

**The Weekly Mass Schedule/Calendar
December 19 through December 27, 2009**

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)

12/21/09, Monday

No Mass

12/22/09, Tuesday,

9:00AM Jo Sullivan

12/23/09, Wednesday

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

12/24/09, Thursday, Christmas Eve

4:00PM Mass for Stella Carrol

(7:00PM Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul, Cole Camp)

Midnight Mass (12:00PM) for Betty Tromblay

12/25/09, Friday, Christmas Day

9:00AM Mass for Alois Zelinski

12/26/09, Saturday

4:00PM Mass for Paul Benton

12/27/09, Sunday

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

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

12/31/09, Thursday, New Year's Eve

4:00PM Mass (St. Ann) John Hirsch

6:00PM Mass (Sts. Peter & Paul, Cole Camp)

1/01/10, Friday, New Year's Day

9:00AM Mass (St. Ann) Jarmilla Oseka

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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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Thank you Ladies of the Altar & Rosary Society for cooking the wonderful Parish Christmas Dinner. The ladies served 140 last weekend! We want to thank SANTA (Bob Cross) for making an appearance also!

Congratulations to Mary Taylor who won the Nativity Set. \$163.00 was raised for Birthright of Sedalia!!

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!

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.

Servers Schedule

Thursday, December 24

4:00PM Volunteers

Midnight Mass Kaci & Joey Cooner

Friday, December 25

9:00AM Volunteers

Saturday, December 26, 2009

4:00PM Andrew Hardey & Ryan Gillham

Sunday, December 27, 2009

9:00AM Dallas & Austin Larsen

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Collection for December 13= \$ 4,354.21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth.

The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

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 south double doors, down from the classrooms, in 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.

Stewarding our Treasure, Tax-free IRA

distributions by Jane Rutter (Diocese of Jeff

City) Legislation that allows tax-free distributions to charities through individual retirement accounts (IRA) will remain in effect until Dec. 31, 2009. This can be a win/win for donors, parishes and the Catholic Diocese of Jefferson City. The law allows tax-free distributions of up to \$100,000 per year to tax-exempt organizations.

Here is how it works. Upon reaching the age of 70 1/2, donors may direct a tax-free distribution from their traditional or Roth IRA. The gift must be made directly from the trustee of the IRA to the charity, for example, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Although there is no charitable deduction allowed, there is also no income tax paid on the IRA distribution.

This has been a popular way for people to make year-end gifts to their parish and to the diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal. This provision actually reduces the cost of making a gift to the appeal by eliminating the income tax on an IRA distribution.

As always, you should consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice.

IRA distribution requirements:

*Donor must be 70 1/2 years old or older

*No charitable income-tax deduction, however distribution is tax-free

*Qualifies as minimum distribution from your IRA

*Can give up to \$100,000 gifts must be made by 12/31/09

*Gift must be made directly from IRA trustee to charity.

*Applies to both traditional and Roth IRAs

Notes from Fr. Keith, 12/20/2009

Are we sure we're ready?

–The trees are up

–The gifts are bought

–The lights are lit

Are we sure we're ready?

–The dates are marked

–The plans are made

–The food's in the fridge

Are we sure we're ready?

Ready to be different?

Ready to live another way?

Ready to change our thinking

not just for today, but the rest of our lives?

Are we sure we're ready

to let a small, vulnerable child

remake us from the inside out?

Ready to let our priorities be rewritten?

Ready to take up hope beyond hope

when we've given up hope long ago?

Ready to be foolish instead of wise,

and stubbornly stay that way?

Ready to be a people of peace

in the face of conflict?

Are we sure we're ready?
