

# ST. ANN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### DECEMBER 9, 2007 · SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Readings & Question for the Week



**Reading I:** A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse.

**Reading II:** Think in harmony with one another.

**Gospel:** John the Baptist preaches about the coming of Christ.

**Adult:** How will you "prepare the way of the Lord" this week?

**Children:** What will you do this week to get ready for the birth of Jesus?

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

#### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 8:00 AM–3:00 PM  
Friday 8:00 AM–12:00 Noon  
Normal 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

Fr. Thomas Parlette, Pastor  
Page Grubb, Director of Music Ministries  
Mary Gross, Office Manager/Bookkeeper  
Erika Mildred, Secretary  
Bob Warren, Maintenance Manager

#### 285-4596

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#### Ministers of Faith Formation

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Grades 9-12: Ann Mohr [amohr@stannslonggrove.org](mailto:amohr@stannslonggrove.org) 285-4370

#### Parish Council

Kelly Greenleaf, President Brian Murphy  
Melissa Brimeyer, Vice-President John Selby  
Inez Tobin, Secretary Paul Rucker  
Matt Buettner Dave Sheridan  
Christine Cauwels Jeff VanDeCastele  
Andy Liske Noreen Warren

#### Committee Chairs

##### Building and Grounds

Scott Youngbauer

##### Church Life/Family Life

Melissa Brimeyer

##### Liturgy

Joanna Riedel

##### Finance

Joe Ragona

##### Faith Formation

Maggie Liske

##### Social Action

Kurt Miller

#### Altar Server Coordinators

Sue Ferkel, 285-8091

Deb Sikorski, 285-8460

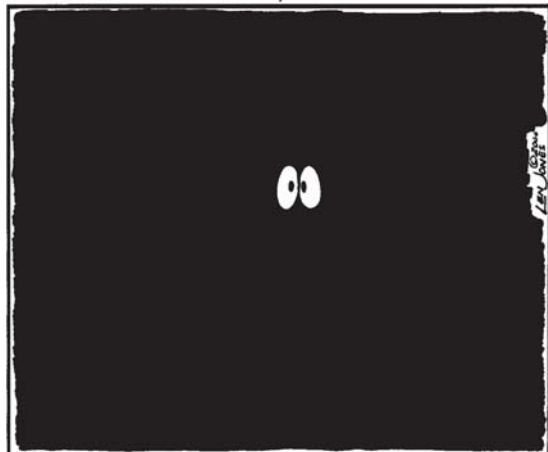
#### Parish Nurse

Kathy Kinmonth, 285-2935

#### Administrative Management Team

Loras Schafer.....285-4663 Judy Loussaert.....285-9269  
Joe Ragona.....843-3893 Randy Siemsen.....285-4389  
Jerry Noel.....285-8162 Fr. Thomas Parlette.....285-4596

#### ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"The church board would like to report that we are still just a bit short of our fund raising goal for new sanctuary lighting."



**MASS INTENTIONS**

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12/8 Sat	Mary Schwarz	5:15 PM
12/9 Sun	Bob Schultz	8:00 AM
12/9 Sun	People of the Parish	10:30 AM
12/11 T	Charles Loussaert	8:30 AM
12/12 W	Anastasia Sheridan	8:30 AM
12/13 Th	LeRoy Strobbe	8:30 AM
12/14 F	Philomena Gluesing	8:30 AM
12/15 Sat	Darlene Prochaska	5:15 PM
12/16 Sun	People of the Parish	8:00 AM
12/16 Sun	Bernard Curran	10:30 AM

**FINANCES**

**PARISH INCOME NEEDS:**

Average Weekly Operating Needs	\$ 6,878
Average Weekly Depreciation Needs	\$ 1,642
Average Weekly Tithing Needs	\$ 577
<b>Total Weekly Average Needed</b>	<b>\$9,097</b>
Received 12/2/07	<u>\$7,217</u>
*Under budget	(\$1,880)

**Bulletin Deadline for Christmas**

We will use a combined bulletin for the weekends of December 22–23 & 29–30. The deadline for submitting items for this bulletin will be Thursday, December 13, by 12:00 Noon.

**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.

**Interested in the Diaconate?**

Men who are discerning a call to the diaconate and their wives are invited to attend a Deacon Inquiry Day to find out more about the life and ministry of deacons and about what formation for the diaconate is all about. The meeting will be held December 16 from 1–4 PM at the Chancery (St. Vincent Ctr, Davenport). Contact Deacon Frank Agnoli 324-1912, ext 255 to register or for more information.

**Hope and Healing Ministries**

Hope and Healing Ministries, a ministry of the Diocese of Davenport, offers healing retreats, toll-free hotline, and counseling referrals to those, including family members, who are struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion or sexual abuse. Find the healing you seek. For more information, call 1-877-896-HOPE or 563-322-1684. The email is hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org or www.davenportdiocese.org/hopeandhealing.

**Youth Minister Position Available: June 2008**

If you are interested in this position, please contact the parish office. Youth Ministry training will be provided.

**Today's Readings:**

Isaiah 11:1 – 10; Romans 15:4 – 9; Matthew 3:1 – 12

**Next Weekend's Scriptures:**

Isaiah 35:1 – 6a, 10; James 5:7 – 10; Matthew 11:2 – 11

**Upcoming Meetings at St. Ann**

- Admin Management on Thursdays at 9:15 AM
- Commissions on December 11 at 7:00 PM
- 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

**Christmas Worship Service in German**



You’re invited to join Rev. Otto Brillinger at Grace Lutheran Church in Dewitt as he leads a Christmas worship service in German at 3:00 PM on Sunday, December 16. The guest choir is the American Schlesweig-Holstein Heritage Society Chorus. Hope you can make it!

**Christmas Children’s Choir Practice**

The Children’s Choir will practice for the 5:15 Christmas Eve Mass on Sundays from 10–10:30 starting December 2. 3rd graders and up are encouraged to attend.

**Christmas Movie Invitation to All the Parish from CEW**

You and your families (this includes children & any non-CEW participants) are invited to join us Sunday, December 9, 5–7 PM for a showing of The Nativity Story at St. Ann. Please bring a side dish to share. CEW will provide the meat. Well eat at 5:00 with the video beginning at 5:30. Contact Rick or Ann Baughman with questions 285-5630.

**North Scott Food Pantry News**

Our Pantry is full thanks to the generosity of the community; we are now able to purchase food from the River Bend Food Bank. The December need is prayer in thanks for your generosity and prayer for families in need of the Food Pantry. The Pantry will be closed Friday, December 14 for the disbursement of Christmas baskets at Cornerstone Baptist. Other closings are December 18, 21, and 25.

**Do you have or know of a need for prayer?**

If so, please contact one of our three Prayer Support Line representatives: Vicki Gall - 285-4142, Mary Lou Byrd - 285-6811, Bernie Leach - 391-5505.

**Welcome to St. Ann!**

We welcome Justin and Christine Yaddof and their children, Alexis and Payton, to St. Ann. We’re glad you’re here!

**Thanks from Café on Vine**

A Big Thank to all of the generous St. Ann’s people who help to provide food, table items and/or helped to serve the meal at Café on Vine on December 2. A hundred people were able to eat that night because of your Christmas Stewardship Spirit. God Bless you and Merry Christmas to all.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

1. An elderly parishioner at Grand Haven needs a ride to the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. If you are able to provide this service of 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.

**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



**Christmas Flowers for the Altar**

It's time to submit your money for the Christmas flowers memorial. Use the designated envelope. The names of your loved ones will be printed at Christmas. **Deadline is Sunday, December 16.**



**Big Baby Basket Thank You's**

Birtheright would like to thank the GENEROUS support from St. Ann parish. They were overwhelmed with all the items! A special thank you to Father Parlette for his support, Pat Siemsen, Nancy Urmie & all the volunteers who helped make Big Baby Basket 2007 a success!

The Pre/K students, teachers, and Big Baby Basket committee wish to express our gratitude for the tremendous response to this year's service project. We asked for donations of baby items for the babies of Birtheright and the St. Ann community overwhelmed us with your generosity! We were able to deliver more than 20 layettes as well as many "extras" to Birtheright. At this holiday time, we want to THANK you for being the GIVING people Christ wants us all to be!

**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.

**ADA GOAL ALMOST REACHED!**

Our current total is \$50,909 from 190 families. We only need \$5,827 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!!!!

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**Youth Group-** will be meeting on Wednesday, December 12 from 7-8:30 PM. All St. Ann's Senior High Teens are invited, as well as your friends!

**Mission 2008** - We will begin meeting as a team after January 1, 2008. The dates have been set for June 14-21, 2008, with a return trip to New Orleans to assist 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**

**December 12** - High School Youth Group (7-8:30PM)

**December 19** - High School Youth Christmas Event (7-8:30PM)

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

**Altar Server Schedule**

December 15 – 16, 2007

- 5:15 – Laura Hebbeln, Michael Haas, Gus Newell
- 8:00 – Andrew Owings, David & Rachel Zimmer
- 10:30 – Jacob & Megan Sikorski, Abbie Gray

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**

December 15 – 16, 2007

- 5:15 – Rick & Ann Baughman, Dave Curlott, Kelly Greenleaf, Tony & Mary Hill, Brian Murphy, Inez Tobin
- 8:00 – Chris & Gabriella Green, Joe & Teresa Hintze, Judy Horsfield, Lorie Rathje, Dave & Betty Zimmer
- 10:30 – Lonnie Behnke, Elma Costello, Tom & Vicki Gall, Robert Gray, Sharon Helm, Sheila Hermsen, Jeff Liske, Kurt & Maggie Miller

**Ways Your ADA Gift is Used**

- ✦ To work with legislators to adopt laws that support Catholic Social Teaching
- ✦ To provide sabbaticals for priests
- ✦ To support the Marriage Tribunal's job to interpret and uphold Church law
- ✦ To facilitate a support group for those who have been sexually abused
- ✦ To employ one Superintendent for all the Catholic schools in the Diocese



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Any Junior High students interested** in participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant should contact Maggie. There are parts for actors, speaking parts, and even some technicians. Kindergarteners are also invited to participate in the pageant at the 5:15 Mass on Christmas Eve. Pageant rehearsal will be on Saturday Dec. 22 (please note the change in this date) at 1 PM for junior high participants. Kindergarteners are asked to come at 2:30 PM.

**Our parish Advent Penance Service** will be on Sunday Dec. 16 at 2 PM. This service is open to all parishioners. Reconciliation is a special way to prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord. The service will also be First Reconciliation for 40 of our young people. Please plan to come and celebrate with our young people and their families.

**Are you a good organizer?** Have you helped in the CEW kitchen? We're looking for help with organizing one or more Households of Faith meals. This is an opportunity to serve about 150 people. If you're interested or have 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 of the 5 remaining sessions, please call Ann or Maggie.

**"Angel" gifts** were to be returned to church last Sunday Dec. 2. If you have not done so, please return them by Tuesday Dec. 11. These gifts are for families in the North Scott area as well as Scott County Foster kids. We ask that you purchase a \$5 to \$10 gift for each tag. If you have taken a tag, please purchase the gift, wrap it, attach the tag, and return it to church ASAP. The gifts for the Foster Children were picked up on Friday December 7. The rest of the gifts (those for the North Scott Food Pantry) will be distributed on Wed. Dec. 12. Thank you for all your generosity in this worthy project.

**During Advent do good deeds** in secret for those you love. Add a piece of straw to the manger for each good deed you have done during the week (2 for every deed you have done in secret).

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

**All children preparing for the sacrament** of Reconciliation and at least 1 parent will meet next Sunday Dec. 16 during class time in the Day Chapel for a practice in preparation for the sacrament.

**Help yourselves** (while supplies last) to the Advent materials available on the table in the commons.

**Junior High Youth Group** will be Wed. Dec. 12 from 7 - 8:30 PM in the commons.

**Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older** are invited to sing in the Children's Choir. The choir will sing for the 5:15 Mass on Christmas Eve in conjunction with the Christmas Pageant. Practices will be held at 10AM on Dec. 9 & Dec. 16, and also at the Pageant practice on Sat. Dec. 22 from 2 to 3:30 PM (choir members at this time).



## Acting for Justice

"Peace"

December 9, 2007

Jesus tells us to give of ourselves unselfishly to others, to embrace his way rather than the way of the world.

It is through self sacrifice that we find a truly meaningful life.

Within your household:

Look for the good in each other rather than focusing on the negative.

See each other's differences as gifts.

Take time to be quiet and still-to meditate and pray together.

"He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

Reflect on this Scripture passage from the Gospel of Mark 8:34-35.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_