

**The Weekly Mass Schedule/Calendar
December 5 through December 13, 2009**

12/05/09, Saturday

4:00PM Mass for Lana Sullentrop

12/06/09, Sunday

9:00AM Mass for Lawrence & Anna Brand

10:30AM RCIA- Baptism & Confirmation-Sandy Haas

(11:00AM Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul, Cole Camp)

7:00PM Life Teen

12/07/09, Monday Vigil

6:00PM Vigil Mass for The Luetjen Family

12/08/09, Tuesday, Holy Day

9:00AM Mass for Dorothy Staker

9:30AM Bible Study

12/09/09, Wednesday

(10:00AM Mass and pastoral duties in Cole Camp)

1:00PM Mass for all living and deceased members of the Altar & Rosary Society

1:30PM Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

3:30PM Rainbow Colors & Edge Youth Programs

7:30PM Knights of Columbus programs

12/10/09, Thursday

No Mass

7:00PM Communal Penance Service

12/11/09, Friday

8:30AM Mass for Jane Zelinski

12/12/09, Saturday

4:00PM Mass for Marian Risse

12/13/09, Sunday

9:00AM Mass for Jack Comer

10:30AM RCIA-

(11:00AM Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul, Cole Camp)

1:00PM Parish Christmas Dinner

7:00PM Life Teen

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Let us pray for: George Sullivan, Ed Hoyer, Fred & Mary Pepple, Bill Weaver, Francis Mulich, Minnie Goffinett, Bob Cross, George Wise, Leroy Risse, ...and all who suffer physically and mentally.

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Communal Penance Service

“Prepare, for He is coming” St. Ann's Communal Penance Service is set for Thursday, December 10 at 7:00PM.

Diocesan Survey

In March of 2009 Bishop John R. Gaydos initiated a process for diocesan planning. The goal of the planning is to identify three to five priorities/goals to pursue in the next several years. The process is designed to build on the recommendations of the 1996 Diocesan Assembly by looking at our existing strengths and identifying challenges that lie ahead. From this, goals and specific actions will be developed to move us into a future filled with hope and grace.

The process set forth in the spring of 2009 involves seeking input from those at all levels of parish life. If you wish to participate in the planning by responding to a survey, you may go to the Diocesan website www.diojeffcity.org and click onto the survey. You are asked to respond by Dec. 18, 2009.

Thanks for your participation and may you have a blessed Advent.

Sister Kathleen Wegman, SSND
Mr. Ron Vessell, Associate

Servers Schedule

Monday, December 7, Vigil

6:00PM Volunteers

Tuesday, December 8, Holy Day

9:00AM Volunteers

Saturday, December 12, 2009

4:00PM Dallas & Austin Larsen

Sunday, December 13, 2009

9:00AM Jessica Hansen & Madelyn Burkhart

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Collection for November 29 = \$2,078.00

Bring the kids and the kid in you... because Santa Claus is coming to St. Ann's Parish

Christmas Dinner The Altar & Rosary Society will once again host St. Ann's Parish Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 13 beginning at 1:00PM. The ladies are providing **all of the food** and just ask that you come to enjoy the “Christmas Spirit” with your family and your church family.

Bible Study Tuesday at 9:30AM, “Mysteries of the Rosary and Scripture”. Gene Kelly, Ted Swift and Carol Daniels will be assisting with this new Little Rock Bible Study course.

Urgent USCCB Memorandum “Congress continues to debate health care reform legislation. While the U.S. House passed a health care bill that prevents the federal government from funding elective abortions, the U.S. Bishops remain deeply concerned about Senate action, especially as it will affect abortion funding, conscience rights, affordability for the poor and vulnerable, and accessibility for immigrants.

In your bulletins today, you'll find a newly updated bulletin insert from the U.S. Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your Senators immediately and urge them to address these moral issues. The bulletin insert includes a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.”

Dipping the Host into the Chalice The 2004 instruction from the Congregation for Divine Worship says directly: “The communicant must not be permitted to intinct the host himself in the chalice, nor to receive the intincted host in the hand. (Paragraph 104)” Only Bishops and Priests are permitted to self-administer Communion. Fr. Keith understands that people are Dipping the Host into the Chalice and wishes it to stop. It is bad theology: we do not take Christ for ourselves in Communion, we must receive Him from another in obedience to Christ’s command to Serve One Another. The Eucharistic Ministers have been instructed in strong terms not to allow anyone to dip the Host into the Chalice. If you wish to receive Communion by Intinction, please give your Host to the Cup Minister and they will give you Communion by Intinction as permitted by Church Law. If you have any questions, please ask Fr. Keith.

Driver needed for Wednesday Youth Programs beginning in January...As you know, the children are picked up at the North School for our Wednesday Youth programs. We need another volunteer driver to help. This task will only take about 1 hour for 3 weeks each month through May. Please call the Office 438-3844. We need you!

Notes from Fr. Keith, 12/6/2009

This is a season for generosity, and to be mindful of those in need. Our parishes have done a lot in the past year to reach out to the poor through local charities, but a lot of that outreach has come through a local charity you may not be aware of.

It's the St. Joseph's Table: a fund supported by both St. Ann and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes, expressly for helping those who come by the office. We help people with utilities, rent and prescriptions out of this fund, and this is above and beyond what other local charities such as Warm House provide. It receives funds from the Altar and Rosary Society's St. Joseph's Table, which is held every March, contributions from Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Council, a grant from Orschlen's, and individual contributions.

This year has been a busy one for the St. Joseph's Table: we have helped 201 people with \$9751 worth of aid. This is up from last year when we helped 133 people with around \$6500. We do not help anyone more than once every 6 months, and as you can see, most people average around \$50 per time.

Thanks for your help with our local assistance fund, the St. Joseph's Table, and if you are looking for ways to help those in need, please remember this fund as well as the other charities you contribute to.