

Sunday Collections from December 21st through January 4th will be reported on January 11, 2009 due to the bulletin publishing schedule over the Christmas holiday

GRACE ABOUNDS 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.

New Year Blessing

Almighty God,
with you there is no beginning and no end.
For you are the origin
and goal of all creation.
May this new year
which we dedicate to you
bring us abundant prosperity
and growth in holy living. Amen+

15 Sign of a Great Family

From her highly praised book: Traits of a Healthy Family Dolores Curran list some of the best habits of successful family.

- Communicates and listens
- Affirms and support one another
- Teaches respect for one another
- Develops a sense of trust
- Has a sense of play and humor
- Exhibits a sense of shared responsibility
- Teachers a sense of right and wrong
- Has a strong sense of family in which ritual and traditions abound
- Has a balanced of interaction among members
- Has a shred religious core
- Respects the privacy of one another
- Values service to others
- Fosters family table time and conversation
- Shares leisure time
- Admits to and seeks help with problems

2009 BUILDING FUND PLEDGE DRIVE

Let's make the parish debt free by our 20th Anniversary, May 2011!

Building Fund information and pledge cards are available at the church doors and in the parish office. Please return your pledge by January 2009.

Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice

National Migration Week

January 4-10, 2009

This week of prayer reminds us of our obligation to bring hope to the hopeless and to seek justice for those who are easily exploited. The World Refugee Survey 2008 reports that there are more than 14 million refugees worldwide. Hundreds of thousands of innocent victims are ensnared in the evil of human trafficking every year. Many are forced into slave labor or become victims of sexual exploitation, both of which are forms of modern-day slavery.

We pray,

Mary Most Holy, you together with St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, experienced the suffering of exile. Today we entrust the men, women and children who live as refugees to your maternal protection.

Grant us the grace to understand their journey and to ensure that one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth. Amen

Please Pray for our Military

We pray especially for our military 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, James Rohland, Keith Ellison, Anthony Hebert, Santiago Saucedo, Edward Clark III, Patrick Lee, Josh West, Nicholas Vandegriffe, , Ashleigh Howard and Sarah Hellam



Readings for the week December 29, 2008

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3/Ps 105:1-6,8-9/Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19/Lk 2:22-40
 Monday: Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22,39-40
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

“Whatever you do,” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “... do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him.” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”



Weekend Mass Intentions

5:00 pm Mass Don Griffin †
 7:30 am Mass Dorothea Mc Kinzie †
 9:00 am Mass Casiana Esther Patron †
 11:00 am Mass People of the Parish

Holiday Notice

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 29

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 30

8:15 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Wednesday, December 31

Yes there is a 8:15 am Mass

Thursday, January 1

No 8:15 am Mass

10:00 Mass—Millet Family

Friday, January 2

No 8:15 am Mass

No Eucharistic Adoration

Please pray for the Sick of Holy Spirit

L. Dochnal, J & J. Hameister, N. Gleissner, J. Hillis
 C. Snively, 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

Faith Formation Corner



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

January 1, 2009 Mass Schedule



What a beautiful way to bless the new year than to attend mass on the

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

The oldest Marian Feast Day

10:00 am Thursday, January 1st

Not a holy day of obligation

Eucharistic Adoration

No adoration January 2nd. Adoration will resume in February

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

Blessing of the Family

Gather the family; have the head of the family pray the blessing.

O God,
 you created us in love and saved us in mercy,
 and willed that we should be a sign of Christ's
 love for his Church.

Shower your blessing on our family gathered
 here in your name
 (and those of our family that are distant)
 Enable us to support one another.
 Make us responsive to the needs of each other.

Lord, protect and watch over our family in the
 coming year, so that in the strength of your grace
 we may enjoy the priceless gift of your peace.

Amen +

Head of the family makes the sign of the cross on each family member.