

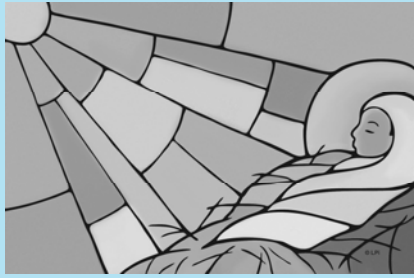
ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 25, 2011 NATIVITY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 1, 2012 OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



*"For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for
you who is Christ and Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find an infant wrapped
in swaddling clothes and
lying in a manger."*

Luke 2:11-12

Victim Assistance Coordinator to Report Abuse:
Alicia Owens
Phone: 563/349-5002

**Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—3:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 Noon
Bulletin Deadline Monday, 12:00 Noon

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Prayer and Mass Schedule

Tuesdays — Fridays: Mass 8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

Sacraments

8 months in advance preparation is needed for marriage. Please call the office for assistance.

St. Ann Staff

Msgr. Drake Shafer, Pastor
Sally Schulz, Director of Music Ministries
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Donna Metcalf, Secretary
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Parish Council

Paul Hayungs, President
Kelly Cole, Vice President
Matt Wilson, Secretary
Bryan Arensdorff
Bill Bolton
Bill Briggs
Marc Carlson

Jeremiah Costello
Katie Lane (student)
Nancy Lane
Julie Newell
Rita Pacha
Diana Vollbeer
Drew Wilson (student)

Committee Chairs

Building and Grounds

Scott Youngbauer

Church Life/Family Life

Bryan Arensdorff

Liturgy

Jeremiah Costello

Stewardship

Bill Briggs

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Joe Ragona

Faith Formation

Kelly Cole

Social Action

Kurt Miller

Guild

Celeste Murphy

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Jerry Noel.....285-8162
Mary Ann Curran.....285-8739

Randy Siemen.....285-4389
Msgr. Drake Shafer.....285-4596
Lolita Dierickx.....285-7242
Julie Newell.....285-6498



MASS INTENTIONS

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12/24 Sat	Cindy Nagle	4:00 PM
12/24 Sun	People of the Parish	9:30 PM
12/25 Sun	John VenHorst	9:00 AM
12/27 Tue	Rosemary Kennedy	11:30 AM
12/28 Wed	Robert Koch	11:30 AM
12/29 Thu	Aurelia Lerch	11:30 AM
12/30 Fri	Thomas K. Kelley	11:30 AM
12/31 Sat	Lavern Noel	4:00 PM
1/1 Sun	Veronica Ranson	9:00 AM
1/3 Tue	Living & Deceased Guild Members	8:30 AM
1/4 Wed	Dorothy Brothy	8:30 AM
1/5 Thu	Dolores Gould	8:30 AM
1/6 Fri	James & Mary Claire Frazer	8:30 AM
1/7 Sat	Virginia Leese	4:00 PM
1/8 Sun	People of the Parish	8:00 AM
1/8 Sun	Merlin Cox	10:30 AM

FINANCES

PARISH INCOME NEEDS:

Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011	\$532,500
Projected income divided by 52 weeks =	\$10,240
Average Weekly Operating Needs	\$10,240
Received 12/18	Not available

Office Closings for Christmas & New Year's

The office will be closed from Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2. Office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3. **Have a happy holiday season with your loved ones.**

2012 Calendars are Available

The calendars are available and are located in front of the church office. Please help yourself!

Do you have or know of a need for prayer

If so, call one of our Prayer Support Line representatives: Vicki Gall at 285-4142 or Mary Lou Byrd at 285-6811.

Readings for the weekend of December 25

Isaiah 9:1-6, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Readings for the weekend of January 1

Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

Reading for the weekend of January 8

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Upcoming Meetings at St. Ann

Guild meeting on Tuesday, January 3 at 9:15 AM

Admin meeting on Thursday, January 5 at 9:15 AM

Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 PM

K of C meeting on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 PM

Young Couples Group Outing

The Young Couples Group will meet on Saturday, January 28 to bowl at the Black Hawk Hotel Bowling Alley from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$45 per lane (8 persons per lane). After bowling they will go to the Barrel House Bar & Grill for dinner and drinks. If you would like to join this group you can contact Bryan & Abby Arensdorff at 340-6321 or by email at abarendorff@netins.net or Jeremiah & Sarah Costello at 210-3977 or email at slcostello99@gmail.com by Saturday January 21.

Thank You

A big thank you goes to all the adults and high school students who helped decorate the church for the Christmas holiday. Many hands made the work go a lot faster. If you would like to bring your family and/or friends over to see how beautiful the church has been decorated for the holidays the church will be open from Christmas Eve until January 1. The hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

December 31 & January 1

4:00— Tom VanDeVelde, Dave Curlott, Inez Tobin, Bernie Leach, Rita & Carroll Vis, Glenn Leach, Pat Limberg

9:00— Bev Heintz, Ken Heintz, Jennie McKenna, Joe & Teresa Hintze, Rita Pacha, Kathy Clasen, Mary Beth Madden,

January 7 & 8

4:00— Judy Shipman, Susan Ramirez, Nancy Shannon, Arnie & Mary Wieser, Karen Wyatt, Pat & Lora Dierickx

8:00— Ken Heintz, Bev, Heintz, Jennie McKenna, Joe & Teresa Hintze, Rita Pacha, Kathy Clasen, Mary Beth Madden

10:30— Mike Hawley, Vard Margulio, Kelly Cole, Tom & Vicki Gall, Randy Scheetz, Becca Scott, Jennifer Hawley



Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

The purpose of the CEW weekend is to strengthen and enrich your relationship with God. The weekend provides a special time and place away from the busy routine of daily living, where a true Christian community can develop in a variety of ways. The women's weekend will be held January 20-22 and the men's will be held February 10-12. If you have any questions, please call Judy Shipman, (women's director) at 285-5391 or Paul Hayungs (men's director) at 260-4136. Brochures are available on the kiosk display in the commons area.

Food for the Poor

Food for the Poor will be here the weekend of January 7 & 8. Rev. Lawrence Bower will speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Bower will share what he has witnessed about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Parish Meetings, Faith Formation Classes and Masses

Just another reminder that the norm is that when there is an **early out** or **cancellation** of classes due to weather, Faith Formation classes are cancelled. The same procedure will be followed for any meetings which would occur on a day when the school is cancelled or released early due to weather conditions. We are not always able to have the parking lots and/or the sidewalks cleared sufficiently to make it safe for cars and members to enter the building safely. This can become an insurance issue for the parish and it is recommended that we use every precaution that can be made.



The Adult Corner

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass at Midnight (December 25)

Gospel Reading:

Luke 2:1-14: Jesus is born in a manger in Bethlehem as the angel appears to the shepherds.

Family Connection: Christmas has come to be associated as a season of peace. This association and our familiarity with the Christmas story sometimes make us forget about the difficult circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. As a family, gather around your nativity and carefully read Luke's story of Jesus' birth, Luke 2:1-14. Recall that the manger you see in the nativity set is not in a house, but a stable. The animals you see might have been noisy and may even have smelled unpleasant. Joseph and Mary were far from home in a city that was crowded and under the occupation of foreigners. The shepherds may have been unclean from their time in the fields. Invite each family member to say one thing about the Christmas story that makes an impression upon them.

Conclude by praying together for people in today's world who may experience circumstances like those found in the story of Jesus' birth. Pray for those who are far from home, those who live in fear, those who live in need. Sing together one or more Christmas hymns, such as "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" or "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Octave of Christmas Mary, The Holy Mother of God (January 1, 2012)

Gospel Reading:

Luke 2:16-21: The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

Family Connection: In today's Gospel, we learn that Mary honored her commitment to God by naming her child *Jesus*, the name given to him by the angel Gabriel. In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph is told to name the child *Jesus* because he will save the people. The name *Jesus* means "God saves." Even in his name, Jesus announces the mission he came to accomplish. Your family might use today's feast as an opportunity to talk about names. Reflect together on the name of each member of the family. What does each name mean? Why was each person so named? Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:16-21. Recall that the name Jesus means "God saves." Think about how Jesus fulfilled the mission that his name suggests. Pray as a family that each family member will fulfill their mission to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whom we find our salvation. Pray for Mary's help by praying together the Hail Mary or singing together, "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly."

YOUTH MINISTRY

[St. Ann's Youth Ministry](#) is on facebook! Add [Stan Longgrove](#) as your friend to be updated on all the latest Youth Ministry news!

There will be no Faith Formation on Wednesday, December 28 or January 4. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 11.

The Marguerite Ritzinger Scholarship

The application for the Marguerite Ritzinger Scholarship is available on the diocesan website at Davenportdiocese.org. Click on Chancery, then Finance, Library and you should see the Ritzinger Scholarship application. It is due February 1, 2012 the same date as last year. The committee plans to give \$1000 scholarships to Catholic students who will be college freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors in fall 2012. We will be accepting application forms any time between now and February 1st. We ask for the application, an essay, a copy of a high school or college transcript, and two reference letters all in one package. Last year we assisted students throughout the diocese with \$20,000 in scholarship money.

The Teens Encounter Christ retreat will be held February 18-20 at St. Ann's. TEC is a three-day retreat focusing on the Paschal Mystery. It is for youth in grades 11 & 12 and college freshman. For more information contact Pat Finan at 641-842-5148 or finan@davenportdiocese.org.

False Self Film Festival

These two films will be held at Holy Family Parish offices located at Pleasant & Marquette Street. The film will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8. Popcorn and soft drinks will be served.

Silent Saturday

These are half day silent mini retreats. Two Centering Prayer sessions, a silent break and closing with Lectio Divina. This will be held on Saturday, January 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Humility of Mary Center, 820 Central Park Ave.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation, Grades Pre-K - 6

There will be no Faith Formation on Sunday, December 25 & January 1. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8..

Upcoming Event at Our Lady of the Prairie

Thresholds & New Beginnings will be held beginning Friday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. and end Sunday, January 8 at noon. Step over into a whole new life, be changed, be freed, and see from a fresh and new perspective. This is an invitation to a new beginning! Cost for 2 overnights and all meals is \$200. For more information call 374-1092.

Christmas Tree Tags

St. Ann's would like to thank everybody who took a Christmas tree tag from the tree and returned it. There were 307 tags on the tree and every gift was returned. Again thanks to all who have given so generously this holiday season.



K of C Breakfast

Keep the date open for the next K of C Breakfast on Sunday, January 15. More details in an upcoming bulletin.

W e l c o m e

DON'T GET LOST! If you're new in our area or just have not taken the time to register, please fill in the form, drop it in the mail or the collection basket or bring it to the church office. **GOOD FEELING TO BELONG!**

If you are moving out of our parish or have a change of address, please fill in the form also, so we can keep our census listings accurate. Many thanks...

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PHONE: _____

NEW _____ MOVING _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: _____

WELCOMING INFORMATION: _____

PREFERRED CONTACT HOURS: _____

MASS PREFERENCE TIME: _____