

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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December 28, 2008

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am

Monday – Saturday 7:30 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday after 7:30 am Mass & 3:30-4:00

Confessions heard in church; other times by appointment

EVENING PRAYER DAILY WITH BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAYS

5:15 *in the Adoration Chapel*

Contact the Parish Office to join the parish, to arrange for a wedding (6 months in advance), and for Baptism class information.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call.

December 28, 2008 Feast of the Holy Family

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the long-standing member of our parish who donated the new Nativity set for use in church. It replaced a set which has been used for many decades, has weathered the time with several chips and dents, has been repainted and now finds a new home elsewhere in the parish buildings. I am sure the beautiful new manger scene will be a frequent stop for your family during this holy season. Again, thanks to our generous donor. A further thank you to everyone who showered us with so many wishes and gifts. It's over-whelming to witness the generous spirit of Blessed Sacrament Parish, right within our own parish, and reaching outward to those in the community and the world who ask for little and need so much. God bless your generosity.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wed, Dec 31

5:15 pm +Michael Tighe

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Pat & Riley Campbell

Readers: Scott Doberstein, Marian Pavela

Petitions:

Eucharist: Caryl Doberstein, Bernice Lansing, Denis Kuennan,
Karen & Gaylord Perry, Cheryl Horvath

Offering family: Kevin & Mary Ann Campbell

Thurs, Jan 1

8:00 +Pat Peterson

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Sam Scheidt

Readers: Betty Nelson, Ruth Vanderploeg

Petitions:

Eucharist: Mary Ann Bradley, Mary Ritter, Joe & Carol Melde

Offering family:

10:00 +Cleo Downey Kroner

MC: Jason Hutzler

Servers: Joey Francksen, Zach Hutzler

Readers: Bob Kelemen

Petitions:

Eucharist: Walt & Jean Susdorf, Mary Ellen Robertson

Offering family: Carl & Eenie Francksen

If you can offer your services at any of these Masses, please give us a call at 782-2953, ext. 3.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK December 29, 2008 – January 4, 2009

This week's reader: Steve Pavela

Communion Minister: Dick Meyer

Mon, Dec 29 5th Day in Octave of Christmas,

Thomas Becket

7:30 **+Dick Graff**

Servers: Bill Chamberlain

Tues, Dec 30 6th Day in Octave of Christmas

7:30 **+Dr. E. J. Schneeberger**

Servers: Pete Fiorini

Wed, Dec 31 7th Day in Octave of Christmas,

Sylvester I

7:30 **+Bob Weiske**

Servers: Jason Hutzler

Thurs, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Fri, Jan 2 Stephen

7:30 **+David Manske**

Servers: Hannah Nelson, Maria Franke

Sat, Jan 3 John

7:30 **+Dolores Jensen**

Servers: Evan Dolan, Eliza Skemp

2:00 Nuptials Beth Reinhart & Jacob Gale

Epiphany of the Lord

Sat, Jan 3

4:30 +Ann Austin

MC: Pete Fiorini

Servers: Claire Craig, Monica Kachel, Cassondra Steele

Readers: Dave & MaryJo Reinders

Petitions: Caroline Kroner

Eucharist: Cheryl & Tom Horvath, Ann & Tom Gees,
Marilyn Holland

Ushers: Harlan Wills, Tony Flottmeyer, Allan Fukuda, David
Sweeney

Offering family: Kim & Julie Boudreau

Sun, Jan 4

8:00 For the People of the Parish

MC: Mike Vanderploeg

Servers: Tim & John Brennan, Sam Steingraeber, Matthew
Brannon

Readers: Joe Durst, Lu Ann Kratt

Petitions: Maggie Clements

Eucharist: Helen Flynn, Pat Lyga, Jean Kachel, Kathleen
Hanson, Lance Olson

Ushers: Adolph Szymkowiak, Bill Chamberlain, Bob Kachel,
Thomas Keil

Offering family: David & Rita Herlitzke

10:00 +Bernice Oliver

MC: Jason Hutzler

Servers: Jim Kroner, Gene Kolaczowski, Kathy Hancock,
Craig Sallander, Nick Nicks

Readers: Dave Weinberger, Kris Gerke

Petitions: Claire Donskey

Eucharist: Deb Gilkes, Mike Hartley, Larry Lee, Jeff & Sandy
Reinhart

Ushers: Tom Oney, Terry Felt, Al Klein, John Honeck

Offering family: The Scouts

AROUND THE PARISH

WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING

Tues, Jan 6, 6:00 pm
Parish Center

The officers will supply dinner. All are asked to bring a food item for an area food pantry. Ladies, this is your chance to come together, bring your creative ideas to the table, and share a special time with friends, old and new. Call a friend to join you. (This is rescheduled from Dec 16)

MASS TIMES

Mary, Mother of God (January 1) Masses
Dec 31: 5:15 pm
Jan 1: 8:00 & 10:00 am

CHILDREN, TAKE NOTE

Next Sunday, Jan 4

*Food collection Sunday (first Sun of the month)
Bring non-perishables to Mass. You will be invited to bring them forward at the time of the Offertory.*

CATHOLIC BASICS

Answering a need brought to my attention – the need to refresh and perhaps update the principles of our Catholic Faith – I invite all high school age and older Catholics to join me for 4 sessions I call “Catholic Basics.” We will meet in the Parish Center between the Sunday Masses, 9:00 to about 9:45. The first session will be Sun, Jan 18. Our Confirmation Candidates are required to attend, as this is good preparation for their entering into “adult” membership in the Church. Their sponsors and parents are encouraged to come, also. Please mark your calendar and join us all as we deepen our understanding and love of the great Faith we share. Father Olson

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-10
Wed, Dec 31

PARISH SUPPORT

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Needed each week: \$17,400.00

Received 12/21: \$20,006.00

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God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called.

COMING UP

Dec 28 Parish Caroling Party & chili lunch, 11-1:00
Dec 31 5:15 pm Mass for holy day
Jan 1 Masses at 8 & 10 am for holy day
Jan 2 Parish Office Closed
Jan 4 Parish Rosary & potluck brunch, 11 am
Jan 6 Women's Club dinner meeting, 6 pm
Jan 17 Mardi Gras Ball
Jan 18 Catholic Basic, 9:00-9:45, Parish Center
Jan 19 – 25 Our week for Mobile Meals
Jan 26 Men's Club, 7 pm
Feb 15 Enchanted Evening, *something very special*

MUSIC NOTES

ADULT CHOIR NO practice Jan 1. Practices will resume Jan 8, and the choir will sing on Jan 11.

TEEN CHOIR will sing at the 10:00 am Mass on Jan 4.

\$crip News

Our \$crip volunteers need to put their feet up – your purchase and use of \$crip has been phenomenal! We are closing out some inventory. Could you use any of these? Build-a-Bear (\$25 cards); Shell gas (\$25 cards); Maurice's (\$20 card). We now have a phone line dedicated to \$crip, extention 6 at 782-2953. Call during office business hours to talk to a \$crip volunteer, place your order, find out about the hundreds of \$crip businesses (hotels, cruise lines, 1-800-FLOWERS, hair solons, car rental, to name a few) or give us your suggestions. If you place your order before noon on Friday, you can pick it up at the \$crip desk in the Narthex before or after a weekend Mass. And, in case you have a bit of time to offer, we'd love to have your help for even a few hours.

REST IN PEACE

Charles Swinghammer

Georgina Meyers
mother of Pat Gerke

Parish Office closed January 2

LOST AND FOUND

LOCATED IN THE PARISH OFFICE. THE SELECTION OF SINGLE MITTENS AND GLOVES IS GROWING DAILY.

POINSETTIAS IN CHURCH

DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

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