

# Spires of Faith Cluster

Rev. John O'Connor, *Pastor*  
Rev. Dennis J. Quint, *Pastor*  
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## St. Francis Xavier Basilica

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

**St. Francis, Dyersville:**  
Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sun.: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am  
Archdiocesan Latin Mass 12:00 pm

**St. Joseph, Earlville:** Sunday: 8:00am

**St. Boniface, New Vienna:**  
Sunday: 10:00 am

**Sts. Peter & Paul, Petersburg:**  
Saturday: 7:00 pm

**St. Paul, Worthington:** Sunday: 9:00 am

## Prayer Chain

SpiresPrayers@AOL.com  
or call: 563-875-8806

## Sacrament of Penance

**St. Francis:** Saturday 4:00-4:30pm  
After the 6:30am morning Masses  
Before the 5:15pm Mass on Wed.  
Before the 8:30am Mass on First Fri.

**St. Joseph:** 7:30am before Sun. Mass

## St. Peter & Paul & St. Boniface

Before the Saturday Mass

**St. Paul** 8:15am before Sun. Mass

*Communal Penance Services are offered in Advent and Lent.*

## Sacrament of Baptism

**New parents** are required to participate in Pre-baptism instructions, preferably in the first six months of pregnancy.

## Sacrament of Marriage

For those who are free to marry, marriage preparation takes at least six months. Contact a priest for further information.

## Confirmation

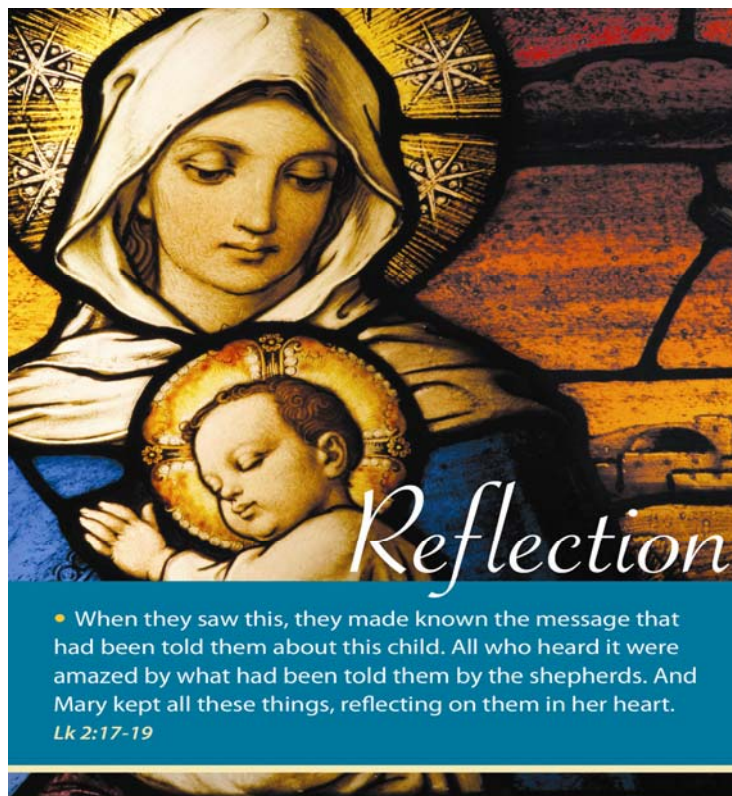
Preparation is a 2 year process. Students must be enrolled in Faith Formation or Catholic schools for two years. The intensive preparation is a one year process, typically part of one's sophomore year. Contact a parish office for further details.

## Anointing of the Sick

Area residents of care centers are anointed regularly. This sacrament is also offered twice each year during Mass in our churches. If you are anticipating surgery, are homebound, or experiencing declining health, contact one of our parish offices. Also notify us if you are hospitalized.

## Holy Orders

The Archdiocese of Dubuque offers formation for priesthood candidates at Loras College in Dubuque for men at least 18 years old. Candidates for the permanent diaconate must be 35. Visit with one of the priests for details.



# Liturgies

D-St. Francis • E-St. Joseph • NV-St. Boniface  
P-Petersburg • W-St. Paul

## Monday: St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 am D Scott & Ken Tauke  
7:30 am NV Gomer Domeyer

## Tuesday: Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 am D Robert "Bob" Koch  
7:30 am NV John Cook

## Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 am W Wilbur & Florence Leifker  
8:30 am P John & Anita Scherbring  
5:15 pm D Germaine Wedewer,  
Christian Sogaard,  
Armella Klostermann

## Thursday: St. John Neumann

6:30 am D Mabel McDermott  
8:30 am NV Evelyn Pape  
8:00 am E Francis Vorwald

## Friday: St. Andre Bessette

7:30 am W Mae Becker  
7:30 am P Altar & Rosary Society  
8:30 am D For All Souls

## Saturday/Sunday: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 pm D August "Jr" Schraad  
7:00 pm P For the People  
7:00 am D For the People,  
Ray Deutmeyer & Ken Naderman  
8:00 am E Bob Fessler,  
Elmer & Anna Mae Fangman  
8:30 am D Helen Buchheit,  
Fritz & Pearl Koopmann  
9:00 am W Merle, Delores, John DeShaw,  
Ray & Irma Hess  
10:00 am NV Earl Wessels  
10:30 am D Lloyd Goerd  
12:00 pm D Archdiocesan Latin Mass

**We extend our sympathy and prayers  
to the family of: Mary Goerd**

## Weekly Readings ■ Jan. 1–8, 2012

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42  
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-  
38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12

**READERS:** The readings for Masses are also found  
on US bishops' website <http://www.usccb.org/nab>

# This Week in Our Parishes

## VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX PROGRAM BEGINS

This weekend at the Spires of Faith Cluster we'll be initiating a Vocations Crucifix Program to promote vocation awareness. At each parish Mass a family will be entrusted with the parish's Vocations Crucifix for a week and given the responsibility and the privilege of praying that more people will respond to God's call to serve the church as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother. If you're interested in more information or would potentially like to be involved, please call the parish office or talk to one of the three priests.



## Monday, Jan. 2:

### CLUSTER PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED.

**8:00 AM—12 NOON † START THE YEAR OFF WITH OUR JANUARY MINI RETREAT HERE AT THE BASILICA.** All are invited to a morning of prayer and reflection this Monday, beginning at 8:00 am with a welcome and rosary followed by a talk by Fr. Quint. Stations and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at approx. 10:15 am. The Angelus Prayer will close the morning at noon. Spend quiet time with Jesus and let Mary guide us through the life of Jesus through the Rosary and the journey to Calvary while praying the Stations. What a great way to begin the new year! All are welcome and encouraged to attend all or part of this mini-retreat. Bring a friend! (Each month a mini-retreat is held at a different parish but is not sponsored by any parish or organization and is open to everyone. For more information call Trina, 563-543-0089 or email [trinah@mchsi.com](mailto:trinah@mchsi.com).)

## Tuesday, Jan. 3:

**8:00 am—2:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
at the Beckman Chapel (D).

**6:30 pm RCIA** session will be held in Xavier Church Hall. Discussion topic is Baptism.

## Wednesday, Jan. 4:

**3:45-4:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at the  
Convent Chapel (D).

**6:00 pm Bible Study** returns n Xavier School.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** ~ Dyersville: 6:45-8:00 pm grades 1-10;  
Earlville: 5:45-7:00 pm grades 1-6; 7:15-8:30 pm grades 7-12.

## Thursday, Jan. 5:

**8:00 am—10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
at the Convent Chapel (D).

**7:00 pm BINGO** in Xavier Church Hall (D) Jackpot \$300 every week.

## Friday, Jan. 6:

**7:30-8:30 am Come and worship at First Friday Adoration** this Friday  
at Dyersville. Closing Benediction at 8:30 am followed by Mass.  
(see info on page 6.)

## Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 7/8:

## ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF YOUR RECORDED CONTRIBUTIONS TO

**PARISHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED OR MAILED SOON** — Using your envelopes allows us to wrap our gift and receive an accounting of it. We are grateful for your patience and for the ministry of our counters. Your regular contributions are so important to keeping a steady flow of funds. Recall that the Scriptures call us to tithe our income — 10% of our gross income donated to charity. If we make \$20,000 per year, then we are challenged to donate \$2,000. If we make \$50,000 per year, we are challenged to donate \$5,000. Many people offer half of their tithe to the parish and the other half to other charities.

# From Fr. Quint

## DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Happy New Year! The threshold of a new year is a natural time to consider establishing novel approaches to our daily living. Foremost in our minds should be an evaluation of our spiritual practices and how to enhance our spirituality this year. We live in the year 2012 A.D. The initials "A.D." represent the Latin words "*Anno Domini*" meaning "Year of the Lord." Jesus was believed to be born in the year zero. Thus, we keep track of time according to that awesome, salvific event. How we will make this a Spirit-filled year of the Lord? By worshipping every week and perhaps coming to daily Mass more often. By praying together as a family every day. By becoming involved in parish life through serving on a committee or offering gifts in another way. Take 5 minutes, reflect, and then write down a couple of ways you want to grow closer to God and his people this year. May this Christmas season continue to be filled with blessings for you.

### Other items:

- Our cluster churches are decorated beautifully! Thanks to everyone who assisted in the decoration process and offered memorials towards purchasing the lovely plants. We will continue to pray for these loved ones throughout the Christmas season. The music at our Christmas Masses also was outstanding and helped to lift our minds and hearts to heaven.
- We priests give you thanks for your acts of kindness at this time of year. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is appreciated.
- Find out where to participate in your local caucus next Tuesday night. Become informed about candidates' positions and help to communicate the gospel of life by choosing candidates who stand for the truth of the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Please pray for Msgr. Joe O'Brien, a retired priest of the Archdiocese, who died this past week.

## UPCOMING:

- **PARENT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11, 7:00 PM EARLVILLE, DYERSVILLE & WORTHINGTON**—For parents with children preparing to receive Holy Communion the first time are asked to attend this required prep session held in the Xavier School Auditorium.
- **SPIRES OF FAITH CLUSTER COUNCIL** meets at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at New Vienna.
- **ARCHDIOCESAN 175TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKS** are available for \$35. To purchase, please stop at the Dyersville parish office.

# Basilica of St. Francis Xavier

## SFX PARISH THIS WEEK:

- **MONDAY, 6:00 pm** — you help is needed in the Christmas take-down this Monday night. Please meet in church at 6:00 pm.
- **Tuesday, 3:00 pm Children's Choir Practice**  
**6:30 pm Basilica Choir Rehearsal**
- **Wednesday, 6:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting.**
- **Thursday, 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice**
- **Saturday, 10:00 Mass Server Training**
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD RETURNS** — **During the 5:00 pm Saturday & 10:30 am Sunday Masses.** Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who made Christmas at the Basilica a wonderful experience. The decorations, the music, the ministries of the Mass, the large crowds ~ a wonderful celebration!

Special thanks to all who helped with the Special Mass honoring our cluster senior parishioners.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

Donations were given in memory of Theresa Clemen. Her name was omitted from the insert. Sorry for omission.

**THANK YOU** ~ Many individuals and businesses donated prizes for our Christmas Bingo. Our thanks to: Darlene Allen, Mary Jane Clemen, Lois Kramer, Shirley Pins, Fareway, Payless Foods, Ideal Decorating, Subway, Quizno's, McDonalds, Ace Homeworks, Fidelity Bank & Trust, Dairy Queen, Mechelle's Crafts, Groovy Grounds, Helle Equipment, Dyersville Equipment, Golden Wok, State Farm Insurance, Chad's Pizza, Konrardy's, Hair Pantry, Wholesale Meats, Head Shed, Edward Jones/Steve Salter, The Palace, K & K Logo, English Insurance, Dupaco Credit Union, Country Junction, Community Savings Bank, Heritage Printing, Scherrmans Implement, Hardees, Pamida, American Trust & Savings and Riesberg Rental.

**THANK YOU** ~ Bingo 4th quarter profits were \$2,200. We thank our Bingo Chair that oversee the program; Judy Geistkemper, Shirley Pirc, Bob & Elaine Luken, John & Deb Steger, Deb Tegeler, Karen Steffensmeier, Terry Willenborg and Dave Schuster. And we also thank all the Bingo workers that help run the games each week. **THE NEXT BINGO will be Jan. 19th. If you wish to be part of this great Program—call the office this week.**

**RAFFLE WINNERS** this weekend: Marilyn Prier  
Leroy Ostwinkle

## Finances

Budget received 12/25/11 .....	\$ 47,551.34
Christmas.....	\$ 48,949.00
Offertory.....	\$ 4,275.35
Children .....	\$ 74.00
NEEDED FISCAL YEAR 7/1/11—12/25/11 .....	\$ 624,000.00
Received .....	\$ 575,855.33
Short.....	—\$ 48,144.67
PARISH DEBT .....	\$ 189,321.50
DEBT TO BASILICA FUND .....	\$ 223,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DEBT .....	\$ 118,370.00

# St. Joseph

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas Eve Mass. We had a full house, the choir sounded wonderful and the church looked beautiful! We have so much to be thankful for!

**JOPLIN, MO. SERVICE TRIP** – On Dec. 10-17, I had the opportunity to join twelve other men from our archdiocese and traveled to Joplin, MO. Many of you may have forgotten by now the city was hit by an EF5 tornado on May 22, 2011. The path of the storm was ¾ of a mile wide and six miles long. We worked on three separate houses in the hardest hit section of town. Many who lived in this part of town were elderly and on fixed incomes. Two of the three homeowners had no insurance to cover their loss. We were able to finish one home while we were there and give a glimmer of hope to two others by our work on their homes. There is still a tremendous amount of reconstruction that needs to be done and the need is great for more volunteers. I am considering going back in March or April. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in going, contact me @ 563-543-4402.

*Steve Leibold*

**2012 BUDGET ENVELOPES** are available in Dunkel Hall. There are envelopes for adults and students in grades 2-12. Parents, please encourage your students to use their envelopes throughout the year. It is good for students to learn at a young age to share their time, talent and treasure with the church.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO HOMEBOUND** – A new prayer sheet is available in the sacristy for you to use. Please take one along to the homebound so they also have the new prayers.

**DISHES AND BAKEWARE** – If you brought food to a funeral dinner or to a parish fish fry in 2011, please stop in Dunkel Hall to make sure you picked up your pan. There are still a number of pans that have not been claimed. We want to have them cleared out soon.

**LAY MINISTERS ■ January 8, 2012**

Mass Servers: Matthew Maiers, Andrew Carton  
Lector: Tom Goldsmith

Eucharistic Ministers: Wally Wheeler, Sue Salow  
Art Nefzger, Joan Steger

Rosary Leader: Shirley Nefzger, Dorothy Roling

Greeters: Clem & Hilda DeMuth

Music: Choir

## Finances

Budget received 12-25-2011	\$ 3,180.00
Weekly Adult Budget needed	\$ 2,019.00
Offertory	\$ 761.51
Christmas	\$ 12,165.00
Fiscal YTD Adult Budget Needed	\$ 52,494.00
Fiscal YTD Adult Budget Received	\$ 53,957.19
YTD	+ \$ 1,463.19

# St. Paul

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BUDGET ENVELOPES AFTER MASS OR DURING THE WEEK. THANK YOU!**

**ST. PAUL FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30 pm.**

**ST. PAUL BOARD OF EDUCATION meets at 7:30 pm.**

**LITURGICAL ROLES SUNDAY ■ JAN. 8, 2012**

Servers: Justin Engler/Jessie White/Jenna Dunkel

Greeters: Rod & Joan Meyer

Ushers: Don Steffensmeier/Dennis Heims/Mark Klaren/Randy McAllister

Lector: Brent Manternach

Ministers: Dan & Donna Vaske/Mike & Kathy Gravel/Diane Even

Music: -----

Scrip: Jill Besler/Millie Arnold

Recorders: Sue Burger/Ron Kelchen

**HELP NEEDED:** The nativity scene and all decorations will be removed after the 9 am Mass on Sunday Jan. 8th. Please stay and help, it will not take long. Thank you!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE will be Sunday Jan. 15 hosted by Circle 5 and Bake Sale by Circles 1 & 2.** Serving times are 7:30 – 11:30 am. Menu includes sausage (fresh & smoked), pancakes, scrambled eggs, applesauce, rolls, toast, coffee, juice and milk. Adults: \$7.00, ages 5-10: \$3.50, preschoolers: free. Cash raffle with other prizes. Donations would be appreciated, food items or cash. Please call Harry & Mary Lou White, 855-3435, Chuck & Lisa Kass, 875-2614, Gene & Dorothy Kramer, 855-3735.

**Everyone is asked to donate items for the BAKE SALE** on Jan. 15th. Please bring them to Gib Gym on Saturday 9 am or Sunday morning.

**GREETERS** ~ Our parish council representatives have been offering the ministry of greeter at our parish, arriving 15 minutes before Mass and offer assistance with doors and provide a warm smile and greeting. As we see them offer this hospitality, hopefully we are inspired to engage in this ministry as well. This ministry was covered through December. We are looking for other parishioners to sign up. Please contact the parish office. Greeters will also bring forward the gifts during Mass. It's a great ministry for families as well.

**WINTERFEST INVITATIONS**—RSVP's need to be returned by Jan. 13th. Winterfest will be Saturday Feb. 18, 2012.

## Finances

Tithe .....	\$ 4,465.00
Offertory .....	\$ 409.83
Youth .....	\$ 45.00
Energy Collection.....	\$ 100.00
Christmas.....	\$ 32,512.76
Summer Collection.....	\$ 100.00
YTD Needed 7-01-10 to 12-25-11 .....	\$ 151,244.25
YTD Received 7-01-10 to 12-25-11 .....	\$ 130,444.51
YTD Short .....	\$ 20,799.74
Parish Debt .....	\$ 89,809.07

## Sts. Peter & Paul

### Finances

Budget	\$	14,190.00
Youth Budget	\$	4.00
Offertory	\$	491.73
Christmas	\$	7,225.00
Insurance	\$	213.75
Donations	\$	1,520.00
Other	\$	685.00
GRAIN BIN	\$	500.00
(Terry & Sue Wulfekuhle \$50.00, Carol Putz \$100.00, Elaine Hansel \$50.00, Pat & Judy Mensen \$300.00.)		
HEAT IS ON	\$	1,500.00
(Gary & Carol Wedewer \$150.00, Leon & Connie Schuster \$50.00, James Deppe \$1,000.00, Paul & Leanna Feldmann \$150.00, Steve & Lisa Kroeger \$150.00.)		

**QUILTERS:** Quilting will begin on Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at Clara Harter's. All help is appreciated!

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the Altar & Rosary Society for the purchase of two new vacuum cleaners for the Church.

**FROZEN PIE SALES:** The first of two frozen pie sales in 2012 is scheduled for the evening of Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the morning/afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Per pie costs \$9.00. Please pick up a green order form in the back of church or place your order by calling Kris Osterhaus 875-9134. Completed order forms may be placed in the designated area in the back of church. Thank you for your continued support of SS. Peter & Paul Parish – Petersburg.

**PIE DONATIONS:** Anyone wishing to donate fruit or other ingredients/items for the pie sale may do so by contacting Kris Osterhaus 875-9134 or Kara Sperfslage 923-4017.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Our Christmas Party will be held at noon next Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Petersburg school gym. All women of the parish are members of the Altar & Rosary Society and are invited. The Altar & Rosary Society will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share. There will also be a \$10 gift exchange (optional). Your annual dues may also be paid at this time. The dues are used for supplies and labor to clean the interior of our beautiful church.

## St. Boniface

### Finances

Budget	\$	3,600.00
Offertory	\$	565.99
Christmas	\$	2,695.00
Thanksgiving	\$	100.00
(Julius Hageman \$100.00.)		
Donation	\$	100.00
Insurance	\$	148.78
Other	\$	105.00
Memorial—Art Ries	\$	2,510.00
Heat is On	\$	600.00
(Brian & Rosemarie Hermsen \$150.00, Kevin Vorwald \$50.00, Bob & Loey McCabe \$150.00, Patricia Lansing \$150.00, Brian Kronlage \$100.00.)		

### ST. BONIFACE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR DONATIONS TOWARD THE NEW STAR AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT ST. BONIFACE PARISH:

- \* In memory of Ryan Langel donated by Randy and LuAnn Lansing and family.
- \* In memory of Maggie Kramer donated by Cheryl and Bill Kluesner and family.
- \* In memory of Al and Stacia Koopmann and Ray and Lucille Kramer donated by Jerome and Lois Kramer.
- \* In memory of Whitey and Evelyn Simon donated by Brian and Eileen Hoefler and family.
- \* In memory of Earl Wessels donated by Ruth Wessels.
- \* In memory of John Kramer donated by Neil and Ellen Kramer and family.
- \* In memory of John H. Kruse donated by Donna Kruse and families.
- \* In memory of Gerald and Velma Kramer donated by Neil and Ellen Kramer and family.
- \* In memory of John Cook donated by Velma Cook
- \* In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred and Evelyn Koopman donated by Anthony and Eldora Koopman.
- \* In memory of Mr. Lloyd Heims donated by Anthony and Eldora Koopman.
- \* Betty Bockenstedt.
- \* Donation of tree and lights for new North entrance-Marilyn (Lueck) and Mike Noel.
- \* Donation of two trees for manger scene-Carmen and Mike Kluesner and family.

**A BIG THANK YOU** GOES OUT TO OUR GROUP LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING WITH DECORATING THIS YEAR!

### LAY SCHEDULE:

**SATURDAY, JAN. 7, 7:00 PM (P):** Servers – Jacob & Brandon Bonert. Lector – Ray Tekippe. Communion Ministers – Dale Boeckenstedt, Dale Goedken, Brenda Ludwig, Rick & Karen Domeyer, Andy & Krystal Smith, Mary White.

Gifts – Sharon Bonert Family. Ushers – Mike Bildstein, Roger Engelken, Larry Kruse.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 8, 10:00 AM (NV):** Servers – Maty Brunsmann, Ashley Hermsen. Lector – Marylin Kern. Communion Ministers – Ruth Bockenstedt, Betty Hageman, Ron & Kathy Boeckenstedt, Mike & Marita Bries, Karen Kluesner.

**YEAR-END BOOKS:** Finance books close January 4<sup>th</sup> at the end of the business day. All donations for 2011 must be dated no later than Dec. 31, 2011. Please do not incorporate 2011 and 2012 donations on the same check, nor presume the secretary/money counters will know you meant something for 2011 if it was not dated properly.

## St Paul ~

**ST. PAUL SCHOOL Winterfest is fast approaching!** Starting next Sunday, the Winterfest Committee will be placing Piñata banks at the Church entrances with the prayer that parishioners will stuff them for the Winterfest auction. Thank you for your support.

**HELP WILL BE NEEDED** for clean-up following Winterfest on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 9:00 a.m. Any junior high or high school students in need of service hours can contact Tammy Marbach 563-855-4500, Deb Engler 855-5300, Traci Burlage 855-3200 or Jennie Jaeger 855-2102 for details.

## Beckman ~

**BECKMAN NEEDS 3 OR 4 VOLUNTEERS** to help coordinate the Annual Appeal Fund Drive from each parish. If you are interested please contact Tim or Amy in the development office.

**ANY ALUMNUS** interested in being the representative for their class, please contact Tim or Amy.



## Concluding Rites (Part IV)

In this same exhortation, the Pope acknowledges a need for new dismissal options. In the revised edition of *The Roman Missal*, the priest or deacon may say, "Go forth, the Mass is ended," "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord," "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life," or "Go in peace." "Announce the Gospel" and "glorifying the Lord by your life" both convey the meaning of the Concluding Rites. Namely, we are called to take inside ourselves God's Word, Body and Blood and allow God to change us in holiness and to live this change in everything we do.

After the proclamation of the actual dismissal, the priest venerates the altar-table with a kiss and then a bow. The Mass has ended. Although not required, a concluding song or hymn is common for the departure of the liturgical ministers from the liturgy. In some parishes, the organist will play a postlude during the recessional.

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## Bulletin Notes

### CHRISTMAS PEACE AND JOY ARE IN THE HEARTS OF MANY BECAUSE OF YOU!

We want to thank all of the parishes for the many ways you have helped make our Pantry Food Boxes and Angel Gifts a success again this year. 270 families received 2 food boxes and almost 400 children received gifts. Your food, gifts and cash donations made it happen!!! Thank you!!! Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

From the Rural Community Food Pantry

### SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED OR DIVORCING CATHOLICS ~

An informational meeting and registration opportunity for will be held on Monday, Jan. 23, at 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center, Manchester. Divorce and Beyond is open to Catholic adults who are experiencing divorce. It is a facilitated, small group, 10-week process of self-healing and support. The first night in the 10-week session is Jan. 30th. For more information contact Janice Loecke: dbq123n@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us; LuAnn McQuillen: luwanda68@hotmail.com; Janet Leonard: janet1@iowatelecom.net or the office 563-927-4710.

### PILGRIMAGE to Luxembourg and the Greater Region of Germany, France & Belgium

~The Luxembourg American Cultural Society in Belgium, Wisconsin cordially invites you to participate in its 2012 Pilgrimage from May 4 – 15, 2012. For more information contact Kevin Wester, LACS Executive Director, at 262-355-5758 or [kwester@luxamculturalsociety.org](mailto:kwester@luxamculturalsociety.org).



**FIRST FRIDAY IS THIS WEEK  
COME AND WORSHIP AT DAILY  
MASS. RECALL THE PROMISES OF  
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS TO  
ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE:**

1. "I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life."
2. "I will establish peace in their homes."
3. "I will comfort them in their afflictions."
4. "I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death."
5. "I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings."
6. "Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy."
7. "Tepid souls shall grow fervent."
8. "Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection."
9. "I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honored."
10. "I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts."
11. "Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out."
12. "I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."