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MASSES: SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY 6:30 A.M.; WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M.  
RECONCILIATION: FIRST FRIDAY 5:00-6:15 P.M.

## December 13, 2009 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Jo Dillon, Craig Endris, Paul Guillory, Gene Rogers, Jane Turbeville and Stephanie Word  
**FINANCE COUNCIL** – Eddie Adkins, Jeannie Barrier, Anthony Fertitta, Charles Strong, Dennis Strong and Judy Varney

## MINISTRIES OF EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** (8:15) Larry & Vicki Moorehead (10:45) Charlie & Kay Campbell  
(12/20) (8:15) Duane & Felecia Stevens (10:45) Joe Best & Laurie McCarley  
**LECTORS** (8:15) David Flood & Joan Guillory (10:45) Barbara Clark & Joe Best  
(12/20) (8:15) Bill Heller & Laurissa Henderson (10:45) Paul Guillory & Lee Malkowski  
**SERVERS** (8:15) Macey Endris & Catherine Bratton (10:45) Melissa Rogers & Mitch Rogers  
(12/20) (8:15) John Wm. Savell & Wyatt West (10:45) Michael Gordon & Caroline Sahlen  
**HOSPITALITY** (8:15) David & Mona Cobb (10:45) Jim & Cindy Wilson  
(12/20) (8:15) Dalton & Pat Crotwell (10:45) Gene & Tina Rogers  
**VOCATION PRAYERS** (8:15) Pete Weisenberger (10:45) William & Cindy Harris  
(12/20) (8:15) Neal & Amy Popichak (10:45) Hal & Laurie McCarley  
**USHERS** (8:15) Joe Jones & Don Guillory (10:45) Doc Toups & Pete Weisenberger  
(12/20) (8:15) David Flood & Joe Lott (10:45) Joe Best & Eddie Adkins

**COLLECTION** December 6      **General Fund: \$10,737.80**    **Building Fund: \$16,280.00**  
**Our Daily Bread: \$253.00**

**PLEASE PRAY** for members of our parish, our families and friends who are in need of prayer, especially Lenora Aulenbrock, Mary Schmidt, Clay Pruden, Eleanor Lipnicky, Stephen O'Brien, Kathryn Williams, Nicole Marquez, Will Graves, Carrie Maniscalco, Tom Stoltz, Doris Degenhardt, Nancy Dorman, Rose Marks, Myrtis Hearn, Rosemary Tisdale, Kara Price, Lou Moran, Bobby Imbroglio, Mike Minninger, Daniel Gonzales, Joe Murphy, Alyson Blythe, Madison J. Cox, Reed Longgrear, Kellie Morain, W. C. Fowler, Will Berlin, Eric Hegwood, Jan Warren, Diane Saik, Mart Bisek, Hazel Strong, Frank Fertitta, Ginger Fertitta, Katie Fertitta, Ken Roberts and our loved ones serving in the military; Jim Sisson (Iraq), Will Weisenberger, Jr. (Iraq).

**REMINDER**      **SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Retirement Fund for Religious**  
**CHOIR ADVENT CONCERT: Today, 6:00 p.m., Church**  
**TUESDAY MASS -6:30 a.m. (intention †Mike Burns)**  
**LADIES SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Parish Hall**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Wednesday, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**WEDNESDAY MASS - 6:30 p.m. (intention †Dr. Robert Tiel)**  
**MASS SUNDAY, Dec. 20: 5:00 p.m. (intention †Anna Lee Howard)**

**OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS Juan Chavajay:** Contact Juan with your prayers and best wishes at his e-mail: [johnvisi@hotmail.com](mailto:johnvisi@hotmail.com). Our seminarians need and appreciate your continued prayers!!

**LADIES AUXILIARY WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER:** Next meeting will be January 11, 2010.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE IS: Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.; and Christmas morning, 8:15 a.m.** The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Day) is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass here at St. Joseph will be at 5:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES. IF YOU CAN SERVE AS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST, LECTOR, HOSPITALITY MINISTER OR ALTAR SERVER, PLEASE CONTACT PAM.**

**PLANNING FOR ADVENT-** We will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph this Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. There will be extra priests available during those times to hear confessions.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now available for purchase after the morning Masses. Please keep Christ in your Christmas by sending these beautiful Christmas cards and supporting our KC's.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS:** Anyone wishing to make a donation for the Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one may do so until December 20. Please put the donation in an envelope with the name of the person(s) to be remembered and give to Pam.

**CHOIR ADVENT CONCERT:** Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a special evening of Advent music presented by our own St. Joseph Thanksgiving Choir. The concert will be **TODAY at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.** Please come and support our choir as they celebrate their third anniversary!

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION A WONDERFUL EVENT!!** To those who made the **Children's Program** such a great success – The number of children participating brought special challenges this year, but our community and our precious children came together for a delightful program. A HUGE *thank you* to Jackie Dockery and her assistant Stephanie Word for coordinating the program! Special thanks to Patti Darbonne and ALL our very special Sunday School Teachers. And, for the **bonfire and chili supper** – KC Ladies Auxiliary coordinated a WONDERFUL meal. We thank them and everyone who contributed goodies for the occasion. We also recognize the GLUCKSTADT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT for their special contributions to the evening!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** We will not have Mass on Wednesday, December 23; Tuesday, December 29; Wednesday, December 30 or Friday, January 1.

**GERMANFEST FINAL NUMBERS:** We have finally gotten all the bills in for Germanfest and are able to make our final report. Our proceeds from this year's fest were \$41,937.70. This is the most profitable year ever. You will recall that we tithed 10% of our proceeds to local charity. The Councils have determined our 80% tithe recipients are Christmas Village & Canton Hispanic Ministries; and our 20% tithe recipients are Holy Child Jesus School, Gluckstadt Fire Department and John Chapman for Mission Trip to Nicaragua.

**RELIGIOUS FACE RISING COSTS.** Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** St. Joseph will again be adopting the **Madison County Nursing Home** for the upcoming holiday season. Some of the items needed are: arts & craft supplies, bead-making kits, games, puzzles, personal items – lotion, powder, dusters, wraps. We will begin collecting these items immediately after Thanksgiving and delivering them in time for Christmas. We would also like as many parishioners as possible to join us for a Christmas visit next **Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m.** We will be reading, painting, playing games and giving our time to these beautiful seniors! Children are encouraged to participate in this service project. What better way for your family to get into the spirit of Christmas! Any questions, please call Stephanie Word at 601-540-7186.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Lord, give me a growing desire to pray. It remains so hard for me to give my time generously to you. I am still greedy for time – time to be useful, effective, successful, time to perform, excel, produce. But you, O Lord, ask nothing other than my simple presence, my humble recognition of my nakedness, my defenseless confession of my sins, so that you can let the rays of your love enter my heart and give me the deep knowledge that I can love because you have loved me first, that I can offer acceptance because you have accepted me first, and that I can do good because you have shown me your goodness first.**

**What holds me back? What makes me so hesitant and stingy, so careful and calculating? Do I still doubt that I need nothing besides you? Do I still want to build up some kind of reserve in case you might not come through? Lord, help me to give up these immature games, and let me love you freely, boldly, courageously, and generously. Amen.**  
--Henri J.M. Nouwen