

Notes from Fr. Dean



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The first Sunday of Advent begins the New Year in our Liturgy. Following Christ the King Sunday at the end time, we begin anew with the preparing of our hearts for the coming of our Savior at the end

time....and if not this year, the remembrance of His coming in time as an infant which we celebrate on Christmas. Isaiah prophesized asking God to return to his people and Jesus tells us to "Be watchful!" and "Be alert!" Let us use the Advent Season to prepare ourselves for the coming glory of God.

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

Next Saturday evening, on December 6, following the 5:30 pm Mass, children will be on the Alert and Watching for the "Jolly O" St. Nicholas to make an appearance in the Parish Center. Plan to attend the party. The 2009 Mission Trip group will be sponsoring a Pasta Dinner (\$7 for adults, \$3 for children with maximum \$25/family). The Christian Formation Commission has a family activity for the Advent preparation season and following the story of St. Nicholas, we hope to see the Jolly O Santa Claus himself! Please call the parish office to RSVP. Thanks.

PARENTS BAPTISMAL PREPARATION Class will be held **11 am Saturday, December 6**. If you are expecting a child or have a child to be baptized, please register (call 498-9197) to attend.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS

On December 8, at the 6:00 pm Holy Day Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, parents who are expecting a child will be given a special blessing and preparation prayer kit.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Our parish will be hosting a Penance Service on Monday, December 15 at 6:30 pm. Several other area priests will be here to assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. As one child told her parents, "Don't you want your heart to clean for Jesus at Christmas?"

God bless you during this Advent Season.
Fr. Dean



Please pray for healing and comfort for:

John Hermes (brother of Jan Catalano)

Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)

Tom Rebbe (Dave & Tess Riedle's brother-in-law)

Mary Beth Vetter (Teri Dambacher's sister)

(Note: Names will remain on the active prayer list for three weeks unless a request is made to extend it for an additional three weeks.)



Join us as we celebrate the **FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS** on Saturday

December 6th, after the 5:30pm Mass, in the Parish Center. A Pasta Dinner sponsored by the Mission Trip 2009 (\$7 Adult, \$3 Child, \$25 Family) will be available, along with activities for all ages, a special story followed by a surprise visitor. For planning

purposes please sign-up on the bulletin board.

LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Nov 24 – Nov 30

Mon. Mary Ann Egizio

Tue. Deborah King

Wed. Herta Duban

Thu. St. Martin dePorres (Jones)

Fri. Ev Deimel

Sat. Presney Family

Sun. \$35 Kay Foster

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Arnish, Brinkman, Carel, Duesterhaus-2, Eicholz, Gartner, Ginter, Hendrickson, Kimberlin, T Londrigan, Noller, Parnell, Potter, Roland, Schmit, Schultz, Zaffiri

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Dec. 1 6:30p St. Joseph Church, Springfield

Dec. 8 6:30p Church of the Little Flower

Dec. 14 2:00p St. Aloysius

Dec. 14 2:30p St. Katherine Drexel
Cathedral at Sacred Heart

Dec. 14 4:00p St. Francis Cabrini

Dec. 15 6:30p St. Jude

Dec. 16 6:30p St. Joseph, Chatham

Dec. 17 7:00p Blessed Sacrament and
Christ the King at Blessed Sacrament

Dec. 21 2:00p St. John Vianney, Sherman

4:00p St. James, Riverton

Tune in to **Catholic radio on AM 1410 WIHM**, where you will hear special programs during the season of Advent and Christmas, along with the daily Holy Mass, devotions, Catechetics, live call-in shows, and much more. For a program schedule and free CD please call 1-314- 752-7000 or toll-free 1-877-305-1234.

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – December 6-7

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Lower/McMinn/Deacon Tom	Brown/J & N Calvert	Kerley/Riedle/Van Dyke
Lector	Auxier/Day	Palumbo/Newman	Garland/Garcia
Hospitality	P & J Jones/J & D Kratz	Campbell & Crouch Families	Schoedel Family
Servers	E & C McMinn/Freveletti	Brown/ A & M Lafferty	D & M Lindstrom/Marx
Mass Coordinator	Monica Lower	Brenda & Brian Will	Emma Van Dyke

Church Dusters for the week of December 1: Suzann Segatto and Mary & John Fox

Art & Environment for next weekend: Jan Catalano & Rita Williams

Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Pete Gegen, Frances Tomashavich, Christine Cornett

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 29 Sat	5:30 p	Rita Kade-Griffen †
Nov 30 Sun	8:00 a	Clarence Calvert †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Dec 01 Mon	8:00 a	All Souls †
Dec 02 Tue	6:45 a	Liv & Dec'd Mbrs of Parish†
Dec 03 Wed	8:00 a	Jenny Pouh †
Dec 04 Thu	6:45 a	Agnes Reilly †
Dec 05 Fri	8:00 a	Tony Krager †
Dec 06 Sat	5:30 p	Rose Beeve †
Dec 07 Sun	8:00 a	Catholic War Veterans †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Monday – December 1

9:00 a Collection Counting Team 4 (Deimel, Benson, Egizio, Peters)

7:00 p Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday – December 2

7:00 p Building Committee Mtg.

Wednesday – December 3

5:00 p Children's Choir Practice

6:30 p PSR Classes

6:30 p RCIA

7:45 p Adult Choir Practice

Saturday – December 6

11:00 a Pre-Jordan Baptismal Class

6:30 p Pasta Dinner (Mission Trip Fundraiser)
Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration

Sunday – December 7

9:10 a PSR Classes

6:30 p HS Electives

OUR GIFT TO GOD

Fiscal Year 7/1/08 – 6/30/09

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$111,542.20	\$ 5,348.27
Electronic Funds	\$ 19,573.00	\$ 0.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 7,240.00	\$ 100.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,072.00	\$ 0.00
Poor Fund	\$ 669.85	\$ 36.93

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

Cleaning the basement - Being nice - I put my clothes away without being asked - Played with my brother AJ.
Giving clothes to the poor people - Helping my friends

Stewardship Message

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holyday of Obligation

December 8

Mass - 6:45 a.m. and 6:00pm

Father will be offering a blessing for all expectant mothers (fathers included) at the 6:00pm Mass.

This Weeks Daily Readings

Sun. - Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Mon. - Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tue. - Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wed. - Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thur. - Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri. - Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sat. - Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5-8

Sun. - Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Advertiser of the Week

BERRY FERTILIZER

Rodney Tarr, Manager

PLEASE NOTE! *Sam's Too Pizza* has been purchased by Kyle & Melinda Mayes, and is now known as **RAZZO'S FAMILY PIZZERIA**. Melinda said they will continue to honor the Merchant Discount Cards sold by the Mission Trip 2009 Group, and hope to see many of us soon at this locally owned family pizzeria!