

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS

+ MASS INTENTIONS – HOLY ROSARY +

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS
 + 8:00 AM † Nick & Norma Dickrell
 + 10:30 AM † Charlie Kraus
MONDAY DECEMBER 26
 8:30 AM No Liturgy of the Word or Rosary
TUESDAY DECEMBER 27
 8:15 AM Rosary
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28
 8:15 AM Rosary
THURSDAY DECEMBER 29
 8:15 AM Rosary
FRIDAY DECEMBER 30
 8:15 AM † Myrtle Sabel
SATURDAY DECEMBER 31
 + 4:00 PM Woelfel & Halbach Families
SUNDAY JANUARY 1 – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 + 10:30 AM † Norma Pfister, Leona & Roman Pfister and
 Florence & Leo Keller



+ CALENDAR OF EVENTS - HOLY ROSARY +

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 Christmas Day Masses-8:00 & 10:30 AM, Church
MONDAY DECEMBER 26
 Choir Practice-6:30 PM, Church
TUESDAY DECEMBER 27
 Divine Savior Board of Trustee Mtg-6:30 PM, Parish Life Center
 Youth ROCK'S Ski Trip
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28
 No Rel Ed
THURSDAY DECEMBER 29
 Marian Devotions-1:00 PM, Church
SUNDAY JANUARY 1
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

+ MASS INTENTIONS - ST. ANN +

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE
 + 4:00 PM † Melvin Kraus
SUNDAY DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS
 + 8:00 AM † Betty Schnell
SUNDAY JANUARY 1 – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 + 8:00 AM † Robert & Wilfrid Turba

+ denotes Mass with communion under both species

+ CALENDAR OF EVENTS - ST. ANN +

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24
 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – 4:00 PM
SUNDAY DECEMBER 25
 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 8:00 AM
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28
 Rosary & Litany-8:00 AM
 Liturgy of the Word with Communion-8:30 AM
 No RE Classes
SUNDAY JANUARY 1
 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God-8:00 AM Mass

COLLECTION REPORT - HOLY ROSARY

Church Support Needed Each Week: \$ 5,480.77
 For week ending December 18, 2011-
 Church Support Envelopes: \$ 6,708.95
 Sunday Loose Offering: \$ 350.62
 Building & Grounds Collection: \$ 537.49
 Religious Retirement Envelopes: \$ 450.00
 Christmas Flower Envelopes: \$ 30.00
 Youth Envelopes: \$ 7.25

COLLECTION REPORT - ST. ANN

For Sunday, December 19, 2011-
 Church Support Envelopes: \$ 3,487.00
 Loose Offering: \$ 128.82
 Building & Grounds Collection: \$ 258.26

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – January 1

1st Reading – Numbers 6:22-27
 2nd Reading – Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel – Luke 2:16-21

Join us next week as our readings' focus is: "We each have a part to play in making peace a greater reality in the world." Next week's Solemnity reminds us that Mary is the Mother of God, as she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God and Prince of Peace. Mindful of this, let us renew our commitment to fostering peace in our homes, local communities and places of work. If we truly want a more peaceful world, we must each do our part.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER LINE

Holy Rosary

Dianna Dyer 898-4982
 Rita Greuel 898-5213



FRIENDS IN PRAYER

St. Ann

Donna Schmitz 894-7153
 Valeria Kempf 894-2370

CHRISTMAS LOVE ALL YEAR:

As many of you know, a few weeks ago I went to Haiti with an organization called "Food For the Poor." You will hear more about that in a future homily. However I would like you to take this time in the spirit of Christmas giving to think about sending a gift to a family of a third-world nation. There are catalogs on the counter in the north wing of church by the Human Concerns bulletin board which have different ideas for this giving through "Food For the Poor." You could send 20 chicks for \$25, or \$20 could buy a bag of rice & beans to feed 200 people. Prayerfully look through the gift catalog and share the idea with family or friends. Then listen to what the Holy Spirit encourages you to do.

Deacon Pat

MARIAN DEVOTIONS – at Holy Rosary – December 22

1:00 PM – 15 Decade Rosary followed by Litany & Chaplet
 2:30 PM - Communion Service

Prayer Intention – In thanksgiving for the time that has been, in hope for the time that is to come, let us pray through the intercession of Mary the Mother of God

We pray in union with the morning Mass offered by Fr. Cletus LaMere in Milwaukee for the intention of the prayer group. All are welcome and encouraged to come and pray.

MASS INTENTIONS

In recent years, our parishes have not been able to receive as many Mass intentions as before. However, there are other options for you to remember your deceased loved ones through a Mass intention. Many retired priests in our diocese, as well as priests in mission areas, would be happy to pray for your intention at Masses they pray. You may contact the parish office to make these arrangements. The offering/stipend for a Mass is \$10.

Cup o' Joe

Weekly Reflections by Joseph Zenk, Parish Director

I want you to think for just a moment and name for me the number one attribute of a Christian. Someone who is loving? Patient? Morally upstanding? A Minnesota Viking fan? Well, at least three out of those four are really good answers. I'm not so sure about patience. But what about joy? Where was that among your list?

Paul, in his Letter to the Galatians (5:22) writes that the fruit of the Spirit (meaning the way we know the Spirit is within us and thus, a believer and a Christian) is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. In other words, to live as a Christian in our world, joy is the quality second only to love that helps show who we are.

So what is joy? Well, first of all let's talk about what it is not. Joy is different than happiness. It is more than enjoying a good joke or a wonderful meal. Joy is not pleasure. It is not a smile on our face at all times and it is not momentary. And while all of the above are good, they are separate and distinct from joy.

Rather, joy is an attitude of the heart. Joy can happen in the midst of a wonderful afternoon spent with loved ones just as easily as it can happen in the midst of hurt, chaos and suffering. Joy is the certainty – not the hope, not the wish, but the certainty – that we are loved at such a deep level by our God that we can never shake Him loose from us. Joy is the sure and certain belief that our God is for us and not against us. Joy helps keep our head up regardless of the circumstances of our life.

Brothers and sisters, today of all days let your hearts and minds and being be filled with that sure and certain hope that our God truly indeed is with us. It is the very meaning of the name Emmanuel...God With Us! If our God was not scared off because of an unwed mother, a Roman occupation, a worldwide census and the chaos of a stable, why on earth would we think He would be loathe to come today? The incarnation we celebrate today happens right here, right now within each of us...right in the stables of our hearts. Just sit with that and allow it to fill you with a sure and certain joy.

May our voices join with the heavenly choir on this feast of Christmas as we sing "Joy to the world! The Lord has come!" Merry Christmas!

Feeding from the Cow's Trough

*By: Kristina M. DeNeve
Evangelization and Welcoming Director
Diocese of Green Bay*

The image of Jesus in the manger has really struck me this Christmas season. A manger is a trough, a feeding bin for animals in the stable. From the beginning of Jesus' human life, his deepest desire is feed us, to nourish us, to transform us.

A Bible Christian recently told me, "I don't think Catholics really believe Jesus is present in Communion like I believe about the Bible. Because if they did, they would be tripping over themselves to come to Mass every day!"

She makes a good point. Jesus wants to give himself to us. Fully and completely in all our life experiences and in all five senses, from nature to songs on the radio to rare moments of quiet. Our faith, however, teaches us that we are nourished most thoroughly when we gather with other Catholic Christians to let the Word of God AND the Body of Christ change us.

Unlike consuming a Big Mac, God's nourishment changes us, transforms us into our truest selves. We become ever more the person we eat. We don't consume, we become.

NOTES FROM OUR PARISH DIRECTOR:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the Christ child find a humble home within you and your loved ones this Christmas! And may the glory of the Lord shine all about you. Thanks for being such a blessing to this community of faith and the people of this area. Joy to the World! The Lord has come!

JOE OUT OF THE OFFICE

Joe will be taking the week off between Christmas and New Years and will be out of the office. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please direct them to Deacon Pat. He can be reached through the parish offices.

LINKED PRAYER & WORSHIP MEETING

The next meeting of the Linked Prayer and Worship Committee will be on Tuesday, January 3 beginning at 5:30 at St. Ann (in their hall under the worship space). We will begin as one group and split into our own individual parish committees following our joint items.

BLESSING DURING EUCHARIST

The altar table is at the very center of every Catholic Church because it is the sign of our unity. As the song reminds us, all are welcome in this place. And while some are unable to partake of the Eucharist (for whatever reason), all are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing – young and old alike. So if you would like to receive a blessing (or have your children receive), simply come forward with your arms folded across your chest - this will let the Eucharistic Minister know your intent. Then simply receive the blessing of God and this community.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

This year, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, falls on a weekend (similar to Christmas this year). Therefore, the Feast of the Holy Family – usually celebrated the weekend following Christmas – will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 30. Mary, the Mother of God, will be celebrated at our weekend liturgies (4:00 Saturday at Holy Rosary, 8:00 Sunday at St. Ann & 10:30 Sunday at Holy Rosary).

HOLY ROSARY BULLETIN BOARDS

You may have noticed that our bulletin boards look a bit differently this weekend. Recently, Joe Zenk and Pat Knier went throughout the building and, in an effort to make the entryways less cluttered and more organized, assigned different bulletin boards to different ministries within our church.

* The south entry way bulletin boards are designated for meeting minutes (parish council, finance council and board of trustees) and for any spiritual opportunities in our area (retreat centers, pilgrimages, etc.)

* The north entry way bulletin boards are designated for Human Concerns (St. Vincent de Paul, grief support groups, food pantries, etc) and for Divine Savior School.

* The main entry way (to the west of the church) bulletin boards are designated for Religious Ed & Youth Ministry; for vocations and for any area happenings within and around our community. Our hope is that this makes it easier to find particular happenings going on within and around our parish. Should you have any comments or questions regarding this action, please see Joe or Pat. Thank you.

WISHING YOU A VERY,
MERRY CHRISTMAS

HOLY ROSARY PARISH NEWS

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to the holidays, there will be no Liturgy of the Word on Monday, December 26 or Monday, January 2.

The Parish Office will be closed all day on Monday and Tuesday afternoon, December 26 & 27 and Monday, January 2. Merry Christmas!

MINISTER SCHEDULES

for January and February are available in the altar servers' side of the sacristy for you to pick up.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

The IRS requires all charitable tax deductible contributions for 2011 to be received by December 31 to be eligible for the deduction. Because the weekend of December 31/January 1 falls on a Saturday/Sunday this year, we are required by the IRS to record the weekend collections separately. So contributions received in the Saturday, December 31 offertory collection will be recorded for 2011 and all contributions received in the Sunday, January 1 offertory collection will be recorded in 2012. Any contributions post marked no later than December 31 will also be recorded in 2011. We thank you for any and all contributions, but please make note of this IRS regulation if you still wish to make a 2011 tax deductible contribution.

LOOKING FOR A TAX DEDUCTION FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2011?

We, the Endowment Committee would appreciate your donation to the Holy Rosary Educational Endowment Fund to help support our Parish Education Programs and you would get your deduction. If you need more information you may contact the Parish Office or John Leibham at 898-4928.

'SPRING INTO CASH' RAFFLE

The 2012 'Spring Into Cash' Raffle is underway. We thank you for your past support and we hope we can count on you again. Tickets are available in the main wing of church this weekend for you to pick up. Additional tickets are also available for anyone hoping to sell a few extras. This fundraiser is a major part of our fundraising budget, so thank you in advance for your support.

SCRIP

Merry Christmas everyone and may God bless you and your family! Thank you for all your patronage this year. Scrip is not available this weekend because of the Holiday, but will be in church for the weekend Masses December 31, 2011-January 1, 2012. Scrip is available during the week and at M&I Bank during their regular bank hours. Happy Holidays!

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS-

NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

All of the Religious Ed. Staff would like to wish you a wonderful and Spirit-filled Christmas! We pray that the Lord's blessings will be upon each of you as we share the wonderful news of Christ's Birth. No class on January 4, due to our Catechist's In-Service. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 11 with our speaker, Fr. Daniel Schuster, Vocations' Director from the diocese. Parents are invited to attend. Students in Grades 1-8 should meet in church at 6:00 pm. Students in Grades 9-11 should meet in church at 7:30 pm. Happy New Year!

THANK YOU TO MY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOLUNTEERS

who have been assisting with our Religious Education Program on Wednesday evenings as Hall Monitors. Since we needed Hall Monitors for the safety of our students, these gentlemen have come to our aid by willingly and lovingly helping with any tasks that may arise. I truly appreciate their dedication of helping with setting up tables and chairs and continuing to monitor our hallways while our classes are in session. Thank you to the

parents also assisting as Hall Monitors making my job a little easier on these evenings. God Bless You!

Carla Nennig, Religious Education Coordinator

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

with our Christmas Cookie, Candy, and Greeting Card Sale. A huge thank you to the students and their parents who helped in making, baking, and packaging these delicious goodies. Thank you to Jenny Sippel who wrapped our packages so beautifully. Thank you to Sue for making our colorful labels. The remaining unsold packages of goodies were purchased by a parishioner and will go to the families of the Food Pantry. Finally, thank you to all who joined us in singing Christmas Carols at the nursing homes on Saturday. This is always an excellent community service event because it is enjoyed by all the residents. God Bless You and Merry Christmas!

Carla Nennig, Youth Minister

VITAL YOUTH MINISTRY PLANNING TEAM

invites all parish members to continue to pray for the Youth of our parish and community during this blessed month of December.

Dear Lord, during this Advent Season, may your Spirit of wisdom fill the earth and teach us Your ways to bring the truth to their eager minds. Every beat of our heart, every thought in our head, every word from our mouth comes from You. Help us, to grow in our faith by listening to Your word. Give us the courage this Advent to accept and share the gift of life through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Forgive us for those times when we get so caught up in the busyness of our days that we fail to recognize Your presence in our midst. Give us the courage to pause from time to time. Prepare our hearts, O Lord, so that we may be open to receiving the gifts of peace, joy, and hope as we anticipate Your birth this Christmas. Amen.

HOLY ROSARY LITURGY MINISTERS		
December 31-January 1		
	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
SERVERS	Nick Williams Nathan Hansmann Logan Lisowe	Alix Cash Skyler Feuerstein Brittany Wagner
USHERS -N -M -S	John Hemauer +Al Berenz Rich Greuel	Sara Luebke +Bill Atkinson Nathaniel Wiley
GREETERS-N -M -S	John Hemauer Al Berenz Rich & Chris Greuel	Kennedy Steiner Bill & Ashley Atkinson Rhonda Roepke
HOST	Pat Geigel Paul Kapellen	Mary Hoerth Carol Jacobson
WINE	Ron Karrels Jean Baldwin Laura Geigel Florence Bartman	Rhonda Roepke Mary Schwartz Marilyn Steffen Mike Steffen
LECTOR	Christy Schmitz	Dennis Kabat
CANTOR	Meg Feider	Adult Choir
ORGANIST	Ann Arbuckle	Vic Guckeisen



ST. ANN PARISH NEWS

FUNERAL

Please remember in your prayers, Lucille "Toots" Lodes and her family. Her funeral was Friday, December 16. May she rest in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder to parishioners that all contributions must be received at the parish office by noon on December 30, to be recorded and deposited in order to be tax deductible for 2011. The parish office will be closed on Saturday, December 31 and there will not be a Mass here on the 31st. Payment made on Sunday, January 1, will count as 2012 contributions. Thank you to everyone who supports St. Ann Parish with your contributions.

POINSETTIA MEMORY TREE

Thank you to everyone who made a donation in memory of a loved one for the Poinsettia Memory Tree. The plants are yours to take after January 8 to enjoy at home.

ORNAMENT TREE PRIZES

The prize inventory for the ornament tree is getting depleted. When you are shopping and notice clearance items on sale, consider purchasing them for tree prizes at the spring or fall dinners. Items that go over well are toys, school supplies, stuffed animals, hygiene items (soap, Chap Stick, tissues, toothbrushes, etc.), towels, holiday decorations, ceramic dishes, mugs and figurines. Thanks!

ROSARY & LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the winter months, the Rosary and Liturgy of the Word with communion will be celebrated in the Parish Center on Wednesday morning's beginning at 8:00 AM.

JANUARY CALENDAR AND NEWSLETTER

Please e-mail, call, or leave a message at the parish office with information to be included in the January calendar & newsletter by Monday, December 26. The January calendar will be included with next week's bulletin and the newsletter will be mailed to parishioners in early January with contribution statements.

SCRIP

Gift cards and certificates can be purchased after Sunday Mass in the gathering room, by calling Jayne Engel at 894-3904 or at Citizens Bank in Kiel during business hours.

ST. ANN LITURGY MINISTERS – January 1

	8:00 AM
Greeters	Dean Winkel Family
Lector	Julie Schoenborn
Host & Wine	Dave & Sherry Winkel, Jane Stephani
Servers	Tyler & Brett Schmitz
Ushers	Jeff Brandt, Dean Winkel
Gift Bearers	Turba Family



DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

The Christmas season goes by many names, one of my favorites is the Season of Lights. By the time you read this we will already be adding time to our daylight having past the Winter Solstice. The darkness of Winter begins to slip away a little more each day as the sun begins its journey back to the northern sky.

In the mean time we enjoy the beautiful colored lights that adorn our homes both inside and out. Ornate and massive decorating serve no purpose beyond making the statement that this season is unique and special from any other time of year. The strings of lights around the house have no practical function, nor do the ones in the trees or shrubs. We don't need to have them there, and the tiny light from candles in windows offer little or no real benefit.

While most of our days are consumed with things we have to do, at this time of year we do what we want to do and that's what makes it so refreshingly different. Yes, there is shopping and cooking and cleaning over and above our normal routine but isn't it nice to be abnormal now and then. So what if your house looks like a carnival ride, maybe you have a few too many reindeer in your yard and that plastic snowman is starting to look a little shabby. . . it's Christmas.

In the midst of all the wonderful craziness there are opportunities for moments of profound reflection. Maybe you catch yourself staring into the dancing flames of the fireplace or the twinkling lights on the tree unexpectedly lost in thought. A private smile formed by fond memories of holiday's past can surprise you and sitting at the table with your family all around, you might feel how precious this moment is as you gaze at each face. Such powerful images form more readily in the rare glow of the Season of Lights when a single candle becomes a symbol of hope and the faces of children and angels merge to reflect a simple innocence.

These magic moments are God's gift to us at Christmas, open them slowly and please remember to say thank you.

God Bless you and your family,
G Stepanek

MORE AREA HAPPENINGS

New Years Blood Drive: It's the season for giving. St. Peter's U.C.C., 424 Fremont, Kiel, is hosting a blood drive on Sat. Dec.31, 7:30a.m.-11:30a.m. Call 894-7179 for an appointment but walk-ins are welcomed.

Transforming the World through Reverence

Consider coming to Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center, Appleton, WI: a sacred place where people find God in a quiet and prayerful atmosphere. Weekend, mid-week and one day retreats are offered on the 2012 theme of "Transforming the World through Reverence: Meeting Life with a Franciscan Outlook" as well as other special retreats. Private times for reflection can also be scheduled. Contact Monte Alverno, 920-733-8526 or email montealverno@juno.com for dates. Information also on website, www.montealverno.org. God is always here for you.

CARS FOR HELP, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, is working to strengthen individual churches and various Catholic charities through vehicle donations. The process is fast, easy, and requires just a phone call or visit to our website. If you would like to donate a vehicle in any condition, even severely broken or crashed, or just have questions, please call us directly at (630)595-9272. You can also donate your vehicle at www.CarForHelp.com. With mention of this bulletin, 25% of your vehicle donation proceeds will go directly to Holy Rosary or St. Ann Church.