



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 27, 2009

Pastoral Ponderings.....

CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

For Catholics, December 25th is only the beginning of the Christmas season.

The Feast of the Holy Family. This feast is celebrated on the Sunday in the Christmas “octave” – an eight-day period after Christmas. It is a fitting day to thank God for our own families and pray for a deepening of mutual love, in imitation of the Holy Family. This is the feast we celebrate this Sunday.

The Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28. On this day, we remember the children killed by Herod in his determination to end the life of the Messiah. This can be a day of prayer for the innocents of today who are exploited and abused – many people now pray on this day for the victims of abortion – and an opportunity to think about bringing the compassion of Christ to those in need.

New Year’s Eve, December 31. This is the day that almost instinctively lends itself to prayer. Many churches have prayer vigils, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction during this evening, watching for the New Year. *The Anticipated Holy Day Mass for New Year’ Eve will be at 5:30 p.m. at Aberdeen and 7 p.m. at Westport.*

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, January 1. The octave day of Christmas is both a feast honoring Mary, the Mother of God, and a day of Prayer for World Peace. Our celebration of the New Year can be deepened by prayer that our world will be open to the peace Jesus offers. *Mass for this Holy Day will be at 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on Friday, January 1.*

The Feast of the Epiphany, January 3. Epiphany means ‘manifestation,’ and so this feast is the celebration of God’s glory being manifest to all nations, symbolically through the Magi. This is a good day to set the Magi in the nativity scene and share their story from the Gospel of Matthew.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 10. This is the final “Christmas” feast, celebrated on the first Sunday after Epiphany, and commemorates God’s revelation of the divinity of Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan River. It’s a good day to celebrate our own baptism our “new birth” in Christ and our entrance into his Church.

These are the reasons we continue to Celebrate Christmas. We express special thanks to all those who made our Christmas Liturgies so beautiful and meaningful. It always takes everyone doing a little extra to make it a memorable time. And we are so grateful for everyone for doing that little extra. Also, Fr. Zilverberg, the Staff and I would like to convey our gratitude for the cards, kind remarks of support and gifts which we have received during this special time of grace. May God reward you with his many blessings.

Happy New Year to All

From Fr. Ed Pierce, Fr. Kevin Zilverberg and the Staff at Sacred Heart Church

Schedule of Masses

Monday	Holy Innocents, martyrs	
	7:00 a.m.	+Ben Schatz
Tuesday		
	7:00 a.m.	+Gerald Braun
Wednesday		
	7:00 a.m.	Int. Donna Ashdown
	12:10 p.m.	No School Mass today
Thursday	St. Sylvester I	
	7:00 a.m.	Int. Jackie Ryan
	5:30 p.m.	Jennie Hutton
Friday	Octave Day of Christmas	
	8:15 a.m.	+Jeanne Moch
	10:15 a.m.	+Karl Eckrich
Saturday	St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	
	8:15 a.m.	+For those in jails/prisons

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Anton Rohrich
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	+Kathy Callahan
	9:30 a.m.	+Brad Peterson
	11:30 a.m.	For Our Parish

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of Jan. 2 nd and Jan. 3 rd			
Saturday	5:00 pm	Gene Schiller	See Schedule
Sunday	7:30 am.	Therese Leon	See Schedule
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Pat Hale	See Schedule
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Mike McHugh	See Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of Jan. 2 nd and Jan. 3 rd .	
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Priscilla/Augustine Boland, Dominic Coughlin,
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Jodi/Andrew Artz, Bridget White
	9:30 a.m. Brianna Birgen, Chase Kucker, Elizabeth Lewno
	11:30 a.m. Dan/Mitchell/Nathaniel Barker

GREETERS

For the weekend of Jan. 2 nd and Jan. 3 rd	
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Carmen Morrison, Kathy Lovaas, Pat Derzab
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Chris/Cindy Mitchell, Don/Dot Meyer and Andy/Mary Raile
	9:30 a.m. Darin/Tamera Kucker, Irma Mork, and Tom Werlinger
	11:30 a.m. Vickie Haiar, Kathy Schulz

VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., Jan. 3rd –Dennis Goebel/ 225-9636

Traveling Icon for Vocations.

The parish office will have the icon Dec. 20th – Jan 1st . Margaret Malsam will have the icon Jan. 3rd – 9th .



LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, AND

ALTAR SERVERS USHERS: Sign up sheets will be in the Sacristy for all New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day Masses. Please take time to sign up so we are able to cover all Masses..

FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD.

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, Dec. 31st - Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 1st - Mass 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, Dec. 27th

Breakfast will be served by Band 7/11 after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses.

NO Youth Groups this Sunday.

Tuesday, Dec. 29th

RCIA will not meet this week.

Wednesday, Dec. 30th

CCD - No classes this week

Youth Ski Trip - Now taking applications for our youth ski trip on January 18th. Open to youth in grades 7-12. Go to www.sacredheartym.com for applications and more info.

SEARCH - The next Search retreat will on January 8-10. Search is open to anyone in 10th grade or older. Applications and information are available at www.sacredheartym.com

New Year's Party – Dec. 31st 7pm-1am in the parish hall. Open to youth in grades 7-12. Crazy games and tons of fun!

RONCALLI (this week)

Tues. Dec. 29: WR at Webster – 9:30 a.m.

Wed. Dec. 30: GBB vs Faulkton/Wolves Classic/7:00 p.m.

Sat: Jan. 2: GBB at Pheasant Classic – 1:30 p.m.

BB at Parkston Classic - TBA

Recycling Benefits Roncalli

Those aren't bells you are hearing, it's the sound of metal pouring into Mardian Scrap Recycling at 609 SW Sixth Avenue, as family, friends and neighbors donate their metal recyclables for Roncalli.

Tell everyone that any person taking metal recyclables to Mardian Scrap Recycling can ask to have the proceeds donated to Roncalli. Mardian has set up a special account for the Aberdeen Catholic School System.

Thank you for helping our Roncalli schools by your donation.

Please contact those individuals to buy your tickets, call 226-2100 or stop by the Development Office at the high school. Tickets sell for 1 chance for \$20; 5 chances for \$50; or 20 chances for \$100. One lucky winner of the \$10,000 will be chosen March 27, 2010 at the 31st annual Roncalli Ball "A Night in Morocco."

End of Year Giving: Making a charitable gift to the Church or Roncalli before the end of the tax year? Be sure to mail your payment by December 31, 2009, to get credit for this tax year. If you are donating securities, be sure to initiate it early to ensure it's completed in time to be credited for this year.

REMINDER TO TURN IN THE FOLLOWING TO ANY OF THE ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

Grocery Receipts from:

Econofoods,

Ken's

Kesslers

Campbell Soup Labels

Printer Cartridges

All items to appear in the Jan. 2nd and 3rd bulletin must be in the parish office no later than Monday, a.m., Dec. 28th in order to meet the weekly deadline.

The parish office will close at noon on Thursday, December 31st

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection		\$19,428.00
Youth envelopes		\$97.60
Geo-Thermal - funding needed including parking lot		\$467,581.35
Amount paid		\$402,898.68
CFSA	pledged	\$105,960.68
	Paid	\$99,845.68

We took in \$1,600 week. Thus far during the *Crusade* we have collected \$116,045.33

We started our *Crusade* at \$898,652.00. As of 12-17-09 our balance was \$773,001.74. Our daily interest is \$116.48. We so appreciate your generosity. \$5,000 per week covers principal/interest due. We are awaiting the interest split for the past two weeks.

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed....Nothing will be impossible for you.

Epiphany "Night of Music" "He is the Light

of the world", arr. By Russell Maulden, will be performed at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3rd in the parish hall. Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm. Following the performance we will sing traditional Christmas carols in celebration of Epiphany. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, please contact Charlene Blondo at 225-7065.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: A

wonderful way to start the New Year could be spending an hour each week at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is present there to share our joys and sorrows. Many of our elderly are not able to keep their hour during the winter months. For available hours, please call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001. Testimony: Our baby is out of intensive care and recuperating in the pediatrics unit. Thanks for all your prayers.

Inter-Parish

Family Rosary – Tue., Dec. 29th at 7:00 pm—at Sacred Heart.
Serra Club will meet on Sat. Jan. 2nd after the 8:15 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart. All are welcome!

Back by popular demand....St. Mary's Soup Supper Epiphany Sunday Jan. 3rd, Serving from 5:00-7:00 pm
Seven different delicious homemade soups will be served and we'll have angelic voices singing praise to our New Born King for your enjoyment. Your donation of food and or cash to the Christ Child will be accepted and given to the Charity Fund to assist those in need

God sent His only Son at Christmas to say "I Love You". Tell your spouse and family you love them by registering to attend our next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend on February 12-14, 2010 at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center. Contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A Weekend of Discovery... A Lifetime of Love!**



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Let us pray: Loving Father, increase my faith in the incarnation of your Son, increase my awareness of how this has changed human history and my personal history, and increase my recognition of his divine and human presence as he pierces the darkness of this world today and every day! Christmas blessings to each member of our parish family!

WE AS A COMMUNITY:

Welcome into the Body of Christ Andrew Steven son of Jamie and Carrie Weisenburger, and Alexander Nicholas, son of Nicholas and Nicole Rahrlich who were initiated into the Christian Mystery through Baptism in December.

Congratulate Joshua Gehrke and Leslee Ferguson who entered into the Sacrament of Matrimony on December 11th.

THE GREATNESS OF SERVING WITH LOVE!!

“Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don’t have to know Einstein’s theory of relativity to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW:

Thank You for your donations this past year. Your generosity has helped us have a successful 2009. This week we are open Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sat from 12-4 p.m. God bless and we hope you have a very happy New Year.!

ENTHRONEMENT PACKETS are available in the parish office for a \$10 donation.

Family Faith Formation – Dec. 27th

Theme: Jesus establishes his obedience to and relationship with God the Father.

Listen to the word: As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Question for Children: Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?

Question for Youth: Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important? Is it something you struggle with?

Question for Adults: How are you, too, called to our Father’s house?

SUPPORT AND HELP

Project Rachel is for women and men who suffer from the pain of previous abortions. Call 1-800-700-7867.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Learn more about a way of responsible parenthood that is supported by the Catholic Church. Call 226-2232 or Sacred Heart at 225-7065.

Annulments: A possible 2nd chance for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more info, call Sacred Heart 225-7065.

Catholic Family Services: Call 226-1304.

Marriage Encounter: to make a good marriage better!
Web site is www.wwme.org or call 362-0924.

Retrouvaille: Help for hurting marriages. Call 988-3763 or 988-3776 or 2021@retrouvaille.org for more information.

Pregnant? Alone? Afraid?: Call BIRTHRIGHT at 229-0258 or toll-free 1-800-550-4900. **Aberdeen Right to Life:** On the 1st Thu. of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Brown County Courthouse. Marilyn Wachs 226-2232 or Joan Hartung 226-0153.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Pray for those who are depressed, isolated or lonely.

Tue. 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
Pray for safe travel and good weather.

Wed: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
Pray for a deeper faith in God.

Thur: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
Pray that all our families may work toward being more like the Holy Family.

Fri. Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Pray in thanksgiving for a year filled with blessings!

Sat. 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
Pray that we may become more humble, caring and prayerful through our Blessed Mother.

Sun. Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7,8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Pray in Thanksgiving to God for all our blessings.