

**ADVENT and the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Advent is not just four weeks of waiting for Christmas. It is a season of preparation, anticipation and hope. During Advent we prepare ourselves to once again marvel at the mystery of Immanuel, "God with us". We anticipate how the Divine breaks into our human existence. We intensify our hope to continue our conversion, and become the person and the Church Christ calls us to be. It is an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to reflect on the times we have ignored the presence of God or the ways we have refused to respond to His Divine presence. An examination of conscience allows us to see how our habits have kept us stuck in selfishness or another sin. We confess our sins because naming them is a way of admitting their power over us. It also identifies the virtues we need to develop to celebrate and live the faith that "God is with us". The grace of the sacrament is not in obsessing over our past sinfulness. The grace is that God touches us with His mercy and forgiveness. Another grace is to recognize what changes we need to make to grow in the love and life of Christ.

We believe that God uses people like spouses, parents and friends as instruments of His grace and love. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation God uses the priest as His instrument of forgiveness and reconciliation. One of the most rewarding moments of a priest's ministry is when a person returns to the Sacrament after a long time away. If you have been away from the Sacrament, don't let embarrassment keep you away. The priest is not there to make a personal judgment but to act "in persona Christi", the person of Christ. The priest is there to fulfill Jesus' instruction to his disciples, "Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven. Whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:23) Neither the length of your absence from confession nor the seriousness of your sin should keep you from the grace of Reconciliation. If you think you need more time than usual confession allows, call for an appointment. Believe me, the priest will be happy to hear your confession.

Don't let this Advent Season pass without the grace of Reconciliation. It will prepare you for a spiritually rich Christmas, cause anticipation about God's presence in your life and give you hope that you are becoming the person Christ has called you to be.  
Fr. Gerry Reinersman

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT...**

**Parish Penance Service :** Monday, Nov. 30 7:30 PM

**Deanery Penance Service:** Monday, Dec. 14 7:00 PM  
at St. Thomas, Ft. Thomas

**Confession Schedule:** Saturdays before/after 8:30AM Mass  
Saturdays from 3:00 – 4:00 PM  
or By appointment with a priest



**ST. JOSEPH'S GIVING TREE 2009...**

Each tag is colored and given a code, (a letter and number) to coincide with the family or organization that it is going to. In order to make the job of sorting, these gifts easier, and to get them to the right families. It is necessary for you to place the same tag, that you took off the tree, back onto the gift before returning it to us.

The monetary gift envelopes, that are on the tree, gives someone who is not able to participate in the shopping for their gift an opportunity to donate. Money can be placed in the envelope and dropped in the collection basket, and the ladies on the Giving Tree committee will do the shopping.

**Please return all gifts by Sunday, December 13th.** Thank you for your cooperation and loving support. If you have any questions please call Kay Sendelbach at 441-2712.

**PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY...**

Life Touch returns for 2 days in December to take pictures of those who were unable to get their pictures taken during the summer.

**Dates available:** Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19. **Times available:** Friday 2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please register on line at [www.stjosephcoldspring.com](http://www.stjosephcoldspring.com) or call Bridgette Rice at 781-6899.

This is your last chance to have your picture taken and to be a part of the pictorial directory that comes out in 2010.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Deacon &amp; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
12/05/2009 Saturday 5:00 PM	Dennis Klocke	EMC Captain: Pat Brossart EMC: Dan Vogel, Margie Frtisch, Robert Kaufman, Judy Beck Michael Vaught, Kathy Machenheimer, Beth Schoepf, Marge Schack	Jeff Heil Justin Heil Rachel Barnett Trevor Rawe	Tom, Nick & Joe Frommeyer
12/06/2009 Sunday 8:00 AM	Eileen Connor	<b>Deacon:</b> Tim Schabell <b>EMC Captain:</b> Candy Schroder <b>EMC:</b> Sue Kahmann, Dennis Brennan, Larry Knarr Tom Denning, Mary Minton	Anna Bradtmueller Ashley Hamberg Megan Hamberg Brandon Koch	Louis Geneva Tuemler
9:30 AM	Shauna Dunlevy	<b>Deacon:</b> Tim Schabell <b>EMC Captain:</b> Carol Russell <b>EMC:</b> Mary Ellen Butsch, Chick Meyn, Cly Denna Hehman, Jolynne Bundy, Norb Hehman, Steve Winbigler, Paul Verst	Jonathan Ehlman Sarah Futscher Logan Martin Anna Schabell	Julia Barth
11:30 AM	Steve Popovich	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Maria Geiman <b>EMC:</b> Gary Volker, Lynn Mowery, Karen Bond, Rob Mardis Steve Millbourn, Donald Clark, Arthur Wittrock, Jean Geiman	Katie Herman Daniel McKay Alyssa Mardis Kara Mardis	Howard Neltner
7:00 PM	Kathy Hildreth	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Sandy Deinlein <b>EMC:</b> Joan Zai, Sharon Schabell	Jordan Smith Michael Whitford Matt Yeager	Mildred Minning

# 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**THE FAMILIES FOR LIFE** Christmas card sale is taking place now! Cards will be available in the church vestibule through the month of November. There are several different designs, each calling to mind the true reason for the season - the birth of Our Savior! Packs of 10 cards sell for \$5. Profits from the sale will be used for pro-life work. Thank you for your support!

## GUIDE BOOK PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Does the church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. It is time to update our database with any changes, additions or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you change your phone number? Have your address, zip code changed. Are you preparing to move soon. Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your record, please let up know so that the Guide Book address listed is correct. Call 441-1604 ext: 2273 or email information to [cbreitenstein@stjoeschool.net](mailto:cbreitenstein@stjoeschool.net)

*Thank you so much for helping us keep our records current!*

## ST. JOE BOOSTER TRACK & FIELD INFORMATION MEETING & SIGN-UPS - 6<sup>th</sup>,

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Wednesday, December 2 - 7:00 to 8:00 in the Activity Center. Coaches will be present to discuss program and the spring season.

Questions, call Marc Cetrulo (513) 368-5753.



## ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND CAROLS – St.

Mary Parish, Alexandria, will celebrate this annual Advent prayer service on Monday, November 30, at 7:00 in church. Jim Wolfe will provide special music, and parishioners will reflect on each of the four Sunday Advent gospels.

### SERVER'S WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>	Brandon Hardy, Luke Holtz
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec. 01</b>	Kara Mardis, Kety Ollberding
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec. 02</b>	Casey Pelgen, Nick Johnson, Josh Klear
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec. 03</b>	Katie Tierney, Sophia Arnold
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec. 04</b>	School Mass
<b>Sat.,</b>	<b>Dec. 05</b>	Carly Weiglein, Megan Kramer

<b>Mon.</b>	6:30	Stephen Cheung
<b>11/30</b>	8:30	Kathleen Niece
<b>Tues.</b>	6:30	Eleanor Wolterman
<b>12/01</b>	8:30	Willard Hehman
<b>Wed.</b>	6:30	Norbert L. Kremer
<b>12/02</b>	9:00	Adam Cliff Simon
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:30	Ed Verst
<b>12/03</b>	8:30	Tom Heck
<b>Fri.</b>	6:30	Genevieve Huber
<b>12/04</b>	9:00	Clara Goetz
<b>Sat.</b>	8:30	Bertha Braun
<b>12/05</b>		



**Mass  
Intentions  
for the Week**

### MEETINGS & EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.,	11/30	9:30 AM Little Rock Scripture CV 7:00 PM Drama Club Practice MH 7:00 PM Adult Ed Program RMR 7:30 PM RCIA AFR 7:30 PM Parish Reconciliation Service C
Tues.,	12/01	7:00 PM Little Rock Scripture Study CV 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society RMR
Wed.,	12/02	9:30 AM Familia CV 6:00 PM Credit Union Meeting KH 7:00 PM Worship Meeting
Thurs.,	12/03	7:00 PM DARE Graduation MH
Fri.,	12/04	7:00 Forester's Meeting AC 7:30 PM Holy Name Society KH

### CHRISTMAS COLLAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED..

The Christmas Collage concert is scheduled for Friday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. If you are willing to bake desserts, help serve refreshments, set-up, tear down, or pass out programs while greeting guests, please email or call Connie Lauer at [clauer@stjoeschool.net](mailto:clauer@stjoeschool.net) or 927-2285.

**THANK YOU..**We would like to thank Father Josh Lange, The Bereavement Committee, and the Choir for the Beautiful Mass in Celebration of Mary Anderson's life.

*The Doller & Weis Families*

### First Friday Mass:

The Mustard Seed Community of the Diocese of Covington Catholic Charismatic Renewal will celebrate a First Friday Mass at Mother of God Church, 6th Street in Covington on Friday, December 4, 2009. Mass will begin with praise and worship at 7:15 P.M. Father Joseph Gallenstein celebrant. The Sacred Heart Praise Band will lead praise and worship. Go to [www.cccovingtonky.org](http://www.cccovingtonky.org) for further information.

### BE CONNECTED...BE INFORMED...

St. Joseph parishioners, who wish to receive information on parish activities & events here at Church, are asked to supply the parish with their e-mail address. Please e-mail [cbreitenstein@stjoeschool.net](mailto:cbreitenstein@stjoeschool.net).

Weekly Collection - Sunday	November 22, 2009
<b>Our Tithe to God</b>	<b>\$18,353.50</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$661.25</b>
<b>Children's Collection</b>	
<b>Other (Holyday, etc)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$19,019.75</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Sunday Collections</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>
<b>Budget Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>-\$3,980.25</b>
<b>Diocesan Collections</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>GROW FUND for November 22, 2009.....</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL CAMPAIGN fund.....</b>	<b>\$ 44.00</b>

**Sponsor a student for the March for Life in Washington DC....**

The Diocese of Covington Pro Life Commission is asking for donations to the Chris Rice Memorial Fund that will help fund local high schools students on a pilgrimage to Washington DC, commemorating the 37th Anniversary of the Supreme Courts decision of Roe vs. Wade on January 22, 2010. Please send any amount donation payable to: The Chris Rice Memorial Fund and send to Pro Life Commission, PO Box 15550, Covington, KY 41015. For questions or more information, please call the Pro Life Commission office at kkiely@covingtondiocese.org or 392-1545

**CATHEDRAL WINDOWS BOOK...**Just in time for Christmas gift giving, the Cathedral Foundation is publishing Stories in Glass by Monsignor William Cleves. Based on a series of talks he presented while serving as Rector of the Cathedral, the book features photographs of 38 of the Cathedral's stained glass windows along with a brief meditative text on each. It will be available at the Cathedral after December 10 for \$30. To order a copy in advance, contact Kristi Nader at the Cathedral Foundation, 431-2060, ext. 17. Or by e-mail at foundation@covcathedral.com

**NO LIMIT TEXAS HOLD'EM** - St. Mary Parish is hosting a No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament Saturday, December 5, 2009 in the Undercroft. Registration- 5:30, Instruction- 6:30, Tournament-7:00. The pre-registration cost is \$60.00 and \$80.00 at the door. Free Pizza & Soft Drinks will be provided along with \$1.00 Drafts and \$1.50 Cans. All proceeds benefit the Denny Lehmkuhl Scholarship Fund, PTC Scholarships, and Boosters Scholarships. We are looking for volunteers to be Dealers, Pit Bosses, and Sign In tables. **MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PLAY.** For volunteer info, please contact Tim Comer- 635-6036. All other inquires, Jennifer Keller- 448-0733. Visit www.saintmaryparish.com. KY Charitable Gaming License #143.

**HOLY CROSS** "Holiday Hoops"....Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-10:00 PM for grades K-6 in the Holy Cross Gym, 36<sup>th</sup> & Church Streets, Covington, KY. Cost is \$10 per child. Drop off your children so you can Christmas shop, wrap presents, enjoy a quiet dinner or just relax without kids. Participants will play games, watch movies, meet friends and have tons of fun! Concessions available. Sponsored by the Holy Cross High School Girls Basketball Team. To register or for additional information, please contact Coach Mr. Shannon Minor at shannon.minor@hchscov.com or at 859-801-5162.

**CHRISTMAS TREE & POINSETTIA-**

The Bishop Brossart Lady Stangs Basketball program is pre-selling Christmas Trees and Poinsettia to be delivered to your home. We have Scotch pine, Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir and balled Scotch Pines trees ranging from 5 ft to 7 ft in size. Poinsettias come in red, white, pink, marbled and jingle bells in foil. For more information or to order please contact Ken Sanker 513-616-8266 or Patti Dischar 859-635-1940 or email disch5@fuse.net .

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**Prayer Meeting:** The Charismatic Prayer Group of the Diocese of Covington would like to invite you to a prayer meeting each third Tuesday of the month at St. Joseph Heights, Park Hills, KY. We meet from 7:15 P.M. - 9:00 P. M. with praise and worship followed by a teaching and/or a personal witness. Please go to [www.ccrcovingtonky.org](http://www.ccrcovingtonky.org) for further information.

**ANNUAL TOY BINGO**

**Sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Society of  
Sts. Boniface and James Church**  
318 Oak Street, Ludlow, Kentucky  
**Friday, December 4, 2009**

Admission \$3.00 Extra cards 3 for \$1.00  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Jitneys begin at 7:00 p.m.  
**Regular games begin at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Brand name toys - Smoke free bingo**  
Children under 18 not permitted

**FR. DEJACO COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS....**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENT DATES:

**December 4th** ....monthly dinner of our famous Fish and will also be serving a ham Dinner from 4:00 to 8:00 PM Carry-outs available Call 635-9863.

**January**....no monthly dinner on New Year's Day...

**On January 3rd** a breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00 AM till ?

**February 5th** monthly dinner Our famous Fish or Spaghetti and meatballs will be served 4:00 to 8:00 PM Carry-outs available call 635-9863

**"CROONER'S CHRISTMAS".....** Bishop Brossart High School public address announcer Todd Schafer will host his annual "Crooner Christmas" on **Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 p.m.** at the Alexandria Community Center. **Admission is FREE.** Holiday selections will be performed accompanied by musicians Todd Whitford, Jerry Moore and Jack Mastin.

**NEW YEARS EVE..**Newport Elks Lodge is having a New Years Eve Party - Dec. 31 from 8:00 pm - 1:00 am. Music is by a DJ, very good, food and Hors d'oeuvres all evening, party favors, and cash bar with reduced prices. Cost is \$20.00 per person, for information or reservations call Jim Staubach at 859-866-8655.