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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 6, 2009 – 2nd 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) Denson & Mary Etta Robinson (10:45) Doc & Sue Toups
(12/13) (8:15) Larry & Vicki Moorehead (10:45) Charlie & Kay Campbell
LECTORS (8:15) Denise Forsythe & Anthony Fertitta (10:45) Pete Weisenberger & Barbara Clark
(12/13) (8:15) David Flood & Joan Guillory (10:45) Barbara Clark & Joe Best
SERVERS (8:15) Lexie Iles & Joni Pittman (10:45) Nick Fertitta & Catherine McCarley
(12/13) (8:15) Macey Endris & Catherine Bratton (10:45) Melissa Rogers & Mitch Rogers
HOSPITALITY (8:15) Glenn & Grace Wilson (10:45) Stephen & Megan Moity
(12/13) (8:15) David & Mona Cobb (10:45) Jim & Cindy Wilson
VOCATION PRAYERS (8:15) Paul & Joan Guillory (10:45) Harry & Andrea Olinger
(12/13) (8:15) Pete Weisenberger (10:45) William & Cindy Harris
USHERS (8:15) Ned Darbonne & Billy Endris (10:45) Lee Malkowski & Rich Mihal
(12/13) (8:15) Joe Jones & Don Guillory (10:45) Doc Toups & Pete Weisenberger

COLLECTION November 29 General Fund: \$6746.79 Building Fund: \$4914.00

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, Bobbye 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 and our loved ones serving in the military; Jim Sisson (Iraq), Will Weisenberger, Jr. (Iraq).

REMINDER **OUR DAILY BREAD SUNDAY:** Today
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESUMES: Today, Christmas Program Practice
VIGIL MASS FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Monday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m., Parish Hall
TUESDAY MASS -6:30 a.m. (intention †Mark Chapman)
LADIES SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY MASS - 6:30 p.m. (intention: In Thanksgiving – Denise Thibodeaux)
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT/SOCIAL: Saturday, Dec. 12, 6:00 p.m.
MASS SUNDAY, Dec. 13: 5:00 p.m. (intention †Naomi Buras)
CHOIR ADVENT CONCERT: Next Sunday, Dec. 13, 6:00 p.m., Church
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: Retirement Fund for Religious

OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS Rusty Vincent: Contact Rusty with your prayers and best wishes at his e-mail: rvincent890@yahoo.com. Our seminarians need and appreciate your continued prayers!!

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 on 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.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASS TIMES AT ST. JOSEPH ARE ON MONDAY, DEC. 7 AT 6:30 P.M. AND TUESDAY, DEC. 8 AT 6:30 A.M.

OUR ANNUAL ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND SOCIAL WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY, DEC. 12 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. Our program this year will be a traditional Nativity narration with a Children's Christmas Choir. **FOLLOWING THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**, we will have a bonfire and chili supper. There are SIGN-UP SHEETS in the back of the Church for chili, sandwiches, desserts, etc. *This celebration is a long-standing tradition at St. Joseph and we invite everyone to come and spend some time visiting with your parish family!*

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 **Sunday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.** Please come and support our choir as they celebrate their third anniversary!

FATHER ONWU'S VACATION: Father Onwu will be leaving for Nigeria on Wednesday and he will be returning on February 2. During his time away, he will be visiting with his family as well as working to help build a school in a village near his home. We wish Father Onwu safe travels and look forward to his return. In his absence, Father Noonan and Father Tom DeWane will be helping with the Masses here and in Canton.

RETIREMENT FUND HELPS SENIOR RELIGIOUS. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Retirement fund for Religious.

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 on Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. We'll 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.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER: Every second Saturday the Rosary will be prayed in front of the Abortion Clinic on State St. in Jackson at 8 a.m. Our next date is Saturday, Dec. 12. Everyone is invited!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS "GIFTS OF THE SEASON" CHRISTMAS FINE ARTS PROGRAM on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 p.m. There will be performances by the band, choir, drama & dance classes and artwork from high school art & pottery classes. Tickets are \$7. Contact (601) 898-4800 for more information.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: *Advent is a time to give thought and talk to "Christmas presence."*
Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere. Flood my soul with your spirit and your life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may be only a radiance of yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus. Amen. --- Cardinal John Henry Newman