

Please Welcome to the St. Joseph Community our  
 "NEWEST MEMBER"

**BAPTISM**

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**RETIREMENT FUND....helps senior religious....**

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 today!

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED** for the Christmas Eve masses at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.; Christmas Day masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Eve on Dec. 31 at 5:00 p.m. and Mary, Mother of God Holy Day on Jan. 1 at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. If you are able to serve, please contact Jeanne at 441-8371 or j.pettit@insightbb.com. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

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

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

**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...**

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

**Reflection**

Today's readings seem to indicate that our final Advent preparations need not be anything out of the ordinary. Thus, for us, celebration is part of the ordinary. Unbridled joy is the ever-present emotion for those who recognize that the Messiah is present. We need not involve ourselves in some highfalutin' agenda to get ready for Emmanuel. Rather, our Advent task is to tend to what is at hand, to be in charge of our own souls, and also to be responsive to all who are near and dear.

And being responsive, by the way, is never something that is done in the abstract or in general. We can be responsive only in the concrete, in particular. Perhaps that's why the Baptizer in today's Gospel passage was so particular in his preparation advice. Clearly that's why we have to be particular in our preparations for the coming of the Lord. We have to be at attention and pay attention to our personal needs, and in so doing, recognize and respond to the very particular and personal needs of others.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

Parish nurses will be available for blood pressure screenings next weekend, Dec. 19th & 20th in the rectory. All are invited to have their blood pressure check by a parish health nurse.



<i>Date</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Deacon &amp; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
12/19/2009 Saturday 5:00 PM	Tom Breitenstein	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Pat Brossart <b>EMC:</b> Dolores Kiernan, Margie Fritsch, Robert Kaufman Beth Schoepf, Kathy Machenheimer, Michael Vaught Judy Beck, Sr. Julaine Middendorf	Jonathan Geiman Ben Schmidt Christina Seibert Mikayla Seibert	Robert Horan
12/20/2009 Sunday 8:00 AM	Mark Hunt	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Ronald Haigis <b>EMC:</b> Candy Schroder, Sarah Porter, Tina Koch, Jeanne Pettit Carrie Hamberg, Joyce Whitford	Leo Barth Sam Barth Jonathan Henn Jacob Wieland	Linus Michael Neltner
9:30 AM	Ed P. Rawe	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Donna Pickett <b>EMC:</b> Mary Ellen Butsch, Kristina Chism, Dennis Phirman, Phyllis Phirman, Jerome Quitter, Tom Hansman, Julie Schimpf Lelia Kroger	Garrett Ahlbrand Dylan Tierney Katie Tierney Jessica Vogt	Peter & Edna Neltner
11:30 AM	Joe Kraus	<b>Deacon:</b> Tim Schroder <b>EMC Captain:</b> Maria Geiman <b>EMC:</b> Gary Volker, Lynn Mowery, Donald Clark, Rob Mardis Jean Geiman, Karen Bond, Arthur Wittrock	Bridgette Hildreth Josh Hildreth Brennah Hunter Bryan Kraus	Tom Heck
7:00 PM	Carolyn Berberich	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Sharon Schabell <b>EMC:</b> Kathy Hildreth, Sandy Deinlein	Gio Bakunawa Keno Bakunawa Max McConnell Jacob Zai	Wilbur Klump

### 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**CALLING ALL ALUMNI of the St. Joe's Children choir.** It is that time of year again, we need singers for the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve mass. Bring an old choir buddy and sing some of our old favorites. We will try to run through some songs Tuesday, Dec. 22 in the music room at 7:00 pm. Even if you can't make it to the rehearsal, feel free to come up and sing Christmas Eve!

**BBHS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE OPEN HOUSE....**

Bishop Brossart High School has rescheduled its annual **OPENHOUSE for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders on SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th.** The program includes classroom visits, exhibits and presentations featuring campus ministry, technology, clubs, athletics, campus development, and financial aid. Faculty and staff representing every facet of BBHS academics and operations will be available. Test results of the diocesan placement exam will be distributed and scholarships will be announced. Door prizes including a HP Netbook will be awarded to attending guests. A Spring Open House for 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be announced at a later date. For more information call BBHS at 859.635.2108.

**THE NEWCATH PLAYERS PRESENT....** "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"....In this hilarious holiday tale, a replacement director who is struggling to put on the annual church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids -- probably the most inventively awful kids in history!

NCC - Black Box Theatre Dinner Show: \$20.00 per person  
 Thursday, December 17 - 7:00 PM....  
 Other Performances: \$7.00 per person  
 Friday, December 18 - 7:00 PM  
 Saturday December 19 - 2:00 PM & 6:00 PM  
 Sunday, December 20 - 2:00 PM  
 Tickets available, contact Amy Gurley at (859) 292-0001.

<b>SERVER'S WEEKDAY SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	Jacob Kroger, Drew Luersen
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	Mikayla Seibert, Jessica Verst
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>	Daniel Branch, Sam Braun
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec. 17</b>	Andrea Davis, Jenna Hansman
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec. 18</b>	School Mass
<b>Sat.,</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	Caroline Miller, Olivia Reinert

<b>Mon.</b>	6:30	<i>Gordon Levermann</i>
<b>12/14</b>	8:30	<i>Clarence Kelley</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	6:30	<i>William Ruschman</i>
<b>12/15</b>	8:30	<i>Edna F. Beckerich</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	6:30	<i>Harry Prodoehl</i>
<b>12/16</b>	9:00	<i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:30	<i>Bertha Braun</i>
<b>12/17</b>	8:30	<i>Rosalee Riedmatter</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	6:30	<i>Ed Verst</i>
<b>12/18</b>	9:00	<i>Betty J. Hammer</i>
<b>Sat.</b>	8:30	<i>For the Reparation &amp;</i>
<b>12/19</b>		<i>Elimination of Abortion</i>



**Mass  
Intentions  
for the Week**

**MEETINGS & EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon.,	12/14	3:30 PM	Market Day MH
		7:00 PM	Drama Club Practice MH
		7:00 PM	Deanery Penance Service (St. Thomas)
		7:30 PM	RCIA AFR
Tues.,	12/15	7:00 PM	Christmas Concert 1st & 2nd grade MH
		7:30 PM	Foresters AC
Wed.,	12/16	9:30 AM	Familia CV
		7:00 PM	Finance R
		7:30 PM	Drama Club Practice MH
Thurs.,	12/17	6:00 PM	St. Mary's Ladies Christmas party KH



**ST. MARY LADIES SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY...**

will be on Thursday, December 17 in Kelley Hall. Lunch will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by meeting and social hour. Bring a wrapped "white elephant" prize. A collection will be taken for St. Vincent De Paul Society. Call Helen Fehr 441-2633 or Ruth Rawe 781-3016 for reservations by Tuesday, December 15.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR .....**

'JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>.' The St. Joseph Boosters annual **Winter Dance** will be held in Memorial Hall. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend - More details to follow.

**FORESTER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY...**

Catholic Order of Forester's Christmas Party will be Tues. Dec 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm in the Activity Center. All members and their spouses are invited. Please call Sharon Geiger 859-781-4337 to RSVP if you haven't already signed up at the meeting.

<b>OFFERTORY PROGRAM Comparison Chart</b>			
Nov.	2007	2009	Inc/(Dec)
Week 1	\$ 29,615.47	\$ 24,117.45	\$ (5,498.02)
Week 2	\$ 21,016.01	\$ 19,750.56	\$ (1,265.45)
Week 3	\$ 18,329.51	\$ 22,410.75	\$ 4,081.24
Week 4	\$ 19,581.63	\$ 19,014.75	\$ (566.88)
Total	\$ 88,542.62	\$ 85,293.51	\$ (3,249.11)

<b>Weekly Collection - Sunday</b>	<b>December 6, 2009</b>
<b>Our Tithe to God</b>	<b>\$27,717.82</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$714.46</b>
<b>Children's Collection</b>	
<b>Other (Holyday, etc)</b>	<b>\$182.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$28,614.28</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Sunday Collections</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>
<b>Budget Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$5,614.28</b>
<b>Diocesan Collections</b>	