

ST. JOSEPH

PARISH

Vanderburgh County

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*A community of joyful, active,
faith-filled people who give thanks to
God by generously sharing their
individual gifts and talents to serve the
needs of all.*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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Sacramental Preparation



January 1, 2012, THE FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Dear friends,

Thanks for the many wonderful cards and gifts you have blessed me with this Christmas. Once again I am reminded how privileged I am to be able to work and pray with you here at St. Joe. Thanks as well for your generosity to our parish through out weekly collections. You've helped us come a long way toward meeting our weekly budgeted needs!

And thanks as well for your continued generosity to our sisters and brothers in Haiti. We've been able to meet our matching grant for our Haiti Water Project! And you have responded so generously to our Haiti education fund as well. Please know that your money will be used wisely and well to give life and hope to our friends in Haiti!

As we begin this new year, may we, like Mary, whose feast we celebrate today, say "yes" to all that will unfold before us in these coming months, knowing that God will be working in and through it all!

Fr. Gene Schroeder



MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD *fr. Richard Rohr, ofm*

The unusual numbers of barren women in the Old Testament are clever symbols of "I can't do it, but God can!" This is also personified in the virginity of Mary, but it is still the same Jewish symbol. In Mary, and in us, we see our incapacity to make it happen by our own devices, by our own cleverness and by our own sexuality, but we can also "let it be" and let God see in us what we cannot see in ourselves.

God "regards" (*regardez*, French: "to look at") us, and thus gives us our identity. We must allow ourselves to receive and rest in the divine gaze. This is exactly what Mary says in her Magnificat: "he has looked upon me in my lowliness" (Luke 1:48). All holiness is the result of a deep mirroring experience from God.

We all stand before God just as we are: naked, exposed, with no worthiness or even unworthiness to claim as an identity. It is just such emptiness or "lowliness" that God can fully "lift up" (Luke 1:52). This is surely not what any of us expected.

The Annunciation story (Luke 1:26-38) is the crescendo point of the Biblical theme of grace. After the Madonna and child image (the essential Incarnation icon), the Annunciation is the most painted Christian scene. Did you ever notice that Mary does not say here that she is "not worthy"? She just asks for clarification. She only asks "How" because that might ask something more of her. She never asks if, whether, or why!

That is quite extraordinary and reveals her lack of ego. She becomes an archetype of perfect receptivity and total divine freedom. It takes the entire Bible to work up to one perfect vessel that knows how to say an unquestioning yes to an utterly free gift. She does it alone, quietly, and with courage, which makes March 25 the real day of the Incarnation, which is always somehow hidden away and unnoticed. Some have called it "Hidden Christmas," nine months before we celebrate the actual birth of Jesus.

Mary represents and sums up the entire mystery of received salvation, represented in all of her major feasts and attributes: She is called the "Immaculate Conception," chosen before she had done anything right or anything wrong (perhaps implied in Romans 8:30); Gabriel tells her at the Annunciation that she is to "mother God" with no mention of merit or private worthiness (Luke 1:48); Her "virgin motherhood" is shrouded in mystery even for her (Luke 2:19, 51), as is our own destiny and deepest self; A quiet, ordinary life (no statements about her for thirty years); Her heroic standing in dignity and solidarity with the pain and despair at the end (John 19:25), again, surely not understanding; Her receptivity to the shared life of the Holy Spirit along with everybody else at Pentecost (Acts 1:14).

All of these dimensions point to the full meaning of how God is born into the world! It is never about us, and always about God. We, like Mary, are merely "handmaids" (Luke 1:38) and instruments, and it took such a woman as her to make the whole pattern clear. The Catholic and Orthodox intuition about honoring her proceeded from a deep inner intuition that was "truer" than even we imagined.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
THE FEAST OF MARY
THE MOTHER OF GOD

5:00 PM Frank & Theresa Maurer, T.P.Lewis, Valada Martin, Leona Barrett, Boobie & Bettye Maurer, Agnes & Vernon Dezember, Mary Hillenbrand, Elisabeth Comings, (1880), Olivia

Schapker (1994)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

THE FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 AM Clarence & Catherine Miller, Dennis Jean, Alice Keil, Kevin Maurer, Robert Niemeier

10:30 AM Edna Turner, Anna Herrmann (1872), Francis Wolf (1874), Adam Wolf (1895), Mary Effinger (1919), Barbara Hoefling (1924)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 PM Catharina Weiss (1929), Susanna Schneider (1930), Peter Schenk (1944), Mary Hoefling (1967), Albert Gries (1990)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday

7:30 AM Catherine Hillenbrand (1963), Frank Voelker (1968), Blanche Rives (1978), Clara Baumgart (1998)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 AM Adolphus Fahrney (1902), Louise Macke (1953), Melvin Garvin (2009)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Saint John Neumann

NO MASS Barthel Bender (1914), Alfred Kibby (1981), Katherine Quinlin (1984), Sr. Conradine Will, O.S.F. (2002)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

7:30 AM Nicholas Goedde, Cyrilla Reker, Elisabeth 1871), Christina Benendes (1955)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 PM Frank & Theresa Arnold, Ed Arnold, Brian Fuchs, Mary Rexing, Jeanne Kuester, James & Dolores Niemeier, John Buchart (1880), Rosina Buchart (1880), Friedric Roeleke (1892), Joseph Ritter (1960), Sylvester Schnepfer (1967)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Helen & Robert Hopster, Richard Jean, Jerome Schneider, Val Pfaffman, Chales Wolf, Jane Raben, Virgil and Rose Spaetti

10:30 AM Florence Hodges, Stella Ubelhor, Theresa and Frank Arnold, Betty and Urban Will Catharine Kissel (1887), Bettye Maurer (2008)



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on the first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience.

How has His coming changed my life?



DECEMBER 26, 2011	\$ 29,037.75
CHRISTMAS	\$ 4,485.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 18,400.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 453,128.58
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 478,400.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 50.75

YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK: Hunter Mattes, Hannah Kissel, Finley Fehrenbacher, Zach Schneider, Jessica Kelley, Mariah Schneider, Isaac Schneider, Amelia Duncan, Catherine Schneider, Dillon Mossberger, Hunter Gillenwater, Grant Gillenwater, Nicholas Angermeier, Ethan Kissel, Conner Brown, Henry Duncan, Claudia Duncan, Landon Smith, Madison Mossberger, Mason Mossberger, Hannah Smith, Piper Fehrenbacher, Kameryn McGehee, Brandon Werner, Natalie Schneider, Arley Will

RAISING THE ROOF FUND

DECEMBER 26, 2011	\$ 555.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 362,849.18

MISSION OUTREACH

VLADIVOSTOK MISSIONS	\$ 50.00
HAITI EDUCATION FUND	\$ 1,125.00
HAITI WATER PROJECT	\$ 3,420.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

HERITAGE: *Myrna Craney*

WEST RIVER: *Larry Ubelhor, John Bergwitz*

PINE HAVEN: *Brenda Koester*

SOLARBRON TERRACE: *Valeria Elpers, Clarence and Mildred Rexing,*

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: *Norm Moutoux*

BRENTWOOD: *Edgar Hartz*

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: *Larry Hoefling*

WOODRIDGE HEALTH & REHABILITATION: *Joan Roberts*

Jan. 1: Bobby Mossberger

Jan. 2: Aaliyah Jones, Ashley Muensterman, Becky Raben, Tony Weis

Jan. 3: Brooke Hohler, Katie Parker, Matt Parker, Carolyn Wargel

Jan. 4: Katie Barnes, Alan Blankenberger, Haley Elpers, Delores Strupp, Amy Tenbarga

Jan. 5: Bradley Angermeier, Michelle Duncan, Joe Happe, Ethan Kissel, Tyler Weinzapfel

Jan. 6: Clay Allison, Brain Elpers, Dick Klausmeier, Max Layman, Quinn Layman, Dawson Matherly, Charlotte Schlichting

Jan. 7: Mark Duncan, Nathan Egler, Keith Fehrenbacher, Norman Gibbs

Jan. 1: Charles & Monica Voelker, Joe & Karla Deweese

Jan. 3: Brent & Laura Symon

Jan. 4: Bryan & Angie Will

Jan. 5: Wilbur & Marian Fehrenbacher, Mike & Eran Happe

Jan. 6: Todd & Sheri Powers

Jan. 7: Norb & Madonna Niemeier, Ron & Lisa Schneider

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



ST. JOE SENIOR CITIZENS WILL MEET THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
NOON AT ST. JOE INN 1 PM IN THE CAFETERIA



WHO WILL BE PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS THIS WEEK?



MONDAY: 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration
TUESDAY: 6 pm SPRED Friends
 7 pm Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY: 7 pm Marian Prayer Group
FRIDAY: NOON Senior Citizens Lunch at St. Joe Inn
 1 pm Senior Citizens Gathering in the Cafeteria
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Haiti & Food Pantry Collections
SUNDAY: 9-10:15 am Religious Education Family Class/RCIA
 1-3 pm Confirmation Session #6

**THIS
WEEK**

FRIDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING JAN. 13: Beginning Square Dance Les-
AROUND TOWN
 sons with the River City Square Dancers, 7-9 pm, ages 13
 and older, for full details call 812-567-4485
Jan. 14: St. John (Daylight) Knights of Columbus Spa-
ghetti Dinner, 6-8 pm, adults \$6, children (under 10) \$3,
 call 867-3718 to purchase tickets

**CHANGES IN THE WORDS WE
USE WHEN WE PRAY AT MASS**

Beginning in Advent we starting using some new words when we pray at Mass. We've started with a different response to the invocation "The Lord be with you." The new response is "And with your spirit."

Over the next couple of week we will be changing some other words we use when we pray at mass. These changes are pretty minor, a change in a few words here and there.

To help you become familiar with them, the new words are listed below. The underlined parts are the new words we will be using.

Priest: The Lord Be With You
 People: And with your spirit.

The Preface Dialogue
 Priest: The Lord be with you.
 People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Life up your hearts
 People: We lift them up to the Lord
 Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
 People: It is right and just.

The Sanctus
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth
 are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed
 is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
 the highest.

The Mystery of Faith
 People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
 your Resurrection until you come again or

Save us, Savior of the World, for by your Cross and Res-
 urrection you have set us free or

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim
 your death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Sign of Peace
 Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always
 People: And with your spirit.

Invitation to Communion
 Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes
 away the sings of the world. Blessed are those called to
 the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter un-
 der my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be
 healed.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE
 (EM=Eucharistic Minister, S=Servers, L=Lector, GB=Giftbearers, G=Greeters)
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 & 8
5:00 PM Margaret & Ron Angermeier, Bob & Mary Kay Fehrenbacher,
 Lee Askins (EM), Mackenzie Douglas (S), Mike Reffett (L), Tom & Jerri
 Kempf (GB)
8:00 AM Imogene & Richard Baehl, Kathy & Randy Fehrenbacher, Ann
 Craney (EM), Adam Elpers (S), Tom Blythe (L), Troy Meyer Family
 (GB), John & Ruby Manger (G)
10:30 AM Mark Taylor, Amy Tenbarga, Diane Bassemier, Paul Hillen-
 brand, Sally Kempf (EM), Bayleigh & Kaelyn Wessel (S), Olivia
 Deweese (L), Glenn & Joyce Lewis (GB), Michelle Kirk (G)

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SKI TRIP--JANUARY 13
 Information and permission forms have gone home. If you did not receive information, contact Sharon Vogler 963-3273 or email svogler@evdio.org.



--Buy SCRIP after Mass--
SCRIP WORKER SCHEDULE
 Sat. 1/7, 5 pm: *Jenny Collins
 Sun. 1/8, 8 am: *Julianna Voelker & Susie Traylor
 Sun. 1/8, 10:30 am: *Julie Forcum & Mary Kay Hahn

CREATING A LIVING LEGACY FOR OUR PARISH
 Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, tax legislation just enacted extends the opportunity throughout 2011 for individuals 70½ or older to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as your parish or an endowment. Such qualified direct distributions to charity from your IRA are not subject to income tax! For information on how to add to an existing endowment or if you are considering creating your own Catholic Legacy, please contact the Parish office (963-3273)

IT'S LOTTERY TIME We're wrapping up our lottery sales for this year. Thanks to all those who have again purchased a ticket or bought a ticket for the first time. We still have a number of tickets to sell to reach our goal of selling 500 tickets. So....let us know if you can help us out. Cost is \$75. Contact the parish office. (963-3273) and we'll be glad to deliver a ticket to you. Check the mail also for a for a chance to buy a lottery ticket.
DECEMBER LOTTERY WINNERS: \$750—Mary Ann Strawn; \$300—Mag Eickhoff; \$200—Bob Straub; \$100 St. Joe Haiti Mission.
 Tickets are now on sale for the **Mater Dei/Memorial** annual "Buy a Ticket for the Tradition" **Lottery** Each ticket is \$100. For tickets call the Parish office at 963-3273.

