Dec. 12	4:00pm	+Lawrence & Grace Davis
Sunday, Dec. 13	9:00am	+Frank Dunn

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2nd Sunday of Advent: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6.  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26.  
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38.  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30.  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15.  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19.  
 3rd Sunday of Advent: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18.

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ST. AUGUSTINE MASS TIME for the holy day  
 Immaculate Conception is Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 7pm

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St. Rose Cuba City Communal Reconciliation is  
 Wednesday, Dec. 9th — 3:00pm and 7:00pm.

## REFLECTION

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."*  
*Philippians 1:9-10*

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God

## ATTENTION GREETERS

Greeters will be needed for the 7:00am and 12:10pm Masses on Tues. Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A sign-up sheet is on the Greeter bulletin board. Please sign up or call 348-8336 if you plan on attending any of these Masses and can help greet.

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD** — Each year at our Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Mass on Sunday, we recognize a Distinguished Alumni of St. Mary School. We are looking for nominations for this award. The nominee must meet the following criteria: Alumni of St. Mary's School; graduated from St. Mary's School at least 10 years ago; made a significant contribution to their community and/or church which reflects favorably on the education the person received in a Catholic School. Nomination forms are available in the back of church, from the school office or from the school website (<http://school.stmaryplatteville.org>). Nominations are due by Friday, December 11.

**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.

**BAPTISM** - Congratulations to Todd and Karla Timmerman whose son, Caleb Aaron Timmerman was baptized last weekend. May he always find joy in being part of God's family!

**ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS** - The First English Lutheran Church is hosting this year's Ecumenical Free Christmas Dinner at twelve noon on Christmas Day. It is not only for individuals, but also for families who will be alone for Christmas.

Sign up sheet for food donations, and workers is on the table at the back of church.

## 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!

Sat., Dec. 12 4:00pm	Sun., Dec. 13 9:00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	
Jena Phillips Justin Phillips Emily Reuter Madelyn White	Matt Lambert Tom Lambert Austin Loeffelholz Kolton Loeffelholz
<b>Lectors &amp; Leader of Prayer</b>	
Kent Scheuerell Fay Stone John Pluemer	Michael Ruane Norma Whisenant Nancy Salzmann
<b>Sacristan</b>	
Fay Stone	Connie McCabe
<b>Music Ministry</b>	
Boddens	Deb & Choir
<b>Greeters</b>	
Don & Jackie Clayton Andy & Seth Frigo Alice Haupt Rosie Hying	Harv & Ginny Curry Connie & Cynthia Powers Tricia Reuter Kim Schmelz
<b>SCRIP</b>	
Linda Murphy	Anne Donovan

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The KC'S will have "Keep Christ In Christmas" signs and magnets available during the weekend of Dec. 12 & 13. \$5.00 donations are recommended.

The KC's will be conducting their annual Christmas breakfast next Sunday, Dec. 13th 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; under 5 will receive free complimentary breakfasts. By way of celebrating the Holiday season, Santa Claus will also make a special appearance. Everyone is welcome.



### 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!

## ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!

St. Mary CCW will hold their annual Christmas party potluck next Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 6pm in the parish hall. Bring a dish to pass. Meat, beverage and table service will be provided. On the agenda for the short business meeting will be officers for 2010, results of the Christmas Bazaar and group donation to the Capital Campaign. This is a nice time to meet other women of the parish as well as thank our Parish Staff for their service.

Next weekend, Dec. 12 & 13, CCW will have craft items for sale. If you still have some Christmas shopping to do this would be a good time to purchase some nice items.

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.



The Home and School will be having their Home-made Cinnamon Roll sale this Sunday after Mass.

Cullen Bryla an 8th grader received a 1st Place at District in the Patriot's Pen Contest. His essay will now compete at the Regional.

The students have raised \$549.00 in the Penny War. The Penny War goes until December 11. All the money goes to the Capital Campaign.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Wed., Dec. 9** — Church cleaning after school 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Permission slips are needed.

**Sat/Sun., Dec. 12 & 13** — Platteville Area Catholic Teens Winter Retreat at Camp Gray, leaving 9am, need permission slip.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

**Monday** - Knights of Columbus mtg, 7:30pm.

**Tuesday** - Bible Study, 8:30am, Hospitality Room. RCIA, 7pm.

**Wednesday** - Cemetery Mtg., 10am.

Rel. Ed. See below.

CCW Christmas Party, 6pm.

**Thursday** - Finance Council, 5:30pm.

**Friday** - Scripture Sharing, 9am.

**Sunday** - Knights of Columbus Christmas Breakfast.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Please bring donations for Food Baskets to church entrances or church hall kitchen by Mon., Dec. 13th. Packing will be done on Tues., Dec. 14th. The meat 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!!

**SCRIP NEWS**—Not only do we recommend scrip purchases year round for your everyday purchases and gift giving needs, but gift cards, purchased through our scrip program, make excellent **business gifts** as well. You can purchase gifts cards to say "thank you" to employees, customers and business associates. Scrip gift cards are welcome Christmas gifts and a great way to increase our program's profits! Your participation with scrip purchases benefit all of us! Thanks for using SCRIP and may your shopping be stress-free! Scrip sales for November totaled \$36,596 with profits of \$1,646.20. Scrip is sold after all weekend Masses and available weekdays in the school office. Merry Christmas to all.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE PRESENTATION

A presentation entitled "A Brief History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict" will be presented by Dr. Nancy Turner, a University of Wisconsin Platteville professor of history on Tuesday, December 8th, at 8 p.m. at St. Augustine Parish. Everyone is welcome. The presentation will take approximately an hour, with refreshments and an opportunity for informal conversation to follow."

**BLESS OUR PRIESTS COLLECTION**—Make sure to remember the retired priests of our diocese by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. This collection is used to directly support all retired priests welfare including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care and medical costs. Please return your gift in the envelopes available at all Masses this weekend. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese!

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