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SUNDAY OFFERING

Our Gifts to God and Parish Last Week
272 Envelopes Used

Special Collections

Human Development	\$	482.00
Retired Religious		10.00

New Building Fund

Lavender Envelopes	\$	2,756.00
Total Received to date	\$	468,112.28

Offertory

Sunday Envelopes	\$	10,701.75
Sunday Loose	\$	331.09
Above and Beyond	\$	188.00
Present and Future	\$	45.00
One time Donation	\$	350.00
Total Offertory	\$	11,615.84
Offertory Goal	\$	12,500.00

Thank you for your generosity.

As of November 24, 2008

Contributions Year To Date	\$	240,444.36
Projected Year to Date Budget	\$	262,500.00

Together We're Better Certificates

Sales	\$	915.00
Profits for this week	\$	29.09

TWB Certificates are available in the Rectory Office from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and every weekend after Mass.

A word from _____
— your Pastor... A new week, a new month and a new liturgical year with this Sunday being the beginning of

Advent. Traditionally, this is a short season which is split into 2 unique "themes". The first weeks of Advent focus on the 2nd coming of Jesus in His glory. The second portion of the season brings our attention to the historical reality of the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem centuries ago. This is usually a season of quiet reflection, a time to prepare for the Lord in all of His majesty and power, the coming of the Lord also as a small infant, born in the most simple of circumstances. As we enter into this time of preparing, a good way to do just that is in the quiet of prayerful reflection. In the coming weeks, various opportunities will present themselves to you as to spiritually prepare for Christmas, take advantage of them if at all possible. Allow the Lord a little time and prayer, you will not be disappointed.

Finally, I need to start fore-warning folks of a new tradition that will be instituted this year. I have already informed our 2 permanent Deacons that they will be responsible for taking care of a Communion service on the day after Christmas and the day after Easter. And so this year, on Friday, December 26th, there will be no Mass at 8 am, but rather a communion service. Fr. Don and I are taking the day off.

Peace,
Fr. PC

We pray for the repose of the soul

Becky Rudman,
of our community

May God welcome them home, fill them with peace, and bless those who will miss them.

STEWARDSHIP

"It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on watch." (Mark 13:34)

God has left us as His servants in charge here on earth. Each of us has our own special work that we can do for God. If we do not do it, who will?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

November 30 through December 7, 2008

Sunday:	Is 63:16-17,19;64:2-7	Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
	1 Cor 1:3-9	Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5	Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24	Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21,23-26	Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5,9-11	Ps 85:9-14
	2 Pt 3:8-14	Mk 1:1-8



YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy New Year

Happy New Year! Our Catholic tradition affords us the opportunity to soak up God's goodness through the Liturgical seasons. Today is the beginning of the Church year. During Advent we are given a special time in the Church year to experience the joy of anticipation. Our culture has practically wiped out this type of joy. As parents we must remember one of the best things we can teach our children is the joy of anticipation instead of instant gratification. The joy of anticipation comes from breathing in the breath of God and bathing our hearts in gratefulness. When we have grateful hearts life becomes a series of miracles, because we begin to notice the breath of God in our life. We cannot see oxygen but we know it is there because we could not live without it. The breath of God is the same. Take time during the Advent season to slow down enough to breath in deeply the breath of God, bathe your heart in gratefulness and experience the joy of anticipation.

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way make this year's fall retreat, "Zeal Appeal", a beautiful experience for our youth to soak in some of God's many blessings. Thanks to the 8 youth who put God number one on this weekend and the many adults who help throughout the weekend.

No Youth Night This Weekend

We will not meet this weekend so you can enjoy some extra family time. Next Sunday, Dec. 7th we will meet in Church at 6 pm to help with the children's portion of the Advent night with Fr. Joe. We hope you can join us.

***No Aluminum Can Drive in December ***

Mr. Ken Bohnert who has faithfully helped us with the can drive for many years will be recuperating from surgery during the month of December. Continue to save your cans and other precious metals and the trailer will

be in the Church parking lot the first weekend of January. We truly thank everyone in the parish that collects their cans for Youth Ministry while helping the environment.

Terry Ostlund, Youth Minister
636-671-0302 or
leave a message 314-566-8363

RCIA

**We meet every Monday Evening
from 7 to 9pm in the
Field House Meeting Room
Questions call Fr. Don, 671-3062
or Deacon Paul, 677-4040**

**Scripture Study
meets every
Tuesday evening at 7 pm
in the Activity Center.
All are welcome!!**

Christmas and New Year's Day Book of Ministries

The book of ministries for Christmas and New Year's Day is on the counter in the lobby.

This is your chance to use your ministry during a special time in the liturgical year. It also gives families a time to do this together, Proclaimers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Ushers and Servers.

Monetary Donations for Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for flowers (in memory of a loved one) to decorate the church for Christmas this year, we ask that you send it in soon. We have to work within the budget of the money donated and we need to order our flowers early. Donations may be put in the Sunday Collection or taken to the Rectory Office. If your donation is made in someone's memory be sure to put their name in with the donation. Of course, as always we also accept flowers of your choice to be brought to church after the 11:30am Mass on Dec. 21st or by Dec. 22nd.



St. Vincent De Paul

On The Street Where You Live
Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. Your donation to St. Vincent de Paul assist these neighbors.

Stephen Ministry

Are you having difficulty coping with the everyday stresses of life? Would you like someone to listen to your concerns (problems)? Trained Stephen Ministers are ready to help. To learn how you can receive care please call Margaret, 274-2269. All calls and sessions are confidential.



God bless you!



Advent Vespers

Come join us this evening and all Sunday evenings of Advent for Evening Vespers at 5:30pm. Vespers are Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours that is sung as a community. For more information call Deacon Paul at 677-4040.

Pro-Life

A culture which no longer has a point of reference in God loses its soul and loses its way, becoming a culture of death.

~Pope John Paul II~

Advent Tea

There is still time to make arrangements to attend our 6th annual Advent Tea. Tables and spaces at tables are still available. Please do come and join us for this beautiful, spiritual event.



Also if any of our crafters, ministries or other entrepreneurs would like to donate a basket or other gift item to the raffle list, it would be most appreciated.

Call Roseann 636-376-2331 or contact the Rectory Office.

**Knights of Columbus
National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights
Dinner and Bus Tour
December 4 (\$30 per person)
Questions call Andy, 274-2002**

Dial-A-Saint

For an inspirational message about the Saint of the Day please call (314) 421-4775. The message changes daily.

AN EVENING WITH FR. JOE

December 7th from 6 to 7:30pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

Fr. Joe will offer us some practical suggestions; an experience of prayer and some wonderful perspective to help us savor these holy days.

For more information please call Denise, 671-0454 or Cathy, 274-1542.

SCHOOL NEWS

Did you know that . . .

The school collects old cell phones and used ink and toner cartridges to recycle for funds? Why not ask your employer if you can bring the business' used cartridges to school for our fundraising activities?

Students are saving Box Tops for Education, Campbell's, Best Choice, Nestle Pure Life Water, Home Team Fast Fixin', and Tyson A+ labels. There will be a label competition among the grades after the Christmas break. Please save and give your labels to an OLQP student or leave them in the back of church.

The students are all busy learning their parts for the OLQP Christmas program scheduled for December 17?

Prayer for Advent

*As we begin our Advent journey,
guide us, dear God of Love.*

*Help us to recognize the great gift You have given us in
Jesus, and may we prepare well for His rebirth in
our hearts.*

*On each day of this journey,
may we move closer to Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
the light of the world.*

*Shine the light of Your grace upon us that we may follow
Him faithfully.*

*In all our preparations for Christmas, may we always
remember that Jesus is the reason for this blessed
season.*

*Thank you, loving God,
for this time of joy and expectation.*

*Walk with us and show us the way today and every day
of Advent.*

Amen.



Advent

WATCH FOR
THE LORD'S
COMING!

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**Christmas at the Cathedral
with the Archdiocesan Choirs and
Orchestra & Soprano Christine Brewer
Sunday, December 7th, 2:30pm**

This concert is presented in memory of Cathedral Concerts Board Member, Dr. Paul Shuff, partially underwritten by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Richardson and Family.

Experience the joy of Christmas in carols old and new with the Archdiocesan Adult and Children’s Choirs, handbells and Orchestra in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.

This season we are joined by St. Louis’ favorite soprano, Christine Brewer. The featured work is Poulenc’s Gloria.

Call (314) 533-7662 to place credit card orders by phone. You may purchase tickets online at www.StL.CathedralConcerts.org.

Seven Days of Inspiration

Take one a day...
and feel great all week!

Give your spirit a
chance to dance!



Happiness is your
destiny.



Let a dream take
you places you
never thought
you’d see!



Even silent prayers
are heard.



No one is more
special than you are!



You bring gifts
to this day, and
it brings gifts
to you.



Lower your stress
level. Have some fun!

Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

We rejoice to have you with us, whether a long-time resident or newly arrived in our parish! Please fill out this form and return it to the Rectory or place it in the Sunday collection basket if you would like to be a registered member of our parish. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents’ home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. Please help us keep our records in order.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Phone _____ # of people registering _____

New Registration Address or phone number change Moving out of parish

Mon	Dec 1	PSR, 6:15pm RCIA, 7pm, Field House Rosary for Peace, 7:30pm, Church
Tues	Dec 2	Devotions after 8am Mass Quilters, 9am - 3pm, 6 - 8:30pm, Activity Center Scripture Study, 7pm, Activity Center Finance Meeting, 7pm, Rectory
Thurs	Dec 4	Scholastic Book Fair begins, Cafeteria Choir, 7pm
Sun	Dec 7	1st Sunday Breakfast after Mass Ladies Auxiliary selling Raffle chances Children's Mass, 9:30am Ladies Advent Tea, Knights of Columbus Vespers, 5:30pm Family Advent Service, 6pm Youth Night, 6pm (help with Fr. Joe)

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill

Dan Smentkowski
Kathryn Anderson
Tracy Creighton
Margie Mertsch
Jo DeWitt
Arlou Marquardt
Dorothy Shaffrey
Paul Krautmann
Dean Stegmann, Sr.
Dean Stegmann, Jr.
Wayne Thome
Stephen Thome
Beulah Kessler
Ryan Lavrrar
Diane Bowe
Charlie McDonnell
Luke Clayton
Shirley Heibeck
Elise Chambers
Judy Marsh
Norma Nenninger
Rosalie Pinson
Helen Haseman
Martin Ponder
Daniel Dedert
Jack Muehlenkamp
Walter Bohle
Ann Mattingly
Red Tenny

the homebound, shut-ins of the parish and all in nursing homes. To add a name please call the Rectory office, 671-3062.

OLQP Web Site!!

www.olqphousesprings.org

submit articles for bulletin

olqpbulletin@yahoo.com

Deadline Tuesday at 4:30 pm

Inserts - Monday at noon

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 1	8:00 am	Laura Williams
Tues	Dec 2	8:00 am	Patrick and David Heller
Wed	Dec 3	8:00 am	Alice Nahlik
Thurs	Dec 4	8:00 am	Dorothy O'Brien
Fri	Dec 5	8:00 am	Jeanette Drier
Sat	Dec 6	8:00 am	Patricia Fraass
		5:00 pm	Nick Holmes
Sun	Dec 7	7:30 am	Catherine Van Deven
		9:30 am	Dave and Jeff Davis
		11:30 am	People of the Parish

December 6th and 7th

Proclaimers

5:00 pm	Rich Ortman, Shirley Tenny
7:30 am	Scott Reimer, Frieda Siebel-Spath
9:30 am	Dale Andrews, Bud Waeltermann
11:30 am	Ernie Bradow, Vicki De Long

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00 pm	Sharon Alderson, Donna Clifton, Peggy Mikko, Barb & Joe Nenninger, Maryann Turek, K. Tutass
7:30 am	Mary Bjornstad, Carl Boyer, Ruth Haen, Jan Hussman, Jo Jahnsen, Dale Robinson, Marie Strayhorn
9:30 am	Margaret Gerling, Pat Hoskins, Helen Salamone, Ralph & Sandy Munzlinger, Connie Stubits, Jo Ann Vess, Nancy Wilfong
11:30 am	Debbie Cleek, Tom & Angie Ecker, Ann Riley, Carol Freihaut, Joan Ross, Denise Witt

Servers

5:00 pm	Bailey Ginger, Chance Leiker, Paige Smith
7:30 am	T. Bjornstad, Hanna Osborne, Kaitlyn Robertson
9:30 am	Christine Gregorc, Hannah Mraz, Jessica Queen
11:30 am	Joey & Joshua Carbone, Johnny Gibson

Ushers

5:00 pm	Larry Bottchen, Bill Clifton, Arnie Lohbeck, Ken Munzlinger, Helen Stewart, Wayne Thome
7:30 am	Ray Brune, Jeff Eschbach, Wally Freihaut, Larry Lammert, John Nahlik, Jerry Smith
9:30 am	Gene Corley, Butch Mattingly, Ben Slodkowski, Ray Graf, Sam Pierceall, Ronald Williams
11:30 am	Robert De Long, John Holmes, Andy Nappier, Jim Robertson, Al Schuld, David Witt

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

Heavenly Dusters

Cathy Morlock, Debbi Stephens,
Chyree de Roode, Kathy Kerr and Joyce Stenger

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