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SUNDAY OFFERING

Our Gifts to God and Parish Last Week
249 Envelopes Used

New Building Fund

Lavender Envelopes \$ 7,651.00
Total Received to date \$ 479,462.35

Offertory

Sunday Envelopes \$ 9,008.00
Sunday Loose \$ 536.73
Above and Beyond \$ 75.00
Immaculate Conception \$ 221.00
Present and Future \$ 85.00
Total Offertory \$ 9,925.73
Offertory Goal \$ 12,500.00

Thank you for your generosity.

As of December 15, 2008

Contributions Year To Date \$ 274,637.24
Projected Year to Date Budget \$ 300,000.00

Together We're Better Certificates

Sales \$ 2,683.00
Profits for this week \$ 88.67

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...

As we enter into these final days just before Christmas, Fr. Don and I want to express our prayers and best wishes for all of our parishioners here at Our Lady, Queen of Peace to have a blessed, safe and joy-filled Christmas. We will join this week with the angels of Heaven to sing and proclaim "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to those of good will". May our prayers, liturgies and care for others have a profound effect on our lives throughout the coming New Year.

As you probably know from years past, our Mass schedule for Christmas Eve will be 4pm, 6pm and Midnight. On Christmas morning we will have Mass at 8am and 10am. There will be NO MASS on Friday, December 26th - one of the Deacons will be having a communion service so that Fr. Don and I can take a day off.

Peace,
Fr. PC

The Rectory office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. Rectory Office will also be closed Christmas Day, the day after Christmas and New Years Day.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 21 through December 28, 2008

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29
Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26
Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3,11-13 Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14
Friday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a,2-8
Sunday: Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3 Ps 105:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9
Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 Lk 2:22-40

STEWARDSHIP

"Do not be afraid, Mary." (Luke 1:30)
It can be a little scary to do as God asks - to give Him the first fruits of our time, talent and treasure. But the comforting words the angel spoke to Mary can comfort us, too, when we dedicate ourselves to being good Christian stewards - "Do not be afraid".

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon Dec 22 Church Decorating, 3pm
No PSR
No RCIA
Rosary for Peace, 7:30pm, Church
Tues Dec 23 Devotions after 8am Mass
Quilters, 9am - 3pm, 6 - 8:30pm, Activity Center
No Scripture Study
Wed Dec 24 Rectory office closes at noon
Christmas Eve, Masses 4pm, 6pm and Midnight
Thurs Dec 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!**
Masses, 8am and 10am
Fri Dec 26 No Mass, Communion Service at 8am
Sun Dec 28 No Youth Night - Ice Skating at Steinberg

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill

Wayne Thome
Norma Nenninger
Martin Ponder
Jack Muehlenkamp
Ray Wieschhaus
Walter Bohle
Red Tenny
Ken Bohnert
Joyce Clayton
Mike Luebbert
Paul Krautman
Tony Duda

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.

Submit articles for bulletin olqpbulletin@yahoo.com Deadline for 1-4-08 bulletin Friday, 12-26 at 4:30 pm Inserts - Friday, 12-26-08 at noon

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 22	8:00 am	John Harness, Sr.
Tues	Dec 23	8:00am	Sarah Grant
Wed	Dec 24	8:00am	Alice Nahlik
		4:00pm	Betty Lechner
		6:00pm	William A. Johnson
		12:00am	People of the Parish
Thurs	Dec 25	8:00am	Barb Rocchio
		10:00am	Dave & Jeff Davis
Fri	Dec 26	8:00am	Communion Service No Mass
Sat	Dec 27	5:00pm	Patrick & David Heller
Sun	Dec 28	7:30am	Thomas Dower
		9:30am	People of the Parish
		11:30am	Tony Misbauer

December 27th and 28th Proclaimers

5:00 pm Barb and Joe Nenninger
7:30 am Andrea Lawson, Shirley Tenny
9:30 am Margaret Gerling, Lee Hoffman
11:30 am Carol Freihaut, Tom Mattingly

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00 pm Sharon Alderson, Larry & Margaret Bottchen, Donna Clifton, Pam & Rob Frank, Peggy Mikko
7:30 am Ken Bohnert, Bev Gregory, Ruth Haen, Bob & Kay Simcox, Phyllis Smith, Linda Weber
9:30 am Dale Andrews, Bruce Gallion, Pat Hoskins, Helen Salamone, Jan Schultheiss, Jo Ann Vess, Maryann Turek, Nancy Wilfong
11:30 am Glenda Clayton, Vicki De Long, Ruth Livingston, Angie & Tom Ecker, Denise & Rich Ortmann

Servers

5:00 pm Megan Diener, Ashley Marks, Mikaila Mikko
7:30 am Jackson & Teddy Bjornstad, Kaitlyn Robertson
9:30 am Jacob Bufka, Marissa Krieg, Jake Randell
11:30 am Bailey Ginger, Ashlyn Mattingly, Jessica Tarter

Ushers

5:00 pm Bill Clifton, Arnie Lohbeck, Helen Stewart, Ken & Ralph Munzlinger, Wayne Thome
7:30 am Doug Bjornstad, Ray Brune, Ted Hempen, Steve Morlock, Dale Robinson, Vince Rocchio
9:30 am Gene Corley, Butch Mattingly, Sam Pierceall, Ben Slodkowski, Kent Sturhahn, L. Whitworth
11:30 am Gary Freihaut, John Holmes, Andy Nappier, Jim Robertson, Al Schuld, David Witt

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

Heavenly Dusters

Cathy Carley, Teresa Haug, Judy Winfrey
Glenda Clayton and Mary Copeland

How Can We Celebrate Christmas?

How can we celebrate Christmas in a world so troubled and torn, where people, who were made in His image, are forgetting that Jesus was born? Born to bring peace, where's there's conflict, born to bring love, where there's hate, born to give hope to the lonely, and open the Heavenly Gate to all who will kneel before Him, Who was born in a humble stall, to all who will stop - and listen - and come - when they hear Him call.

Oh, how can we celebrate Christmas today on this war-torn earth? By living for Him, and sharing with others - The Good News of His Birth!

adapted from a poem by Alice Hansche Mortenson

Seven Days of Inspiration

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

Open your heart and love will fill it!

Give yourself wings. Believe in a dream.

You are one of a kind - amazing!

Someone is singing your praises.

A hug is comfort food for the soul.

Let go of small hurts and your joy will grow.

Wish yourself a good day, too!



YOUTH MINISTRY

You Will Find What You are Looking For

This time of year is so beautiful because people are looking to spread kindness, are looking for miracles and are looking to give some happiness. It is the only time of year as a society we are looking to spread goodness and kindness. This is why more good happens at Christmas time because we are looking for ways to make the world a better place. When the Christmas season is over keep looking for ways to spread kindness and you will witness miracles all year long.

One of God's greatest miracles is the family. Jesus entered our world through a family. Jesus showed us the miracle of family life, that it is a place to create relationships filled with kindness, a place for miracles to happen and a place to enjoy happiness. If this doesn't sound like your family, slow down and invite God to be the center of your family. When God is the center of your life and family, you will have a front row seat to many miracles of love. Enjoy finding what you are looking for in family life. Enjoy the extra time you have to spend with your family over the holidays. Merry Christmas to all!

Ice Skating on Sunday, Dec. 28th

We will not have a youth night this Sunday evening, Dec. 21st. Enjoy the extra family time. We are going ice skating at Steinberg's on Sunday evening, December 28th. We will meet at the Activity Center at 5pm and return at 10pm. You need to make a reservation with Terry by Dec. 26th so we will have enough drivers. The cost is around \$10. Each person will pay their own way.

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

No RCIA until after the holidays.

No Scripture Study until further notice.

Eucharistic Adoration Time Change Wednesday, December 31 9am to 4:30pm

Because Eucharistic Adoration falls on New Years Eve this month the time will be from 9am to 4:30pm. Schedule some time to spend with Jesus.



Volunteers Needed 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. There are many blank spaces in our sign up booklet. Please volunteer in any way that you can.

Join us as we Celebrate Fr. Christopher's 50th Birthday Sunday, January 4th at the First Sunday Breakfast



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 _____

Marian Conference of St. Louis 2009 January 16, 17 and 18

Please join Catholics from across the continent for the 10th Annual St. Louis Marian Conference at the Hyatt Regency, St. Louis Riverfront (formerly Adams Mark). The theme this year is *A Return to Personal Holiness*. We are called by God to build a holy nation. We must become holy ourselves before there can be peace and holiness in our world. Dynamic speakers fill the weekend, with opportunities for prayer, Mass and Reconciliation. Information and registration forms are in the lobby of church. OLQP parishioners can register together to receive a group rate. Call Mary, 274-1717, with questions.



SCHOOL NEWS



Did you know that . . .

- The 7th grade has been reading A Christmas Carol?
- As part of the 6th-8th grade religion classes, the students meet regularly in small faith groups?
- All of the students had an opportunity to shop at Santa's Workshop this past Friday? A BIG thanks to Rene Heibeck and all her "elves"!
- Some 3rd grade girls were "caught being kind" as they volunteered to wipe lunchroom tables after their lunch shift this week. The cafeteria monitor really appreciated their thoughtfulness!



Help Support Our St. Vincent de Paul

When you enjoy pizza at CiCi's in High Ridge on Saturday, December 27th and mention St. Vincent de Paul 10% of the profits will be donated to OLQP St. Vincent de Paul to help the poor. You will be enjoying a nice meal and helping those in need too.

Thank You!!

Stephen Ministry

Support: To hold in position so as to keep from falling, sinking or slipping; to keep from failing or yielding during stress. Support is something we all need. God gives us support through each other. Let us all be sensitive to one another's needs, and take the time to support each other through prayers, phone calls and chats after church. Please remember that we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to give their support. To learn how you can receive care please call Margaret, 274-2269. All calls and sessions are confidential.



God bless you!

Pro-Life

Please pray for theologians and scientists, that through a growing and respectful dialogue they might foster a growing appreciation for the infinite value of every human life.

A Major Local Company Gives Us Free Money

Great news!!! A major local company wants to give us free money!! Who, you ask? SCHNUCKS. How? By using the E-scrip cards. Every time a registered card is used in conjunction with ANY purchase, Schnucks gives our parish money. It's so easy it truly is free money. The more times the card is used each month, the greater the percentage of contribution. It is a Win/Win deal so please remember to use this card every time you shop at Schnucks. If you don't have an E-scrip card please ask at the TWB table or the Rectory Office and we'll be happy to get you signed up and registered. Just another way for our parish to receive free money with little effort on your part.

Thank You from Craft Fair

I'd like to extend a belated thank you to all involved in the Craft Fair that was held on November 29th and 30th. We had 24 vendors and made \$240 for the parish. Maybe next year we can do better.

God bless and thanks again,
Margaret Bottchen

Cub Scout Pack 555 Meeting Sunday, December 21 Popcorn Money is Due!!!

Meeting starts at 6pm in the Cafeteria. 1st grade Tiger Cubs/4th & 5th grade Webelos - 5pm. Contact Dennis, 314-807-0199, with any questions.

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.

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

Society of Our Mother of Peace Mary the Font Solitude 6150 Antire Road High Ridge, MO 63049

We offer several retreat formats from which you may choose to help you make your retreat as fruitful as possible. We have no set fees. We depend upon each retreatant to give according to their means—enlightened by faith. Please call 636-677-3235 or email marythefont@yahoo.com for more information.

A Mother's Love

*A mother's love is something
That no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
And of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
And enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
Or take that love away...*

*It is patient and forgiving
When all others are forsaking.
And it never fails or falters
Even though the heart is breaking...*

*It believes beyond believing
When the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
Of the rarest, brightest gems...*

*It is far beyond defining.
It defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
Like the mysteries of Creation...*

*A many splendored miracle
Man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.*

~Anonymous~