



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

8:00 George and Matilda Bower
by L. Kimmerly

Tuesday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

8:00 Catherine Fiegl by Liz
Kramer and family

Wednesday, December 30

5:30 John Justin White - 6th
Anniversary by Mary and
Cindy White

Thursday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Deceased Friends and
Family of our Parish in
2009

Friday, January 1 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Nellie Malone by Gary and
Ann Lyon

Saturday, January 2 - Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 Frank Kellner by the Gokey
and Hebert Families

4:30 Tom Patterson by John and
Helen Capan

Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Michael and Florence Zola
by Gregg and Sue Brown

10:15 Raymond Ernst by John
and Sheila Ernst



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - 1 John 1:5-2:2;

Matthew 2:13-18; **Tuesday**

- 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35;

Wednesday - 1 John 2:12-17;

Luke 2:36-40; **Thursday** - 1 John

2:18-21; John 1:1-18; **Friday** -

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;

Luke 2:16-21; **Saturday** - 1 John

2:22-28; John 1:19-28; **Next**

Sunday - Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians

3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



PASTORAL SHARINGS

This last Sunday of the year we are celebrating a feast honoring the family of Jesus. His was a small family of few people and hard workers. Remember that according to tradition Joseph was a carpenter, and that is likely the work Jesus did too before His public life. Even the fact that we talk of Jesus' short public life of three years tells us that He had a longer and more intimate family life for thirty years. Presumably He gave as much care and love in that longer, more private life as He did in His short public life.

Our first reading from Sirach tells us how to live a family life and what likely guided Jesus' life too. It tells us simply to honor our parents, to revere them, to care for them as they care for us. Paul also tells us how to live in our families and in our communities. He reminds us that we should act with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.

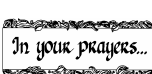
Sometimes we think that for Jesus, Mary and Joseph life was all sweetness and happiness. They were a real family. They knew serenity and peace, but they knew economic hardship and hard work as well. They also lived in a time when persecution and death were realities. Being human they also had to know and practice everything Paul tells us to practice. Together they knew both joy and sorrow.

It is the same for us today. Our families are an important part of our lives. Sometimes it is much easier to spend our time with our friends or with our televisions and computers, or even with our work, that it is to give true quality time to our families. Is Jesus telling us something by spending the far greater part of His life giving within and building up His family? What can we learn from this? It is in our family where we first learn to be human beings, to be caring, appreciative and grateful. It is where we first learn to share and to serve.

Family can take in more than just the nuclear family we usually think of when we hear the word "family". Our parish is a larger family that also needs the compassion, kindness and forgiveness so important for any group of people. Our town, our country, our world - they all need our concern, our prayer. Jesus our brother shows us the way. Now it is our turn to reach out as the family of God.

Stefanie Weisgram, O.S.B.

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: We pray for families that have undergone life altering experiences, that they receive new hope for the future in the year to come; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Alexis Bruno, Sara Milani, Julie Conschafter, Loretta Varo, Julie Carlo, Pamela Rodgers, Julie Robertson, Carmella Verdi, Rose Cvitanovich, Mark Pearce, Lena Riggio and for the happy repose of the soul of Tyler Gabbey and Father James Fitzgerald. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, December 31 - Vigil - 4:30 pm,

Friday, January 1 - Feast Day - 9:00 am

HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST

God saw him getting tired, and a cure was not to be,
 So He put His arms around him, and whispered, "Come with Me."
 With tearful eyes we watched him suffer and saw him fade away.
 Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay.
 A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest,
 God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.
 Author unknown

The following are parishioners and family members
 who were called to the Lord in 2009:

Ann Eadie	Laverne Bower	Ted Bergum
John Schnier	Kristine Burkhardt	Bernard Badding
Lynne Ostrozynski	Joe Carlo	Stephen Krupski
Bill Whitlocke	Josephine Randazzo	Arthur Betyne
Loren Geiger	Charlene Rung	Edwin Schneider
Victoria Fredrick	Mary Gallo	Gerald Bergum
Robert Bierasinski	David Stock	Richard Gabbey
George Adderly	Elsie Luczak	Victoria Biro
Raymond Pogorzala	Todd Moore	Jerry Burns
John Kazmierczak	Gail Mericle	Judith Pask
Garrett Geake	Charles Jack, Sr.	Patrick Gorman
James Holtz, Sr.	Emily Adamczak	Diana Handley Smith
Millard Young	Tyvaier Jones	Cynthia Grainy
Florian Zwirlein	Dolores Reger	Tom Patterson
Joan Lloyd	James Furminger	Raymond Ernst
John Bayer	Rose Luchterhand	Mark Guzzo
Joanne Malark	Alice Rejewski	Jim Meier
Lorraine Hubbard	Helen Ryniec	Dennis Hanlon
Irene Michalak	Antoinette Tabone-Bray	Tyler Gabbey

Deceased Clergy and Religious of the Diocese

New Year Blessing

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 Heavenly Father, In this time of new beginnings, we recall how
 the heavens celebrated the birth of Christ. We think back to the
 new kingdom He proclaimed, and remember the new life we
 gained in our baptism. In this time of new beginnings, and at
 the beginning of this New Year, may we always act as good examples
 of the new life in you that all Christians have and be the same for
 others. Give us the joy that is ours as adopted members of God's
 family. Amen.

2010 - A new year brings thoughts of new life. What better place to start than at the beginning—with the human embryo? "Embryonic human beings, no less than human beings at other developmental stages, should be treated as subjects of moral respect and human rights, not as objects that may be damaged or destroyed for the benefit of others." *Presidential Council on Bioethics 2002*

☺ Carmella, an RN, was at work in a military hospital when a young private was brought in. The nurse took his vitals and information, then told him, "Don't worry. You'll soon be feeling better. We're giving you plasma." "Good," said the private. "I don't like watching TV on those old sets."



- * Sunday, December 27 - No Religious Education Classes - Christmas Vacation!
- * Wednesday, December 30 - No Religious Education Classes - Christmas Vacation!
- * Saturday, January 2 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45-4:15 pm
- * Sunday, January 3 - No Religious Education Classes - Christmas Vacation!



Altar Servers for January

4:30 pm - Kali Dunworth, Abigail Kankiewicz, Brian Bergman; 8:00 am - Lauren Cianfrini, Cordero Earle and Alexander Bennett; 10:15 am - Luke Klimchuk, Dominic Stutz, Elizabeth Kaufman and Kaitlyn Stachowiak



A Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the Church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

BOTTOM LINE:

Everything that is not pleasing to the Lord is a deception.