

January 3, 2010

My friends, today we proclaim that God is God of the whole world. On this Day of Epiphany let us turn away from darkness and welcome God's light in the dark places of our world, in the dark places of our lives.



Eucharistic Celebrations

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Bailey-Howe Families
10:00 a.m. Joe Lindsey
Tues. 8:15 a.m. LaVergne Miller
Wed. 10:30 a.m. Harold McCrudden (Luther Manor Mass)
Thurs. 8:15 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. James S. Lawless
Fri. 10:30 a.m. Don Henderson, Ann. (Willow Care Mass)
Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sam Astorino
People of the Parish
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Mary Lynn Roach Clark
10:00 a.m. Helen & Harvey Bross
Evelyn & Ernest Purvis

ALTAR MINISTERS - JANUARY**5:30 p.m. Ministers of Eucharist:**

Tina Barbee, Jerry Distler, Marjie Durst,
George & Peggy Walley, Pat Yount, Kim Ahrens - alt.

Minister of the Word: Hal Benedict

8:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Fran Hays, Sara Hooley, Judy Kaylor, Tara Peters,
Rosanne Roy, Toni Turner, Ann Walker - alt.

Minister of the Word: Mary Ann Viorel

10:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Barb Anderson, Linda Beard, Gary & Barbara Broughton,
Lori Catalpa, Rich Deien, Donna Hemme - alt.

Minister of the Word: Mary Lynne Richards

Greeters - January

5:30 p.m. Skip & Paula Quirk, Mary Smoot

8:00 a.m. Dick & Janice Rupp, Jim Closser

10:00 a.m. Bud & Linda Purvis, Mary Smith

Servers - January 9-10

5:30 p.m. Gabriela Farabee, Erac Kaiser, Evan Kaiser

8:00 a.m. Cara Allen, Bradley Campbell, Josh Campbell

10:00 a.m. Grace Deien, Hannah Deien, Chloe Ebers

From Death to New Life 

*We Ask Eternal Rest O Lord for the Soul of:
Rosemary Gwinner, of our parish*

**ATTENTION K OF C MEMBERS!!**

K of C Clergy Appreciation Christmas Dinner & Dance will be held January 15, 2010 at the K of C Hall.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Grand Knights social - 6 p.m.0

7 p.m. - Prime Rib with all the trimmings.

Grand Knights program begins at 8 p.m. - a dance with a live band from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Members and their guest cost \$10 each. RSVP to Frank Janes, 248-3505 by January 11, 2010.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION

"Tickets are coming!! The Holy Family School Dinner and Auction tickets are in the mail!!" After two years of sell-out crowds, don't hesitate and miss out.

The School Auction will take place Saturday, February 13th at the Admiral Coontz Armory with doors opening at 5:30 PM. This year's auction is sure to deliver a great evening of 70s Disco fun! Bring your sweetheart and help support our school!!

SUNDAY SOUNDBITE

I sat at a computer to write this short reflection, and then someone took it—via the Internet—to edit and prepare so that it might be heard on our Web site or over the radio waves. If you wish, you could download the very text I originally typed. I still marvel at all the ways we can communicate today.

Today's feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is a feast that celebrates *communication*. The Gospel we read today portrays Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, revealed to the nations, as the wise men arrive to pay him homage. Whatever the historical facts behind the story, the *message of faith* is that God is reaching out to us, communicating to us the Word Made Flesh. That's communication that has transformed human history.

God's revelation in Jesus has a power surpassing all our modern technological "miracles," because it speaks to our hearts. Are we listening? Are we open to the Word?

Let's become modern channels of God's communication to the world in this new year, using our gifts—whatever they may be—to pass on the message of the Good News, that Love is born in our midst. - **Father Greg Friedman** with the "**Sunday Soundbite**" for St. Anthony Messenger Press, on the Web at FranciscanRadio.org. *Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M., is creative director for American Catholic Radio and is on the production team for video and audio projects for Franciscan Communications, a ministry of St. Anthony Messenger Press.*

SPECIAL THANKS TO...  FOR PROVIDING INTERNET SERVICE TO HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL!

**THIS WEEK 
IN OUR PARISH**

Sun. 1/3 EPIPHANY

8 & 10 a.m. Masses - all welcome!

Tues. 1/5

8:15 a.m. Mass in church - all are welcome!

7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting - St. Michael's Hall

Wed. 1/6

10:30 a.m. Mass at Luther Manor - all are welcome!

No Religious Ed. Classes

Thurs. 1/7

8:15 a.m. Mass in church - all are welcome!

Fri. 1/8

10:30 a.m. Mass at Willow Care - all welcome!

1 p.m. Holy Family School Dismissal

Sat. 1/9

5:30 p.m. Mass - all welcome!

Sun. 1/10 8&10 a.m. Mass - all welcome!

6 p.m. Women's CRHP Meeting - St. Michael's Hall

7 p.m. Men's CRHP Meeting - St. Anthony Room

7-8:30 pm Youth Group Meeting - rectory


WHY ARE FIRE TRUCKS RED?

Well... fire trucks have four wheels and eight men, 4+8=12. There are 12 inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler and The Queen Elizabeth is the largest ship on the seven seas. Seas have fish, fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are red. Fire trucks are always rush'in. And if you think this is wild, you ought to hear some people tryin' to explain why they leave Mass early!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Registration for the upcoming Men's and Women's Christ Renews His Parish weekend in March will be held January 16 and 17, 2010 after all Masses. Registration will be held in the St. Elizabeth Room. There are only 25 spots available for each weekend, so get your registration in as soon as you can!

Your Gifts To God

 And Parish...

Offertory Budget 52 wks.	\$ 1,041,248.00
Needed to Date 26 wks.	533,390.00
Received to Date	521,577.63
Over (Under) for Year	(11,812.37)
Needed Each Week	20,515.00
Received Dec. 26-27	34,975.65

The total for Dec. 26-27 is comprised of:

Regular Envelopes & Loose	11,069.35
Youth Envelopes	139.29
Masses	45.00
School Support	6,310.00
Christmas	17,380.01
Holy Days	32.00

Building Fund	510.00
Families In Need	200.00
World Missions	2.00
Human Development	2.00

Coffee & Doughnuts

Our next Coffee and Doughnut social after the 8&10 a.m. Sunday Masses will be February 14, 2010. Religious articles will be available during coffee and doughnuts. Mark your calendars and join us for food and fellowship.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL Thanks to all of you who sent a donation to our annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We are currently at 53% of our goal of \$17,688.00. Donations to the appeal now total \$9,310.00. As the three kings freely offered their treasure to the Christ Child, we are reminded to let go of whatever holds us back from being good stewards of all that God has given us. May the Lord bless each of you with peace and prosperity in 2010!

Retrouvaille Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin but is open to all married couples regardless of religious background. This weekend experience helps husbands and wives to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves. The weekend will help you discover how listening, forgiveness, communication, and the dialogue process are powerful aids for building a loving and lasting relationship. For more info. call Chuck and Linda at 1-800-470-2230. No couple is denied including those with financial difficulties.

WHY CATHOLIC? Faith Enrichment Sessions 2010
Scripture and Tradition: The Braid of Revelation

Please mark your calendars for attending the **Monroe City faith enrichment session on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church in Monroe City, MO.** Sr. Kathleen Collins from Renew International will be presenting the session. The two hour sessions are open to anyone who would like to attend but especially for all small group participants and leaders.

Merry Christmas,

I wanted to write and let you know that Bishop John Gaydos has accepted my name as an aspirant for diaconate formation. The first semester of studies (old Testament) begins January 12 and ends sometime in May. Studies will continue for 3 years and will lead, God willing, to ordination and service as Deacon within the Catholic Church. I am humbled and full of joy for this call to serve in such a way. It has been a long time since I have set in a class, studied, took test or did home work, so will you to please pray, to the Lord our God for guidance and clarity in my life. As always Naomi will be right beside throughout these upcoming years, she is truly a God sent helpmate, and a rock in my life.

Throughout this Christmas season let us remember that the Father sent His one and only son to earth to be born of a virgin and become man. When the angel Gabriel told Mary she was called to be the mother of Jesus, God incarnate. Let us also remember her answer "*I am the hand maid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said.*"

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Blessings, Troy Egbert

Hannibal Parks & REC - Men's Basketball

Men's BB league begins Jan. 4th and runs through February. Cost is \$250 per team. If you have additional questions please call Andy at the Parks & REC office at 221-1503. Or you may email: **hpr_supervisor@yahoo.com**.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK - Jan. 3-10

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10-13

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b

Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Mt 2:10-11

Adults Does my pride and independence prevent me from accepting the gifts that God and others offer me?

Children What are some good gifts that I receive in my life? Do I realize that such gifts are a sign of God's love for me?

ATTN. - YOUTH Opportunities

Upcoming Quests - for students in 8th Grade up to 16 years of age: Quest #49 - Feb. 5-6

Quest #50 - Apr. 9-10

So what are you waiting for? Download an application at: **<http://www.greatrivertec.org/forms/>**

TEC (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST)

Upcoming TEC dates:

TEC #263 - Jan. 16-18, 2010

TEC #264 - Mar. 6-8

TEC #265 - Apr. 17-19

TEC #266 - Jun. 12-14

TEC#267 - Jul. 17-19

Download applications at the above address (same as Quest)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 10: Youth Group Meeting at the Rectory, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 17: Confirmation Meeting at St. Michael’s Hall, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20: Youth Group Meeting at the Rectory, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 24: Confirmation Meeting at St. Michael’s Hall, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 31: Confirmation Meeting at St. Michael’s Hall, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

In this “Year For Priests” please pray for these priests of our diocese:

Fr. Ed Schmidt, Fr. John Schmitz, Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Fr. Joe Shetler, Fr. Pat Shortt, Fr. Christopher Smith, Fr. Mark Smith, Fr. David Veit, Msgr. Michael Wilbers

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

2010 QUIET RETREAT THEME - Believing is Seeing: Take A Closer Look

Quiet retreats are held at King’s House Retreat and Renewal Center, 700 North 66th St., Belleville, IL 62223 Phone - (800) 779-7909. Quiet Retreats attract individuals and groups of men and women from parishes in the Dioceses of Belleville and Springfield, IL and Jefferson City, MO and the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Contact King’s House for the name of the “captain” nearest you. Check out the website at:

www.kingsretreatcenter.org The following retreats have open spaces:

Retreats for Men:

Jan. 8-10
Jan. 15-17
Jan. 22-24
Jan. 29-30
Feb. 5-7
Apr. 30-May 2

Retreats for Women:

Feb. 19-21
Mar. 5-7
Mar. 12-14
Mar. 19-21
Mar. 23-25 (midweek)
Apr. 16-18
Apr. 23-25

2010 Quiet Retreat Weekend for Married Couples - April 9-11, 2010 - Would you like to experience a quiet weekend retreat with your spouse? This retreat is opened to married couples and will follow the theme and format of our weekend Quiet Retreats. Please call King’s House to register if you are interested at 800-779-7909. Please note all of our rooms are single rooms and we will assign spouses next to each other.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage

The annual Pro-Life March in Washington, DC is in need of more pilgrims! Currently, there are 35 open seats. There are 46 adults (happily, many of these are college students) and 33 youth. The cost to attend (\$100) is minimal as the rest of the money for the pilgrimage comes from generous donors such as Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliaries, parish pro-life groups and you!

The planners of the Diocese of Jefferson City Pro-Life March to Washington, DC ask three things: 1) Invite a youth or adult to attend the pilgrimage (35 open seats); 2) donate to the cost of the pilgrimage by writing a check to the Diocese of Jefferson City Pro-Life March and sending it to: Pastoral Center, Pro-Life March, P.O. Box 104900, Jefferson City, MO 65110. 3) Most importantly, pray for an end to abortion and for our pilgrims making the journey to Washington, DC. For more info. contact the Family Life Office at 573-635-9127, ext. 240.

