

**Collections for 12/7**

*Thanksgiving in gratitude for God's Many Gifts*

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Needed</u>
Envelopes	\$8,737	\$7,223
Building Fund	\$8,407	\$4,638

*A minimum of one hour's wage each week is requested as your gift back to God.*

**Diocesan Development Fund—DDF**

**November Report**

Parish Obligation	\$40,500.00
190 Families contributed	\$23,451.71
Balance due by 12/31	\$17,048.29

If the families that have not already given were to give \$24.00 the balance of our obligation would be paid.

**Seventh Annual  
Golf Classic Tournament  
Fund Raising Report**

Holy Spirit Parish and St Hyacinth's Academy will share \$23,000.00! ! Thank you to all who participated and to the team that put on the tournament.

**A BIG THANK YOU**

To everyone for helping the Crafters & Helpers have a successful Craft Sale. The winners of the Christmas Boutique Drawing were: Patricia Ward, Christine Nordlander, Ellie Luna & Mary Russell. The Crafter's & Helper's ministry provides for repasts, upkeep of the kitchen and purchases of altar linens.

**Please Pray for our Military**

Richard Dawson, Raul Ilizaliturri, Alex Boyce, L. Hart, Raul Butto, J. Dernberger, Shaun Boyce, Christina Vasquez, Jason Putney, James Rohland, Keith Ellison, Anthony Hebert, Santiago Saucedo, Edward Clark III, Patrick Lee, Josh West, Nicholas Vandegriffe, , Ashleigh Howard and Sarah Hellam



**2009 Building Fund Pledge Drive**

We begin the 2009 Pledge Drive at the start of the liturgical year— Advent, a time of waiting, joy and hope. Each registered family should have received pledge information during the week. New families are asked to become a part of our parish family by registering and making a pledge to the Building Fund. **The debt on the church is \$670,966.00.** The original cost of land and construction was \$4.2 million. What an inspiration of faith, sacrifice and commitment. There is an expectation that every family will get involved in paying off the debt. **Let's make the parish debt free by our 20th Anniversary, May 2011!** The Building Fund Pledge is a yearly pledge; uncompleted pledges are not carried over to the next year. Building Fund information and pledge cards are available at the church doors and in the parish office. Yours in the Spirit,

Joyce Frichtel, Pastoral Coordinator

**Knights of Columbus, Council**

**10991** would like to thank all who donated or came to work at this year's yard sale. The sale was once again a big success. All proceeds go to our Scholarship program. Frank Serna, Chairperson.

**Christmas Tree Lane**

**Sunday, December 14**

Come, have dinner and take a chance on winning a decorated Christmas Tree with presents under it.

3:00 —4:00 pm preview the trees.

4:00—5:00 pm dinner.

5:00 pm Drawing.

Tickets available at the door.



*Thank You*

Some people come into our lives' and quietly go. Others stay awhile, .....and leave footprints on our heart and we are never the same.

Thank you dear parish family for your love, prayers and support during Kolan's passing. We will never forget your kindness.

Sharon & Diana Peterson and Carleen Cook

**Readings for the week December 15, 2008**

Monday: Nm 24:2-7,15-17/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 13:2-7,24-25/Lk 1:5-25  
 Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16/Ps 89:2-5,27,29/  
 Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

All of the people's today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

5:00 pm Mass Frank & Violet Tris †  
 7:30 am Mass People of the Parish  
 9:00 am Mass Amador & Ofelia Barajas †  
 11:00 am Mass Eric Truax †

**Holiday Notice**

Parish ministries will not meet from Monday, December 15 until after January 1, 2009

**Weekly Calendar**Monday, December 15

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 16

8:15 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Wednesday, December 17

8:15 am Mass—Kolan Peterson +

Thursday, December 18

8:15 am Mass—Betty O'Brien+  
 4:00 pm—Mass of Remembrance

Friday, December 19

8:15 am Mass—Albert Bottel +

**Please pray for the Sick of Holy Spirit**

L. Dochnal, J & J. Hameister, N. Gleissner, J. Hillis  
 C. Snavelly, M. Montello, M. McAtee, U. Ortega,  
 E. Estrada, L. Gomes, G. Lopez, E. Espinoza,  
 J. Ellison, J. Healey, R. Banuelos, G. Viso,  
 J. Rickard, R. McIntosh, D. Burroughs, M. Pino,  
 C. Desjarlais, C. Tan, D. Jubera, G. Wunchel, E.  
 Stangel, A. Necochea, M. Swing, P. Hawkins, D.  
 Peterson, A. Altig, R. Barajas, R. Davis.

*Lord, cure the bodies, nurse the souls and heal the hearts of all the sick.*

**Faith Formation Corner**

**Parent Meeting for Junior High Sacraments** is Thursday, December 11 at 4 pm in the Garage.

**No sessions** until the week of December 15th to January 5, 2009. Have a Blessed Christmas from all your catechists.

**Christmas Baskets**

*Your gift brings Joy!*



Please bring your gifts unwrapped before December 18

Remembrance Mass  
 of our Deceased Loved Ones  
Thursday, December 18 at 4:00 pm  
 For more info contact Sr. Paulea

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve  
 5:00 pm & Midnight  
 +  
Christmas Day  
 9:00 am Spanish  
 11:00 am English

No weekday 8:15 am Mass on Wednesday, December 24 and Friday, December 26.

**January 1, 2009 Mass Schedule**Feast of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am Thursday, January 1st  
*Not a holy day of obligation*

Our sincere condolences to the family of

**Bernard Bernie Gresbrink**

Father of Teresa Baum



Eternal rest grant unto him O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen +