

Second Sunday of Advent



Estimated need each week:	\$4475.00
Last Sunday Collection:	\$2850.00
Gift Campaign:	0
Family Life Building Fund:	\$245.00

Dec 12
05:30 PM—Lector: **Nell Voisin**
Eucharistic Ministers: **Jeanette Ormazabal, Thomasina Bicer**

Dec 13
08:00 AM—Lector: **Karen Quilliams**
Eucharistic Ministers: **Thomasina Bicer, Sue Craft**

10:30 AM—Lector: **Kay Jordan**
Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Miklusicak, Donna Boyd, Linda Atchley, Raymond Yates**

USHERS

Dec 12
05:30 PM—**Robert Ruiz**

Dec 13
08:00 AM—**Joan Weis**

10:30 AM—**Steven Smith - Anthony Cordina**

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec 12
05:30 PM—**Kristen & Kyle Halstead**

Dec 13
08:00 AM—**Kathleen & Joseph Staller**

10:30 AM— **Angie McGee, Noah Miklusicak, Victoria Cordina, Vanessa Luneke**

If you can not serve for your scheduled mass, please find a substitute. If you can not find a substitute, call Scott & Tara Halstead at 579-9342.



Pray for the Sick: Ed Bigelow, Bob Mallard, Bobby Ownby, Madeline Overfield, Bob and Mary Holifield, Steven Smith, John Kruzel, Howard Rothwell, Stacie Kidwell, Ed Doherty, Kurt Hosey, Jandark Faraj, Lorraine Hendricks & Rachele Rodarte.

To place a prayer request on the prayer chain, please call Sue at 984-5440 / Claudia at 573-0056.



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own 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.



Mass Intentions

Dec 05 05:30 PM **Bob Williams** † the Family
Dec 06 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**
10:30 AM **Jane Demeres** † M/M McIntyre
Dec 07 07:00 PM **Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass**
Dec 08 09:00 AM **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
Dec 09 08:15 AM **NO MASS**
Dec 10 08:15 AM **NO MASS**
Dec 11 08:15 AM **NO MASS**
Dec 12 05:30 PM **Anthony Zoccoli** † by the Family
Dec 13 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**
10:30 AM **Dolly Skubic** † by Mrs. Kay Jordan

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



The Legion of Mary meets on Monday mornings at
9:00 AM on the garden level.
All are invited to attend.

We're extending an invitation to ALL parishioners to join us in praying the ROSARY every Sunday at 9:55 am right before the 10:30 mass.



*****Be Advised*****

The Legion of Mary will be saying the rosary at **9:55am** Sunday mornings. This is five minutes earlier than the original time, so please plan your schedule accordingly. Everyone is welcome.

Mass Schedule for December

Mon. Dec. 7th - 7pm Holy Day Vigil Mass

Tues. Dec. 8th - 9am Holy Day Mass

Thurs. Dec. 24th 5pm & 9pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Fri. Dec. 25th 10:30am Christmas Day Mass

Fri. Jan. 1st 9am Holy Day Mass

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We all struggle with our choices, our desire to do good and our selfishness. It requires constant effort on our part, if we are to grow in our faith. Yet, Paul tells the Philippians that God "who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion." While we must do our part, we are not alone. God's grace will continue to nourish us and help us to grow and become more Christ-like. If God will not give up on us, how can we justify giving up on ourselves? Are you willing to keep trying to live your faith and trust that God will bring forth good fruit within you?

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.
-Psalm 126:3*

Announcements

***If you are ill and cannot attend mass or cannot drive please let Ann Dennis know @ 573-1586.



CCW Bake Sale

The CCW is having a bake sale on December 12th and 13th.

Ladies if you would like to help or bake for the sale, please contact Maggie at 254-0851.

Our annual Christmas Party will be at Connie's Kitchen on Chapman Hwy in Seymour on Thursday, Dec. 17th at 6pm till 9pm. The cost of the traditional Christmas Dinner will be \$13.00 per person, which includes the gratuity. Feel free to bring your favorite adult beverage. Coffee, soft drinks, etc. will be available at the restaurant.



The Ladies of Charity express their sincere appreciation to the parishioners for your continued donations. Such support from parishes is essential to our organization for it enables the Ladies to continue their ministry of assisting the needy of our community. Thank you.

It is that time of the year for all parish groups/ organizations to provide information on the dates and times of their anticipated meetings for the Year 2010. A representative from each group organization should complete the "request Form" located next to the parish calendar in the Gathering Area, and return by December 20th in the "return" envelope.



Youth Group Advent Activities

***Warmest thanks to everyone from the parish who took gift request from our angel tree. Please remember to bring wrapped presents back to the church and place under the tree by December 13th. Once all gifts are turned in, they will be delivered to a specific Head Start school in Sevier County.

***Fish Pantry Christmas cards will be offered for purchase over the next couple of weekends. For a \$5 donation, Fish can feed a family of 4 for 3 days. You can choose 2 designs of cards. Checks may be made payable to: FISH. Look for high school teens at the entrance to the servers vesting area or outside the entrance to the church after Masses this weekend and next.

***On Sunday, December 14th, volunteers (high school age and up...this includes parents) are needed to help sort and package gifts for needy children assisted through the Knox area angel tree program. This involves travel to Cedar Bluff. Volunteer numbers are limited to 32 people. To reserve a space, contact Tom at 405-0207. we will meet at Holy Family at 1:00 PM and return between 5 & 6 PM. This does not involve heavy lifting but it does require walking, bending and reading:).

Pastoral Ponderings...

OK, so there I was ending the 5:30 mass with a couple of announcements and was interrupted by a rogue cantor who said there was one more announcement. So the Happy Birthday song begins and a group of parish kids came in with a gift. The gift was a really nice purple vestment for mass during advent! It was a gift from the parish! The same events continued at the other masses. The gifts piled up including apples, peanut butter, and gifts for Catholic Charities! This was flat out the best 29th birthday I've had! I really want to say THANK YOU to you so much for your support and prayers! I'll wear the new vestment with pride! We are in an exciting time of the year, advent is a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ! Anyone could clearly see Christ coming to us in the great people here at Holy Family and we have so much to look forward to this coming season! It's going to be great to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Christmas with each other, check out the bulletin and see the times of these masses and the other events that will help us celebrate the season! God bless you all so much!



Breakfast with Santa



Santa will be visiting Holy family Church on December 20th after the 10:30am mass. The entire parish is invited to join the Fellowship committee in celebrating the Christmas Season. Santa will be on hand to speak with kids of all ages. A pancake breakfast will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. There will be craft tables for the kids and there will be several readings of the nativity story. We will also be collecting donations for Catholic Charities. Personal care items, blankets, etc. can be dropped off. Questions about the event can be directed to David Eichinger at 607-3159.



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 13, 2009

**Zephaniah 3:14-18
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18**

