

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Family Financial Report

Budget 07/2010-06/2011	\$257,674.00
Year to date Income	\$90,508.62
Last Week Collection 11/28/10	\$3817.26
Holy Days & Thanksgiving	\$393.50
Year to date Building Fund	\$10697.00
Last Weeks Building Fund 11/28/10	\$340.00
Year to Date Other (ASA, SVP, etc.)	\$6588.22
Last Weeks Other 11/28/10	\$252.50
Year to Date Miscellaneous	\$16,395.20
Last Week Miscellaneous	\$494.64
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Year to date Expenditures	\$132,752.13
Year to date surplus/deficit	(\$9,903.99)
Mortgage Balance	\$642,270.51

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 11

5:30 PM

Reader: **Bill Voight**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Doug Le Doux, Luci Carleton, Marie Kruzel

Ushers: **Robert Ruiz**

Altar Servers: **Kristen and Kyle Halstead;
Garrison Holliday**

Dec. 12

8:00AM

Reader: **Gil Campos**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

John Gagnon, Tracy Staller, Tom Glenn

Ushers: **Joan & John Weis**

Altar Servers: **Kathleen & Joseph Staller;
Angelo DeLucia**

10:30 AM

Reader: **Ralph Ihli**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Patrick Pidkowitz, Lorraine LeCocq, Robert Serafin

Ushers: **Steven Smith - Joe Long**

Altar Servers: **Eric White, Domic Burry, Victoria Cordina,
Lillia Poveda**

Altar Servers: If you will be out of town during the Christmas holidays, ASAP please call Scott & Tara Halstead (579-9342) or send an email (TKHalstead@comcast.net) with the dates you will be gone."

***If you can not serve for your scheduled mass, please find a substitute. If you can not find a substitute, please call the person in charge of that ministry.



Pray for the Sick:

Please call the office or Claudia Burton at 573-0056 to be added to the prayer line



Acute:

Gloria Pizzolongo, Deborah Walker, Lou Bregante.

Long term prayer need:

Ed Bigelow, Mildred Banks, John Kruzel, Clara Quint, Greg & Lorraine Lennon.

Mass Intentions

Dec 04 05:30 PM **Helen Howard** † by M/M Banks

Dec 05 08:00 AM **Anna Pinkos** † by Gladys Zoladz
10:30 AM **People of the Parish**

Dec 07 08:15 AM **Rose Spadacino** † by Mary Sheahan

Dec 08 08:15 AM **Rosemary Catanzaro** †
07:00 PM **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Dec 09 08:15 AM **Rosemary Catanzaro** †

Dec 11 05:30 PM **Rosemary Catanzaro** †

Dec 12 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**
10:30 AM **Robert Hendricks** † by Lorraine Hendricks

*May the souls of all our
Faithful departed through the
Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

Parish Calendar

C=Church, GL= Garden Level, FLC= Family Life Center, P=Pavilion

12/05 Sun: 9:00am CCD-GL & FLC

9:00am **Adult Scripture Study-FLC**

9:55am **Rosary-C**

11:30am **Directory Group Pictures-C**

12/06 Mon: 9:15am **Legion of Mary-FLC**

6:00pm **Dave Ramsey FPU-FLC**

12/07 Tues: 10:00am **Crafty Ladies-FLC**

7:00pm **Legion of Mary-FLC**

7:00pm **RCIA-FLC**

12/08 Wed: 7:00pm **Youth Group-C**

12/10 Fri: 10:00am **Liturgical Meeting-FLC**

6-9 pm **Reposed Adoration-C**

12/12 Sun: 9:00am CCD-GL & FLC

9:00am **Adult Scripture Study-FLC**

9:55am **Rosary-C**

12:00pm **Y@H Christmas Party-Chop House**

Parish Announcements



Parishioners are invited to begin making donations for sanctuary flowers for the Christmas celebration of our Lords birth. If you wish, you can donate in memory of a loved one.

Recognition will appear in the January bulletins. Contact the Parish Office at 573-1203.



Our Lady of Fatima Statue would like to reach out to our parishioners by spending some prayer time in your home. The statue will be brought to your home with a 9-day novena. Please contact Annamaria Smith at 573-3629.



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Adoration Update



Weekly adoration at Holy Family has begun! In order to ensure adequate coverage, we are asking those interested in the program to fill out a registration form. By filling out the form you will also assist us in expanding the program to include morning and afternoon hours. Forms are available on the table in the vestibule of the church and may be returned to either the parish office or via the collection basket. Thank you.

C.R.O.S.S. Ministries needs volunteers from Holy Family Church. We are in desperate need of help one day a month for two hours, the service will be to aid clients who are hungry and need food. Please call Connie at 577-3881 to help.



The next meeting of the **LITURGY COMMITTEE** will be Thursday, December 10th at 9 a.m. in the FLC.

2nd Annual "Breakfast with Santa",
December 19th at 11.30am in the FLC.



YOUNG AT HEART: Our Christmas Party will be at The Chop House on Chapman Hwy on **Sunday, Dec. 12th** after 10:30 Mass. Sign up or call Tim & Grace @577-9287 to let us know you're coming. We need an accurate count and we would also like to have all the **gifts for the Headstart kids** turned into us ASAP.

Ladies of Charity of Knoxville's Christmas Party is Friday, December 10, with the Rosary at 9:30am, 10:00am Mass, followed by lunch in the Holy ghost basement. Join them for great fellowship and Christmas cheer. Bring a covered dish and a donation of personal care items for the Food Pantry clients. Questions, call Karen 579-9196.



Holy Family Parishioners!

Let's make our Family Life Center Christmas tree a real **FAMILY TREE** this Christmas!



Please bring a favorite tree ornament from your home to hang on the tree the weekend of December 11 & 12.

Our **FAMILY TREE** will glow with the joy of Christ's birth!

THANK YOU to everyone who so generously opened their hearts and closets during our recent coat collection. Your generosity was overwhelming. You donated coats, sweaters, hats, suits, etc., that will help keep a lot of people warm this winter. **YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!!!**

Our Thanks,

We would like to thank the 180 families who took the time to come and get their photo's taken for our new directory. We would also like to thank those who helped with sign up and check in: Teresa Phinney, George & Judy Denton, Betty Fraser, Luci Carleton, Bob & Lill Wojciechowski, Gil Campos. Also, thank you Louise for all your time and talent and thank you Fr. Ragan for all your support.

~Tim & Grace McIntyre

Pastor's Rundown:

I think it is important to understand a little bit about some of the traditions in our church, so today I decided that it would be good to do a little research on the Advent wreath.

The origins of the Advent wreath are somewhat debated. Some histories of the advent wreath say that Christians simply adapted an even earlier custom from pre-Christian Germanic tribes. Supposedly, then, these pagan people tried to break the darkness of winter with candles and invoke the sun god to return with the warmth and light of spring. In addition, the evergreen wreath would remind them that there is still life and the circle of time would again come back to spring.

According to this viewpoint, Christians later placed new and Biblical meaning to the old customs. Now the candles pointed to Jesus, the Light of the world (John 3:17-21.) The evergreen wreath now reminded believers that our God grants new and everlasting life in Jesus. The wreath was also a symbol of victory, for a garland wreath was often placed on victors in contests or conquests. So naturally, a Christian can think of the crown of life that Jesus has won for us. The four candles in an Advent wreath would then emphasize the four week period of penitence and preparation during Advent, as we eagerly await the coming of the Light of the world to bring new life and hope.

The advent wreath became quite popular in homes in post-Reformation Germany. It seems pretty certain that in many German homes families had a custom of lighting four candles during advent, candles placed in a wreath of evergreens. When these candles were lit, Scripture and prayer was part of the custom and the family devotion time was a time of instructing the children about Christ's coming. Later, the custom crossed over different denominational lines and other faith traditions adapted its use. Today, we have an advent wreath that lightens our path to discovery of the Kingdom of God here in our Holy Family community.

God Bless,
Fr. Ragan Schriver



Each week at mass, we are invited and called to full conscience, active and fruitful participation in the liturgical worship. Consider reading then reflecting on the scriptures for the coming Sunday Mass.

Sunday December 12, 2010

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

