

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 28	8:00am	No Mass or Word & Communion
Tuesday, Dec. 29	8:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday, Dec. 30	8:00am	+Frank Dunn
Thursday, Dec. 31	1:30pm	Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Jan. 1	9:00am	+Francis & Christine Vosberg
Mary, Mother of God		

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, Jan. 2	4:00pm	+Lucille Lolwing
Sunday, Jan. 3	9:00am	+Gilbert B. Tranel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 21-28/Col 3:12:21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-22/Mt 2:13-18.
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35.
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40.
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18.
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21.
 Epiphany of the Lord: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
 Mt 2:1-12.

St. Augustine
 Thursday, Dec. 31, Mary, Mother of God
 Mass 5:00pm.

REFLECTION

Feast of the Holy Family

"Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."
 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let's also remember the gifts that God has given to us, including the gift of making us His children. Are we as grateful for that wonderful gift as we are for all the material gifts we have received? How do we show our gratitude to God for the gifts He gives to us all year?



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

*Wishing you a joyous and
 blessed New Year!!*

THANKS!

Thanks to everyone who donated and helped pack the Holiday Baskets. Thanks to the St. Mary's 8th grade students who helped sort and carry the baskets out to the garage. Thanks especially to Toni Reuter for chairing the event. Linda

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Berning, mother of Carol (Jim) Weber, who died Friday. And to the family of Abigail Cullen who died Sunday. Eternal rest grant unto them Oh, Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.



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It's that time of 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.

<p>Sat., Jan. 2 4:00pm</p>	<p>Sun., Jan. 3 9:00am</p>
<p>Altar Servers</p>	
<p>Sign up sheet is in back of church for the weekends of December 26 and 27 And January 2 and 3.</p>	
<p>Lectors & Leader of Prayer</p>	
<p>Nekole Frommelt John Pluemer Kent Scheuerell</p>	<p>Nancy Daniels Lee Eggers Barb LeGrand</p>
<p>Sacristan</p>	
<p>Peggy Banfield</p>	<p>Connie McCabe</p>
<p>Music Ministry</p>	
<p>Open Ensemble</p>	<p>Deb & Choir</p>
<p>Greeters</p>	
<p>Ray & Darla Banfi Cecelia Russell Tammie VanNatta Mike & Vicki Worachek</p>	<p>Rosemary Anderson Mark & Sheila Kelley Jerry McCabe Terry & Dee Woolf</p>
<p>SCRIP</p>	
<p>Jane Meekma</p>	<p>Dianne Jentz</p>

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.

DECEMBER MOBILE FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Thanks to everyone who helped make our mobile food pantry a success. We served 71 total families that included 223 individuals, 87 children under the age of 18, and 12 seniors over the age of 65. Thirty-nine of the families were unemployed. We were able to use Wal-Mart shopping carts and our 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students made everyone's shopping experience a joy. See you January 15th. Linda



Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Midnight Mass, December 25, 2008

"Every child asks for our love. This night, then, let us think especially of those children who are denied the love of their parents. Let us think of those street children who do not have the blessing of a family home, of those children who are brutally exploited as soldiers and made instruments of violence, instead of messengers of reconciliation and peace. Let us think of those children who are victims of the industry of pornography and every other appalling form of abuse, and thus are traumatized in the depths of their soul. The Child of Bethlehem summons us once again to do everything possible to make the light of Bethlehem touch the heart of every man and woman."



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

Grades 1-6 - classes resume on Wed. January 6, 3:30pm. Confirmation Retreat will be January 30/31 at the Bishop O'Connor Center, Madison, WI. Please return permission slip by Jan. 24, 2010.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday - Tec Retreat begins.

Wednesday -

Rel. Ed. See below.

Friday - No Scripture Sharing.

Happy New Year!!

Once again, **Piggly Wiggly** will contribute to area churches during December to the church of your choice as a Holiday Donation. Piggly Wiggly will donate 1%. To participate, you need to have your receipt stamped at the courtesy counter save all your cash register receipts **for the month of December** and turn them into the parish office, via mail or collection basket. Deadline to turn in your December receipts is Monday, January 4, 2010.



Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. If no answer call 778-5949. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am.

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Do you feel lost and alone? We invite you to find help through Retrouvaille, where husbands and wives are helped to re-discover each other. In Retrouvaille, couples discover they are not alone. There is hope and grace. Madison's upcoming Retrouvaille program begins January 15-17, 2010 at the Bishop O'Connor Center. Call 608/249-2377 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com. Your confidentiality is always respected.

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

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