

With Mary's "yes" God pitched his tent among us.

## Collections for 12/14

*Thanksgiving in gratitude for God's Many Gifts*

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Needed</u>
Envelopes	\$7,956	\$7,223
Building Fund	\$4,111	\$4,638
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$1,453	

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

**GRACE ABOUND**S through your gratitude and generosity. Holy Spirit is blessed with many generous parishioners working together to meet the meet of an ever growing parish family.

**The Community Pantry** sends their gratitude and appreciation for all the donations during Christmas season for the less fortunate among us. *God Bless You.*

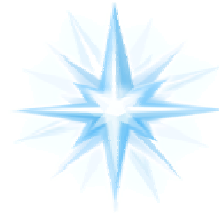
**Knights of Columbus, Council 10991** would like to thank all who donated or came to, or work at this year's yard sale. The sale was once again a big success. All proceeds go to our Scholarship program. Frank Serna, Chairperson.



### **Please Pray for our Military**

*We pray especially for our military in harms way, out of country and away from their loved ones during the Christmas season.*

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



THE  
CHRIST CHILD  
OUR SAVIOR,  
FROM WHOM  
THE BEGINNING OF TIME,  
HAS DESIRED  
THE MOST INTIMATE  
RELATIONSHIP WITH US,  
IS BORN!

May you keep in your heart  
the miracle of Christmas today  
and forever.

*Wishing each family a blessed Christmas.  
Joyce Frichtel & Fr. Jeremiah Holland  
and parish staff*

### **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.

**Readings for the week December 22, 2008**

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16/Lk 1:67-79  
 Thursday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
 Friday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1-8  
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3/Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19/  
 Lk 2:22-40

*In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.*

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

5:00 pm Mass People of the Parish  
 7:30 am Mass Paul Kraft †  
 9:00 am Mass Marco Antonio Marquez †  
 11:00 am Mass

**Holiday Notice**

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

**Weekly Calendar**

Monday, December 22

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 23

8:15 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Wednesday, December 24

**No 8:15 am Mass**

Thursday, December 25

**No 8:15 am Mass**

Friday, December 26

**No 8:15 am Mass**

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

L. Dochnal, J & J. Hameister, N. Gleissner,  
 J. Hillis, C. Snavely, 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, A. Howe

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

**Faith Formation Corner**

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

**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*

**The Parish Office Christmas Hours**

The Parish Office is closed from December 24th to January 6th. If you have a serious emergency call 442-3000

**Nativity Scene**

A Family Tradition

Before Jesus was born Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. When they arrived there was no place for them. Advent is a time to make room for Christ. Here is a family tradition that reminds us to make room in our hearts for Jesus. Put up your manger scene; place the animals and the shepherds watching their flock, Between now and Christmas Eve have Mary and Joseph travel closer each day to the manger. The Wise Men could also travel from the far corners of your home until they reach the manger on the Epiphany.