

ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 23, 2007 · FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 30, 2007 · FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Readings & Question for Dec. 23



Reading I: The virgin shall bear a son and shall name Him Emmanuel.

Reading II: Through Christ, we have received the grace of apostleship.

Gospel: The birth of Jesus is told.

Adult: What does "God with us" mean to you?

Children: What can you do in these last two days to get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth?

Readings & Question for Dec. 30



Reading I: Honor your father and mother.

Reading II: Let Christ's peace rule your hearts.

Gospel: Joseph moves his family to Egypt.

Adult: What does honor your parents mean to you as an adult?

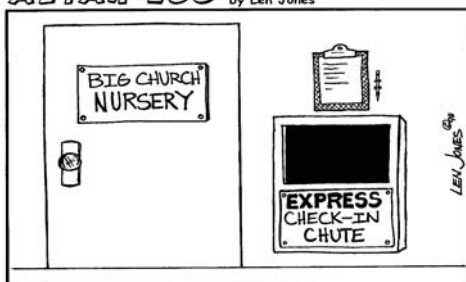
Children: How will you honor your parents?

Victim Assistance Coordinator to Report Abuse:

Alicia Owens

Phone: 563/349-5002

ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



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

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Prayer and Mass Schedule

Mondays: Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

Tuesdays – Fridays: Mass

8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Sacraments

Advance preparation is needed for marriage and baptism. Please call the office for assistance.

St. Ann Staff

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Parish Council

Kelly Greenleaf, President

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Dave Sheridan

Jeff VanDeCastelee

Noreen Warren

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Scott Youngbauer

Finance

Joe Ragona

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Melissa Brimeyer

Faith Formation

Maggie Liske

Liturgy

Joanna Riedel

Social Action

Kurt Miller

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Parish Nurse

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Administrative Management Team

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Jerry Noel.....285-8162

Fr. Thomas Parlette.....285-4596



MASS INTENTIONS

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12/22 Sat	Daniel Nagle	5:15 PM
12/23 Sun	Norbert Shannon	8:00 AM
12/23 Sun	People of the Parish	10:30 AM
12/24 M	Cindy Nagle	5:15 PM
12/24 M	People of the Parish	8:30 PM
12/25 T	Mary Schwarz	9:00 AM
12/26 W	Elijah Brock	8:30 AM
12/29 Sat	Mike Lillis	5:15 PM
12/30 Sun	People of the Parish	8:00 AM
12/30 Sun	Phyllis Shannon	10:30 AM
12/31 M	Jim Tobin	4:00 PM
1/1 T	Veronica Ranson	9:00 AM
1/2 W	Mary Fort	8:30 AM
1/3 Th	Butch & Kristin Weaver	8:30 AM
1/4 F	Rosalie Johnson	8:30 AM
1/5 Sat	Ralph Wulf	5:15 PM
1/6 Sun	Bob Claeys	8:00 AM
1/6 Sun	People of the Parish	10:30 AM

Readings for the weekend of December 23:

Isaiah 7:10 – 14, 10; Romans 1:1 – 7; Matthew 1:18 – 24

Readings for the weekend of December 30:

Sirach 3:2 – 6, 12 – 14; Colossians 3:12 – 21; Matthew 2:13 – 15, 19 – 23

Readings for the weekend of January 6:

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

Upcoming Meetings at St. Ann

Admin Management on Thursdays at 9:15 AM

Staff Meeting on January 3 at 1:00 PM

Guild Meeting on January 8 at 9:00 AM

Parish Council on January 8 at 7:00 PM

Liturgy Meeting on January 15 at 7:00 PM

Finance Meeting on January 21 at 7:00 PM



North Scott Food Pantry News

Our Pantry is full thanks to the generosity of the North Scott community, and we are now in a position to purchase food at reduced cost from the River Bend Food Bank. The December need is prayer in thanks for the generosity of the North Scott community and prayer for families in need of the support of the Food Pantry. The Pantry will be closed Friday, December 14 for the disbursement of the Christmas baskets at Cornerstone Baptist. Other dates of closing are December 18, 21, 25, and January 1. After January 1st, the regular schedule of Tuesdays and Fridays will resume. Dates of closing are posted on the Pantry's door.

From the Parish Nurse Office

This month is good hand washing and safe toys month. For more tips please see your parish nurse or the nurse's bulletin board. Here are some Winter safety tips from MVRBC: 1. Wear Proper Footwear 2. Prompt Snow & Ice Removal (Salt & Sand) 3. Stay on Paths 4. Grip Railings 5. Use 3 "Points of Contact" - Both feet on the ground - one hand on the rail. 6. Do the Penguin Walk: Lean forward slightly, Bend knees slightly, Take small, shuffling steps! Keep both feet in contact with the ground! 7. Eat fish! (optional) 8. Footwear is important!

Your feet are the only part of you in contact with the floor (unless you have fallen!) The type of shoe you wear can really affect how you can prevent falls. High heels are stylish-but can contribute to falls in many situations. So can platforms. In winter, wear low heels or wear boots or athletic shoes in to work, then change. Boots work where conditions require a sturdy, slip-resistant shoe. Wear slip resistant soles. Wear shoes that provide good support. Shoes should also be comfortable. By following these simple tips, you are more likely not to fall during this winter season. Thanks and stay safe!!

Katherine Kinmonth RN Parish Nurse

Olivewood Handcrafted Art from Holy Land

Representatives will be at St. Ann January 19 – 20 with art and carvings for purchase. Money is used to support the Christian community in the Holy Land and to preserve the Christian presence there.

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULES

Mon., Dec. 24: 5:15 PM Christmas Eve Mass with Children's Pageant
8:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Music Program at 8:00 PM)

Tues., Dec. 25: 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Mon., Dec. 31: 4:00 PM New Year's Eve Mass

Tues., Jan. 1: 9:00 AM New Year's Day Mass



FINANCES

PARISH INCOME NEEDS:

Average Weekly Operating Needs \$ 6,878

Average Weekly Depreciation Needs \$ 1,642

Average Weekly Tithing Needs \$ 577

Total Weekly Average Needed \$9,097

Received 12/16/07 **total unavailable**

Office Closings for Christmas & New Year

The office will be closed the week of Christmas: December 24 – 28. We will also be closed on New Year's Day: Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

Secretary says Goodbye

Erika Mildred, our secretary, has accepted a full-time job offer and so will be leaving us mid-January, 2008. She has loved her time here with us! We thank her for partnering with us in our ministry at St. Ann and wish her all the best at her new job.



2008 Calendars are Available

They're located in the commons. Please help yourself!

Volunteer Opportunities

1. An elderly parishioner at Grand Haven needs rides to the 10:30 Mass on Sundays during inclement weather. If you are able to provide this ministry, please contact the church office.
2. Church decorating for Christmas will take place after the 10:30 Mass on December 23. Please call the church office and leave your name and phone number if you can help.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hawkeye Basketball - We're going to an Iowa Men's Basketball Game on Wednesday, January 16. Tickets are \$10 for teens, and \$15 for adults. Adult drivers - you're free! We plan to leave St. Ann at 4:30 PM and return around 9 PM. Permission forms are on the kiosk and available at youth group. Please note there is a January 9 deadline because tickets must be ordered in advance.

Mission 2008 - We will begin meeting as a team after January 1. The dates are June 14-21, 2008, to return to New Orleans to help Catholic Charities in rebuilding efforts. Our team is complete. If you are interested in participating, we will take your name in case someone drops out.

Looking ahead.....Important Dates for High School Youth Ministry

January 16 - Iowa Bball game (more info to come!)

February 16-18 - TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Diocesan retreat for juniors and seniors at St. Joe's in DeWitt

MONEY MATTERS

Cut-off for Yearly Contributions is December 31
To comply with IRS regulations, the cut-off date for contributions for 2007 is December 31, 2007. All contributions must be received by the office by this date. In the past, we had been more lenient with a cut-off date, but with the tightening of accounting guidelines, we are forced to cut-off all contributions on the last day of 2007. Anything that is **received** after December 31, 2007 will be credited to 2008. Again, the contribution must be **received** in the office no later than December 31. Checks or envelopes postdated December 31 but not received until January 1 or later will be posted to 2008. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Memorial Money Given

\$330 was given to St. Ann in memory of Jean Carlin by family and friends. \$375 was given in memory of Phyllis Shannon.

ADA Goal Almost Reached!

Our current total is \$52,489 from 196 families. We only need \$4,247 more to meet our goal for this year. Please consider helping! This would be the first time in over two decades that we could meet our ADA goal from pledges! Let's reach 100%! And, a big thank you to all who have pledged so far!

Altar Server Schedule

Christmas Eve: December 24 (5:15 PM and 8:30 PM)

- 5:15 — Jacob & Megan Sikorski, Arthur Behnke, Abbie Gray, Ashlyn Vasold
8:30 — David Zimmer, Patrick Schwartzhoff

Christmas Day: December 25 (9:00 AM)

- 9:00 — Allie Spickermann, Andrew Owings

December 29 — 30, 2007

- 5:15 — Nikki Schwarz
8:00 — Brett Ferkel, Patrick Schwartzhoff
10:30 — Chuck Weaver

January 5 — 6, 2008

- 5:15 — Laura Hebbeln, Michael Haas
8:00 — Stephen Owings, Rachel Zimmer
10:30 — Justin Hoerner, Chuck Weaver, Helena LaCorte



Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Christmas Eve: December 24 (5:15 PM and 8:30 PM)

- 5:15 — Sheryl Empke, Ken & Bev Heintz, Ken & Virginia Kelly, Tim Lane, Jeff Liske, Ann Mohr, Carroll & Rita Vis, Karen Wyatt
8:30 — Judy Horsfield, Barry & Linda Lahann, Lois Nagle, Jerry & Connie Noel, Nancy Shannon, Dave & Betty Zimmer

Christmas Day: December 25 (9:00 AM)

- 9:00 — Tom & Kathy Arensdorf, Darlene Finnegan, Joe & Mary Gross, Chris & Kathy Henningsen, Jan Sebastian

December 29 — 30, 2007

- 5:15 — Deb Hanson, Ken & Bev Heintz, Ken Kelly, Rita Pacha, Carroll & Rita Vis, Karen Wyatt
8:00 — Joe & Mary Gross, Chris & Kathy Henningsen, Ann Mohr, Jan Sebastian, Jim Zimmer, Mike Zimmer
10:30 — Lonnie Behnke, Rob Borelli, Bill Briggs, Carol Farrey, Sheila Hermsen, Tim Lane, Maggie Liske, Rita Pacha, Candy Reed, Rebecca Scott

New Year's Eve: December 31 (4:00 PM)

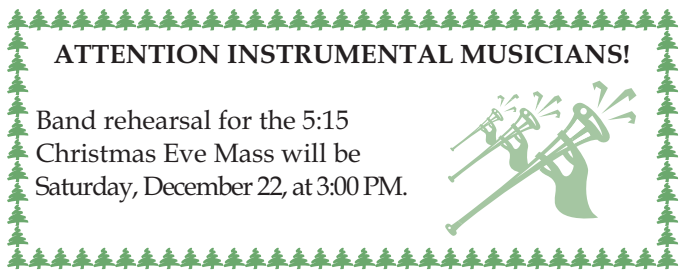
- 4:00 — Bill Briggs, Sheryl Empke, Tom & Vicki Gall, Deb Hanson, Paul & Joanna Riedel, Tom VanDeVelde

New Year's Day: January 1 (9:00 AM)

- 9:00 — Lonnie Behnke, Joe & Teresa Hintze, Judy Horsfield, Lois Nagle, Jerry Noel, Dave Zimmer

January 5 — 6, 2008

- 5:15 — Joseph Empke, Sheryl Empke, Darlene Finnegan, Kelly Greenleaf, Mike McKenna, Brian Murphy, Tom VanDeVelde
8:00 — Kristen Baker, Joe & Teresa Hintze, Judy Horsfield, Barry & Linda Lahann, Kelsey Schwager,
10:30 — Bob Braden, Kelly Cole, Paul & Jayne Direickx, Robert Gray, Sharon Helm, Tim Lane, Maggie Liske



ATTENTION INSTRUMENTAL MUSICIANS!

Band rehearsal for the 5:15 Christmas Eve Mass will be Saturday, December 22, at 3:00 PM.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sacramental workshop for Eucharist candidates will be Sunday, January 20 from 9:00 to 10:15 AM in the Day Chapel. The workshop is for the candidates and their parents. The Rite of Acceptance will take place during the 10:30 Mass following this workshop. Please plan for candidates, families, and sponsors to attend the Liturgy. Please remind sponsors to come at 10:00 AM to the Day Chapel so that we may discuss each person's role in this Ritual.

Are you a good organizer? Have you helped in the CEW kitchen? We are looking for help with organizing the meals for one or more Households of Faith meals. This is a one-time commitment to serve about 150 people. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Maggie at 285-4596.

The Households of Faith team is searching for a volunteer to staff the nursery during the Wed. evening sessions. If you are willing to help with one or more of the 4 remaining sessions, please call Ann or Maggie.

Any adults interested in helping with the 4th & 5th grade Lock-in (Feb. 29/March 1) please contact Maggie. In order to spend the night with the participants, all adults must have attended the "Protecting God's Children Workshop" and had a background check run. Therefore, please plan ahead if you have not taken care of this diocesan business.

A special note of gratitude to all of you who helped with the Angel gift project this year. We were able to provide 118 gifts to the foster kids of Scott County and 239 to the North Scott Food Pantry. This is only possible because of your overwhelming generosity during this holy season.

Junior High sessions will resume in the New Year on January 9 at 7:00 PM.



Acting for Justice

"Peace"

December 23 & 30, 2007

December 23:

The dove is the symbol for peace. During these final days of Advent, as you are preparing for the coming of Christ, take a few quiet moments to pray for peace. Complete the "Peace Dove" sent home in the *Households of Faith* home packet; write your prayer for peace on the dove, cut out the dove, attach a ribbon, and return your completed dove to the tree in the commons of the church.

If you did not receive a prayer dove, simply cut a dove from white paper and complete the project.

The Congregation of the Humility of Mary Sisters have a special Mass for Peace every Wednesday at 11:40 AM. The Mass is celebrated in the Magnificat Chapel at the Humility of Mary Center, 820 West Central Park Ave., Davenport. The Sisters invite the general public to pray with them for peace and non-violence in the world every week. People of all faiths are welcome.

December 30:

Tomorrow is the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Place a world globe in a central place in your home. Decorate the globe with symbols of peace, such as a candle and a bible. Gather around the globe to pray for peace in the world.

Pray this simple prayer together:

Before me peaceful
 Behind me peaceful
 Under me peaceful
 Over me peaceful
 Around me peaceful. (Navajo Peace Prayer)

OR... (*Breastplate of St. Francis*)

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: _____