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SUNDAY OFFERING

Our Gifts to God and Parish Last Week
292 Envelopes Used

Special Collections

Human Development	\$	20.00
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New Building Fund

Lavender Envelopes	\$	2,816.07
Total Received to date	\$	471,811.35

Offertory

Sunday Envelopes	\$	12,102.00
Sunday Loose	\$	462.32
Above and Beyond	\$	50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	577.00
Present and Future	\$	600.00
Total Offertory	\$	13,791.32
Offertory Goal	\$	12,500.00

Thank you for your generosity.

As of December 9, 2008

Contributions Year To Date	\$	264,711.51
Projected Year to Date Budget	\$	287,500.00

Together We're Better Certificates

Sales	\$	3,978.00
Profits for this week	\$	161.40

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...

This Sunday at the 11:30am Mass, a young man from Hazelwood was Baptized and make his First Eucharist. Bill Wilson, who did instructions with me prior to my coming out to House Springs, was unable to attend RCIA due to his work schedule. As we move through this season of Lent, we celebrate Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday by receiving a new convert into the community of the faithful. Welcome Bill!

I can deeply appreciate that this is a very busy time of the year for so many, but just a reminder that this coming Saturday, December 20th, we will be offering all day Confession time. Below is the schedule and I hope many will be able to take advantage of the opportunity in preparation for the birth of the Savior with Christmas being only a few days afterwards.

9am to 10am – Fr. Christopher and Fr. Don

10am to 11am – Fr. Christopher

11am to 12pm – Fr. Peter Blake

12pm to 1pm – Fr. Don

1pm to 2pm – Fr. Jack Dempsey

2pm to 3pm – Break, No Confessions (lunch)

3pm to 4pm – Fr. Don

4pm to 5pm – Fr. Christopher

7pm – Fr. Christopher and Fr. Don until all are heard

In your kindness pray for the repose of the soul

Regina Salas

Vera Sulencevski

Mary Aselman Larson

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

STEWARDSHIP

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted..." (Isaiah 61:1)

The Lord God has anointed all of us through Baptism and he has sent each of us on a mission. Each of us has been given unique gifts and talents so that we can help fulfill God's mission here on earth. Are you doing the things Jesus sent you here to do?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 14 through December 21, 2008

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a,10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50,53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17
Thursday:	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Friday:	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38



YOUTH MINISTRY

Rejoice Always

Did you know that our teens learn how to respond to life by watching us, their parents? Jesus gives us a perfect example on how to respond to life's many challenging situations. He responded to life by using the fruits of the Spirit; gentleness, generosity, love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, faithfulness, and kindness. Responding in these ways is easier when things are going good and life is perking along. It can be challenging when times get tough but with God's help we can respond like Jesus taught us. Our country is experiencing many challenging times that affect our families. Choose to respond with faith and joy because our children are counting on us to teach them how to respond to life's tough situations. Invite the Lord to work in your heart this Advent season and accept His gift of joy. In today's second reading from 1 Thessalonians, St. Paul writes, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." Enjoy teaching your teen to respond to life with joy, prayer and thanksgiving.

Youth Mass this Sunday

This Sunday, at 6pm we have our monthly Youth Mass and the Confirmation candidates will be officially enrolled in our Confirmation program at this time. This is a regular Sunday Mass with youth style music. Everyone is invited. We will have our youth night after Mass until 8:30 pm. No Youth Night on Sunday, December 21st, but on Dec. 28th we will go ice skating.

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
is canceled until after
Christmas. Please pray
for Fr. Don to have
a speedy recovery.**

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.

Christmas Letter from Archdiocese

Dear Friends in Christ,

My warmest greetings and wishes for a blessed Christmas to you and your family. On Christmas Day we greet the Redeemer, who came to us as a child in the humble setting in Bethlehem. This child is the promise of God, He is the one who comes in peace, the one who lights the world and gives us hope.

I wish to speak briefly about another gift we have received – our seminarians. Each of their lives and their response to the call to pursue the priesthood of Jesus Christ is a great gift to us. They are part of God's promise that took flesh two thousand years ago in Bethlehem in the person of Jesus Christ. For generations, each year at Christmas, the people of the Archdiocese have made a special gift to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Please be generous in the Christmas Day collection for the support of our seminarians. I also ask you to pray for them and for our priests who share in the gift of the priesthood. They are truly Christ with us. They are a sign to us of a future full of hope.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Robert J. Hermann
Archdiocesan Administrator

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.

Decorating Church for Christmas Monday, December 22, 3 pm

We will be decorating church for Christmas on Monday, December 22, starting at 3pm. All help is welcome at any time. It usually takes 4 to 5 hours, depending on how many volunteers we have. Even if you only have an hour or two to spare, please join us. Any questions, call Barb, 274-0435, or Joanne, 274-0590.

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.



Blood Drive Monday, December 15 from 3 to 7pm

Celebrate your good health with someone in need. Please donate the gift of life, Monday, December 15th, from 3 to 7 pm in the Cafeteria.

To make an appointment, please call Fran 636-375-3774 or there is a sign up sheet in the lobby of church.

Walk-ins are always welcome.



St. Vincent De Paul You are Great!!!

Yes, we mean you. You seem surprised. You are great because you are doing great things. They may appear to be little things, but your consistent concern, week after week, as you contribute your coins is a great thing. Thank you.

Stephen Ministry

What do Stephen Ministers do? They offer caring Christian friendship and concerned listening to people when they need it most. Every call and session is confidential. If you are in need of someone like that please call Margaret, 274-2269.



God bless you!

Pro-Life

Please pray for every little child: that we might value the infinite gift of their life.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Preschool "Live Nativity Scene"



Please join us in celebrating the "Birth of Our Savior" with our "Live Nativity Scene" (outside the cafeteria) on Thursday, December 18 from 5pm to 7pm. The preschool parents have underwritten this wonderful, realistic, reenactment of the birth of Jesus. Children will be able to feed the animals as they witness "Mary, Joseph, infant Jesus, Shepherds and the Three Kings" in a natural setting. Preschool students will be making crafts in three centers: an angel (signifying the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary), a nativity scene (signifying the birth of Jesus), a crown (signifying the Three Kings bearing gifts to the infant Jesus). Preschool students will have a small nativity scene for parents to photograph their child dressed up as Mary or Joseph standing next to Santa as he kneels over the infant Jesus. On behalf of our preschool families, students and staff of OLQP Preschool we wish you a peaceful, joyful and Blessed Christmas.

2008 ADVENT TEA UPDATE

On Sunday, December 7th at the Knights of Columbus Hall our 6th Annual Advent Tea was well attended and all had a wonderful time, I believe.

Many, many thanks to Fr. Don for his compelling talk, which was taken from the play Green Pastures. You truly are a holy and loving priest and are much loved and respected in our parish. To quote another parishioner "you are a national treasure and we at OLQP have you in our midst!"



I thank Fr. Christopher for allowing the Tea to continue and for his presence and blessing at this year's event. I wish to acknowledge the benefactors for the event with much gratitude:

Fr. Begue and Vencentian Press
Paul Dittman and LDL Marketing

Food for Less

Schnucks

Shop 'n Save

House Springs Florist

Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus and Sue Whitworth

Trish Guethle

Joanne David

Joan Ross

Mary Copeland

Patsy Boyer for handling the Poinsettia purchase each year from Heimos

Lisa Drew for taking pictures of the event

A heartfelt thank you to the table hostesses for their time, talent and beautiful tables! And to my friend Margaret Bottchen for her hard work and selling raffle tickets and being my right-hand whenever I need her.

A very special thank you with love to the Knights of Columbus who prepared the food and served the ladies. Rich Ortmann for his wonderful salad, my husband Dale for all his hard work in the kitchen and otherwise. If I tried to thank each individual Knight who helped, I'm sure I would omit someone by accident, therefore THANKS KNIGHTS who helped make this event a success again.

After expenses for the tea, a profit of \$600.00 will be given to the Parish for use in whatever manner Fr. Christopher needs.

I welcome comments, criticisms, etc. from attendees in order to make the next Tea even better. Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual Tea - December 6, 2009. Roseann Robinson

SCHOOL NEWS



Did you know that . . .

- The 6th grade is reading The Best Christmas Pageant Ever?
- The 7th graders have been working on exponents, metric measures, scientific notation, properties, variables, and expressions?
- The 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will be caroling at the Cedars Nursing Home next week?
- The 4th graders know the states and capitals of the southeastern United States?
- The 8th graders are now learning about the Spanish-American War? They are creating their own newspaper front pages detailing specific events from the war.

Sports News!!!!
Award Ceremony
Sunday, January 11, 2 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
Also Uniform return for Soccer and Volleyball

Knights of Columbus (House Springs) New Year's Eve Party

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a New Year's Eve party at the Knights Hall on December 31 from 7pm to 1am. The cost is \$10 per family and includes beer, soda and a DJ. Everyone is encouraged to bring appetizers or snacks to share and games to entertain the kids. Call Tim Webb at 671-9121 with questions.

Military Prayer List

The Holidays can be a lonely time when you are away from home. Send a card or letter to let them know that you care. Please remember our Military in your prayers.

PFC Hughes, Corey
CMR 427, Box 1340
APO AE 09630

Mark Corley
Naval Air Station Supply Dept.
Brunswick, Maine 04011

SSGT Daniel Drier
716 MP BN
978 MP CO
APO AE 09342

Jake Simino
2211 Arbor View Circle
D'Iberville, MS 39540

Sam McDonnell
PO Box 73452
Fort Bragg, NC 28342

Paul Gallion
7575 Linda Vista
San Diego, CA 92111

SPC Michael Boyer
1175th MP CO.
FOB BRASSFIELD MORA
APO AE 09393

Luke Budo
Michael Coughlin
Arron Ehrhart
Paul Gallion
Luke Gronemeyer
Christopher Helbig
Steve Newcomb
Michael Pedroli

SPC Joe Sandeberg
Paul J. Schmich
Nicholas Scoggin
James Stenger
Charles Stephenson
Daniel Young
David Young
Philip Waymon

If you have someone from your family serving in the Military or a change of address please call Cliff or Mary Anne, 274-1838. We would like to remember all those from our parish serving our country.

Seven Days of Inspiration

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

Take chances based on
all you have to gain, rather
than what you might lose.

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Every day, God  
gives you an present  
of 24 brand new hours.

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Kind words can
work miracles.

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You're due for a  
happy surprise!

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Life is like a
mirror, if you smile
at it, it returns
the greeting.

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Be someone's  
secret angel.

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Try again. This time
you'll succeed.

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

**HAPPENINGS
OF THE
WEEK**

Mon	Dec 15	Blood Drive, 3 to 7pm, Cafeteria PSR, 6:15pm RCIA, 7pm, Field House Rosary for Peace, 7:30pm, Church
Tues	Dec 16	Devotions after 8am Mass Quilters, 9am - 3pm, 6 - 8:30pm, Activity Center Finance Meeting, 7pm, Rectory Scripture Study, 7pm, Activity Center
Wed	Dec 17	School Christmas Program, 7pm, Church
Thurs	Dec 18	Preschool Live Nativity Scene, 5pm Choir, 7pm Boy Scouts Leaders Meeting, 7pm, FH
Fri	Dec 19	2nd Grade Play, 9:30am, Cafeteria
Sun	Dec 21	Jesse Tree Presents due back by 11:30am No Hospitality Sunday this month Vespers, 5:30pm, Church

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill

Wayne Thome
Norma Nenninger
Martin Ponder
Jack Muehlenkamp
Ray Wieschhaus
Walter Bohle
Ann Mattingly
Red Tenny
Ken Bohnert
Joyce Clayton
Mike Luebbert

the homebound, shut-ins of the parish and all in nursing homes. **Due to space restrictions names will be removed after 3 weeks. Please call the Rectory, 671-3062, if they need to be added again.**

OLQP Web Site!!

www.olqphousesprings.org

submit articles for bulletin

olqbulletin@yahoo.com

Deadline Tuesday at 4:30 pm

Inserts - Monday at noon

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 15	8:00 am	Bessie Wencker
Tues	Dec 16	8:00 am	Mary Helen Vanecek
Wed	Dec 17	8:00 am	Ferdinand Hluzek
Thurs	Dec 18	8:00 am	Vincent Steinman
Fri	Dec 19	8:00 am	Alice Nahlik
Sat	Dec 20	5:00 pm	Jim Schroeder
Sun	Dec 21	7:30 am	Laura Williams
		9:30 am	Gary David
		11:30 am	People of the Parish

December 20th and 21st

Proclaimers

5:00 pm	Sharon Alderson, Peggy Mikko
7:30 am	Vicki De Long, Bev Gregory
9:30 am	Bruce Gallion, Jo Ann Vess
11:30 am	Tom Heeley, Richard Ortmann

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00 pm	Clay Gregorc, Ralph & Sandy Munzlinger, Barb & Joe Nenninger, Shirley Tenny, K. Tutass
7:30 am	Mary Bjornstad, Carl Boyer, Jan Hussman, Jo Jahnsen, Andrea Lawson, Dale Robinson, Marie Strayhorn
9:30 am	Fran Corley, Joanne David, Trish Guethle, Lee Hoffman, Sharon Reineri, Kelly Smith, Kent Sturhahn, Maureen Turney
11:30 am	Debbie Cleek, Carol Freihaut, Joan Ross, Margaret Gerling, Connie Stubits, Ann Riley, Denise Witt

Servers

5:00 pm	Kelly Reeves, Paige Smith, Alicia Whitehead
7:30 am	Becca Beck, Andrea Brown, Hanna Osborne
9:30 am	Kiersten Hahn, Zach Ingram, Ashlyn Mattingly
11:30 am	Kyle Berry, Corey McNeely, Gary Freihaut

Ushers

5:00 pm	Larry Bottchen, Donna Clifton, Ken Ganey, Jerry Sheets, Wayne Thome, Ron Williams
7:30 am	Robert De Long, Jeff Eschbach, Wally Freihaut, Larry Lammert, John Nahlik, Jerry Smith
9:30 am	Cal & George Flynn, Steve Freihaut, Tom Mattingly, John Nahlik, Ralph Schultheiss
11:30 am	John Holmes, Andy Nappier, Jim Robertson, Al Schuld, David Witt, Volunteer Needed

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

Heavenly Dusters

Mary Jo Dawson, Mary Bowler, Mary Ann Whitecotton, Angie Tarter and Debbie O'Donnell

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