



## 2nd Sunday of Advent December 9, 2007

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Dec. 8 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Florence Guy†
<b>Dec. 9 Sun</b>	8:00 a	Catholic War Veterans
	10:30 a	Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
<b>Dec. 10 Mon</b>	8:00 a	John Wm. Blasko †
<b>Dec. 11 Tues</b>	6:45 a	Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
<b>Dec. 12 Wed</b>	8:00 a	David Goddard †
<b>Dec. 13 Thur</b>	6:45 a	John Chrietzberg †
<b>Dec. 14 Fri</b>	8:00 a	Father Robert Wright †
<b>Dec. 15 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Brian Heissingert†
<b>Dec. 16 Sun</b>	8:00 a	John Brandis †
	10:30 a	Our parish Family

### LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

#### December 15 – Sat. 5:30 p.m.

<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Egizio/Feraris/Lindstrom
<b>Lector</b>	Chuck & Deona Kuntzman
<b>Hospitality</b>	S & D Hankins H & H Morrow
<b>Servers</b>	B & R Doherty/Freveletti
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Monica Lower

#### December 16– Sun. 8:00 a.m

<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	G & C Leach/DeGroot
<b>Lector</b>	Miller/Nelson
<b>Hospitality</b>	G & K Park/Reid
<b>Servers</b>	A & McClintock/Newman
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Beth and Richard Yong

#### December 16- Sun. 10:30 a.m.

<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Van Dyke/Riedle
	Deacon Tom
<b>Lector</b>	Deimel/Garcia
<b>Hospitality</b>	Matrisch Family
<b>Servers</b>	L & G Henson/Riedle
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Emma Van Dyke

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders – Dec. 16th

Rita Owen and Lori Ernst

**Leaders:** Please pick up your Manual in the Sacristy!

### **Stewardship Message: Time, Talent & Treasure**

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today ; "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."



Mary and Henry Gartner, 514 S.  
Wells, Buffalo, Illinois

### OUR GIFT TO GOD

Fiscal Year 7/1/07 – 6/30/08

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$113,566.36	\$ 6,746.00
Electronic Funds	\$ 23,849.00	\$ 1,737.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 7,989.00	\$ 907.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,268.00	\$ 138.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,314.75	\$ 99.00

### Children's Stewardship Offering to God

Helped grandma; helped my mom carry boxes; helped my babysitter; helped mom with the house work; I helped people  
Picked up my sister's dirty clothes and played nice with my brother  
Ran an errand for my teacher  
I was a Server at Church  
I prayed and was a good citizen

### December 10, 2007 – Collection Counting Team 1

Brady, Catalano, Hattes

### LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Dec 3 through 9

<b>Mon.</b>	# 198	Pat Keen
<b>Tue.</b>	# 29	Tom Bolinger
<b>Wed.</b>	# 527	Shirley Crawford
<b>Thu.</b>	# 495	Alan Watts
<b>Fri.</b>	# 66	Kathy Chepulis
<b>Sat.</b>	# 156	Tom Hagerman
<b>Sun. \$35</b>	# 527	Shirley Crawford

### Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Beals, Brinkman, Bruzan, Carel, Cooper (Leach), Bob Davis, Duban, Egan, Eifert, Feraris, Fox, Ginter, Heissingert, Jones -2, Kuntzman, D Miller, Otten, Smith, Streb, D Waters, Wuellner-3,



Praying for...

**Wayne Hutchinson** (parishioner)  
**Jim Kates** (parishioner)  
**Deb King** (parishioner)  
**Mary Beth King** (parishioner)  
**Callahan Family** (parishioners)  
**Ken Kjar** (Nancy Atkinson's father)  
**Catherine Hendrickson** (parishioner)  
**Carol Gadert** (parishioner)  
**Mary Beth Vetter** (Teri Dambacher's sister)  
**Katie Verdeyen** (Donna Day's aunt)  
**Ruth McClintock** (Roger McClintock's mom)  
**Kent Owen** (Jim Owen's brother)  
**Bill White** (Kelly Conlon's father)  
**Michelle Napier** (Carol and Dave Foltz's daughter)  
**Frank Mertz** (Carol Foltz's dad)

## Happenings this Week!!

<b>Sunday -</b>	<b>December 9</b>
	Christmas Friends Drop off after mass
<b>8:00 a</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Ritual
<b>9:10 a</b>	PSR Classes
<b>10:30 p</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Ritual
<b>10:30 p</b>	Children's Liturgy of the Word
<b>11:30 p</b>	High School Elective Class
<b>Monday -</b>	<b>December 10</b>
<b>9:00 a</b>	Collection Counting Team 1(Brady, Catalano, Hattes)
<b>6:30 p</b>	Bread bakers (Beeve, Brady, Breitung, Limper, Parnell, Urbanckas)
<b>Tuesday -</b>	<b>December 11</b>
<b>6:45 p</b>	RCIA
<b>Wednesday -</b>	<b>December 12</b>
<b>5:30 p</b>	Children's Choir
<b>6:30 p</b>	Children's Mass & PSR Classes
<b>7:30 p</b>	Adult choir Practice
<b>Thursday -</b>	<b>December 13</b>
<b>2:30 p</b>	Blood Drove
<b>7:00 p</b>	Building Committee Meeting
<b>Friday -</b>	<b>December 14 – Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>5:00 p</b>	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Saturday -</b>	<b>December 15</b>
	Christmas Friends Drop off after mass
<b>Sunday -</b>	<b>December 16</b>
	Christmas Friends Drop off after mass
<b>9:10 a</b>	PSR Classes
<b>10:30 p</b>	Children's Liturgy of the Word
<b>11:30 p</b>	High School Elective Class
<b>6:00 p</b>	Advent Program

**Church Dusters** for the week of December 10th are the Scott & Spurlock Families

## MISSALS / SONGBOOKS

With the beginning of the New (Liturgical) Year, there is a change in the missals/songbooks. The brown songbooks will be for everyone to join in sung portions of the Mass. The blue covered books are now missals (only) with the Order of the Mass and the Readings for each Sunday and Holy Day.

This will eliminate the two different song numbers at Mass (one for the blue, one for the brown). The blue book will be for those who want a missal to follow along in the Mass



## PLAN AHEAD . . . AND SUPPORT THE MISSION TRIP!

The youth and adults who will be attending the 2008 Mission Trip will be selling **Poinsettias** after all masses this weekend. Beautiful, full blooming plants to decorate your home for the holidays or to give to a special friend or loved one.

## This Weeks Daily Readings

<b>Sun.</b>	– Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12
<b>Mon.</b>	– Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26
<b>Tues.</b>	– Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13; Matthew 8:12-14
<b>Wed.</b>	– Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Judith 13:18-19, Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
<b>Thurs.</b>	– Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1, 9-13; Matthew 11:11-15
<b>Fri.</b>	– Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19
<b>Sat.</b>	– Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9-13

## AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Dec. 9 - 2:00 pm	Sacred Heart Church
Dec. 10 - 6:30 pm	St. Joseph, Springfield
Dec. 10 - 7:00 pm	Church of the Little Flower
Dec. 16 - 2:00 pm	Cathedral of the Imm Concep.
Dec. 16 - 2:00 pm	St. Francis Cabrini
Dec. 16 - 4:30 pm	St. James, Riverton
Dec. 18 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
Dec. 20 - 7:00 pm	St. Jude

## “Friends” Christmas Gifts

This weekend and next we will be collecting the “Friends” gifts. You may drop them off at the Parish Center before or after any of the weekend masses. Gifts and food baskets may also be dropped off at the Parish Office anytime during office hours. Thank you for your generosity and true Christmas Spirit!

## Youth Caroling Night



The junior-high and high school youth of St. Jude are invited to share their musical talents for a night of Christmas Caroling on **Friday, Dec. 21st**. We'll meet at the parish center at

**4:30pm**, perform at Wyndcrest Assisted Living Facility at **5:30pm**, and go caroling at neighborhood homes. Hot beverages, food and a Christmas movie will follow to end the evening. Bring your instruments, voices, and Santa hats.

## St. Jude Annual Youth Christmas Program

The St Jude Children's Choir and high-school youth musicians will present their Christmas program “Some Children See Him” on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the parish center. The highlight of the evening will be a musical tribute to the movie “The Polar Express”.



Used Toys and Games Drive

**The High School Walkin' the Talk Class** is collecting used toys and games for this holiday season for those children less fortunate. Please help, by cleaning out those closets and bedrooms

before Christmas and donating to this worthwhile cause. There are also collecting coats, gloves and socks. Collection boxes are at the parish center.

### Walkin' the Talk Invitation

This Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 a.m. mass, Vicki Compton, Director for the Office of the Missions will speak to the group about her recent trip to Angola in Africa and will offer a spectacular personal witness of the challenges our brothers and sisters face. She will also discuss the awesome work of Catholic Relief Services and speak of the power of the institutional church at work as it continues to cultivate charity, justice and life-long relationships with the people of Angola. We're also preparing for our final outing on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mission Outreach Center when we tour this amazing facility and then help sort hospital & hygiene supplies that will be shipped overseas. ADULTS are welcome for both experiences so consider making your Advent more meaningful by learning how we as church minister to those in need. If you would like to join us, *contact Dan when you stop in at mass this Sunday or call after 8:00 a.m.*

### Retirement Fund for Religious

The average Catholic sister, brother, or order priest remains in active ministry until age 74. Today 37,870 women and men religious are past age 70 and need our help with the current high cost of living and healthcare. Please be generous.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Breakfast

Several area girls would like to sponsor a needy family for Christmas and they need your help! The girls will be serving a **Christmas Spirit Breakfast** at the Sangamo Surf Club, 405 E. Lake Shore Dr., from **8 am until noon, next Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**. Menu includes all-you-can-eat Pancakes & Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, Juice, Milk and Coffee. The girls will take the money they earn and go shopping for their adopted family.

The girls include: Brooke Pasley, **Erin Mileham**, Molly Churchill, Samantha Ward, **Taylor McDermott**, **Rylee Alewelt**, **Danielle Mileham**, Hannah Turley and Amanda Johnson. They started out helping 1 family a year. With everyone's help and generosity they were able to help 4 families last year.

**Home(s) needed** for 3 used bicycles, 1 boy's and 2 girls. The boy's and 1 girl's bike are for ages around 6-8 and the other girl's bike for ages 9-10. If you are interested please contact Ed Eck, parishioner.

### Aluminum Recycling

It has recently been brought to our attention that some individuals are placing recyclables, other than aluminum, behind the shed. This place is only for aluminum which various parishioners have volunteered to take to the recycling center monthly.

**St. John's Hospital – Third Age Living** is a senior adult ministry which promotes health education and community volunteer services for local seniors. The following are the upcoming events for seniors 55 and older.

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| Dec. 11 | 10AM Caregiver Interfaith Volunteer orientation to assist seniors, including transportation to doctors offices, errands, respite and minor home repair. |
| Dec. 12 | 1 – 4 PM, Ask the Pharmacist – Brown Bag Medication Review  |
| Dec. 12 | 10 – 11AM, Incontinence in Women  |
| Dec. 19 | 10 – 11AM, Restless Leg Syndrome  |

To register for these events call 544-6464, ext 47756.

**Together**, they have walked around the world and now they need you. Help **Memorial's Redcoats** create great experiences for the patients and their families. These men find that Memorial Medical Center is a great place to volunteer. They are provided with training, flexible schedules, walking in an indoor atmosphere, and a complimentary meal with every shift worked. The results are GREAT for everyone involved. For more information, call Memorial's volunteer Office at 788-3352.

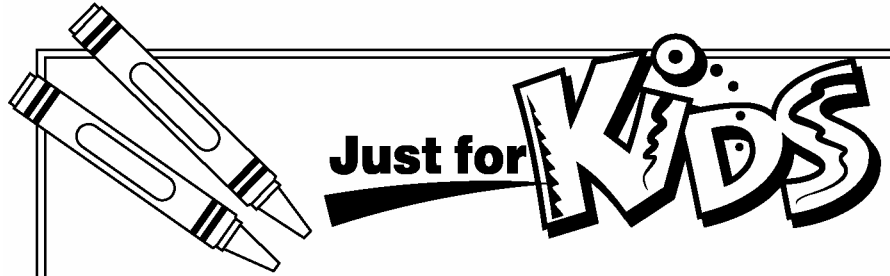
### SHG Placement Test for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

All eighth graders are invited to Sacred Heart-Griffin on Saturday, December 15 from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. for the Placement Test for incoming freshmen. Students should enter through the circle drive entrance at 1200 W. Washington and bring the \$10 exam fee, two #2 pencils and a calculator. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Information on tuition, financial aid and scholarships will be available for parents from 8:30-9:30 a.m. For more information, call the SHG school office at 787-1595.

### Pictorial Directory

The following families, who had their pictures taken, have not picked up their copy of the pictorial directory: Apke, Beals, Becker, Biggerstaff, Brewer, Brinkman, Churchill, Cray, Crouch, Curry, Dorman, Duban, Duesterhaus, Dwyer, Farris, Gardner, Gleason, Gragert, Green, Kinner, Kratochvil, Lacy, Martindale, Matrisch, Meadows, Noller, Runions, Sandercock, Sator, Tarr, J Vose. They may be picked up in the parish office Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 5:00pm.



## The Birth of Jesus Foretold

The prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. Isaiah knew that Jesus would be called a peacemaker, but that He would also be called by other names.

Use the code to find out what Isaiah said Jesus would be called.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Isaiah 9:6, NIV

Answer: And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### Bible Quiz

Two of the four New Testament Gospels tell in some detail about Jesus' birth. The other two do not. Choose which two Gospels give the Christmas account:

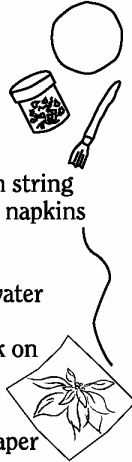
- A. Matthew and Mark
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. Luke and John

### Make Christmas Ornaments

Make Christmas ornaments for your tree or to give as gifts.

Materials you need:

- ★ a Styrofoam ball
- ★ glitter
- ★ white craft glue
- ★ a small art brush
- ★ fishing line or thin string
- ★ decorative holiday napkins
- ★ scissors
- ★ large paper-clip
- ★ small amount of water
- ★ small paper cup
- ★ newspaper to work on



Directions:

1. Lay out the newspaper to cover your work area.
2. Open a napkin all the way and cut out the design.
3. Put some glue in the paper cup and mix in a few drops of water to thin it. Use the brush to stir.
4. Spread some of the thin glue on one half of the ball.
5. Place the napkin's design (face out) on the glued half of the ball. Press gently to smooth.
6. Carefully brush glue over the picture.
7. Repeat on the other side of the ball.
8. Roll the ball in the glitter.
9. Let dry completely.
10. Use the paper-clip to drill a hole through the ball.
11. Thread the fishing line or string through the hole and tie the ends to make a big loop.

