

**The Weekly Mass Schedule/Calendar
December 12 through December 20, 2009**

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

12/14/09, Monday

No Mass

12/15/09, Tuesday,

9:00AM Communion Service

9:00AM Bible Study

12/16/09, Wednesday

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

3:30PM Rainbow Colors & Edge Youth Programs

12/17/09, Thursday

No Mass

12/18/09, Friday

8:30AM Living Mass for Christina Trefz Venable

12/19/09, Saturday

4:00PM Mass for Margaret & Bob Jacober

12/20/09, Sunday

9:00AM Mass for St. Ann & Sts. Peter & Paul Parishes

10:30AM RCIA- Penance & Reconciliation- DVD

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

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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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Knights of Columbus Christmas Day Dinner

The Knights of Columbus are inviting one and all to join them for Christmas Dinner, December 25. Serving begins at 11:00AM. *If you could bake a pie or two and drop them off that morning it would be appreciated.*

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!

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

Saturday, December 19, 2009

4:00PM Ryan & Amber Gillham

Sunday, December 20, 2009

9:00AM Kaci Cooner & Blake Brodersen

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Collection for December 6 = \$ 3,850.00

Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

St. Ann's Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

Goal: \$3,343 Pledges to date: \$3,105 = 93%

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, this 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.

The new St. Ann T-Shirts and Sweatshirts will be available at the Christmas Dinner and at the Religious Articles Counter!

Christmas Gifts at the Religious Articles Counter

Please consider shopping at the Religious Articles Counter for your Christmas gifts.

Help keep our church safe and clean

Please remember to make sure that the lights have been shut off and doors are locked, (especially the double doors from the parish hall) after church functions.

Parents, please remember to let your children know that the statues and wheelchairs are not toys and that games such as 'Hide & Seek' are outside games here.

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.

Notes from Fr. Keith, 12/13/2009

We are in the midst of a very sentimental season. There's nothing especially wrong with that, we all get sentimental from time to time, and this season tends to call to mind all the Decembers we have known before. Like the holiday song says: "Faithful friends who are dear to us/Gather near to us once more." However, it's important to remember the difference between Sentimentality and Spirituality, for the Spirituality of this season has something powerful to offer us every year as well.

Sentimentality looks inward, makes us feel good about ourselves, focuses our attention on the past as pattern for the future. Spirituality looks outward, makes us aware of other's feelings, focuses our attention on how the future needs to be different from the past. Sentimentality can be about a diet of comfort food, Spirituality is about a healthy, well balanced diet. Sentimentality is about snuggling at home under a warm blanket, Spirituality is about having good winter ware to work in. Both are part of our lives, but confusing Sentimentality with Spirituality is dangerous, because it locks us into ourselves rather than opens us up to God.

The Spirituality of Advent is profound as it looks scene we're all familiar with. It honors the fantastic gift of the past, but uses it to look at how the Baby became the Man, how the Man was God-with-us, and how God-with-us calls us to live and to make ready for His return, both in how we shape our interior lives, and how we offer ourselves to Him as gift to serve the coming transformation of the World.