

REFLECTION.....

Elizabeth asks how she can possibly be so blessed as to be part of such a great grace and privilege. If we read on in the Gospel of Luke, we see that Mary doesn't answer this question, because it is unanswerable. Rather, Mary joins in the song of praise. To her is attributed the prayer of praise we have come to know as the *Magnificat*. If we refer back to the first reading, we can imagine Bethlehem, that little town, also asking itself, "Who are we to receive the Son of Man?" Who indeed? Bethlehem, Elizabeth, Mary—all are the focus of God's attention and love. All are the tracings of God's lines.

And this is just the beginning. The very earth is the focus of God's attention. All people are invited to follow the will of God. "Will" is a hard word for us sometimes, for we frequently equate it with a kind of power that scares us. We tend to resist what we take to be the strong will of another. But the will of God is another matter entirely. This "will" of God is not God's pushiness or need to control the world and everyone in it. Rather God's will is God's desire, God's best wish for us. We see in the second reading that Jesus came to bring to fullness God's desire or "will." And this will, as we see in the first reading, is our peace and our joy.

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!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will be cancelled Wednesday, December 23 due to Christmas preparations. Thank you.

MASS TIMES FOR THE HOLY DAYS:

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 p.m., (music at 3:30 p.m.) *(Children's Choir)*

6:00 p.m., (music at 5:30 p.m.) *(Children's Alumni)*

11:00 p.m. (music at 10:30 p.m.) *(Adult Choir)*

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Masses:

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

We are once again asking that no seats be held in church for those who have not yet arrived. Our Christmas Masses are often filled near capacity. We need to be considerate of those who arrive early and wish to have a place to sit. Thank you.

Dec. 28 - Jan. 1 Rectory & School Offices Closed

Dec. 31 Holy Day Eve Mass:

5:00 p.m.

Jan. 1 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation) Mass times: **8:00 & 9:30 a.m.**

CHRISTMAS COLLAGE CONCERT another huge success

Thanks to the leadership of maestros Jan Schwegmann, Theresa Blank and Connie Lauer, our five St. Joseph choirs along with Newport Central Catholic choir, we had another beautiful Advent / Christmas concert. The choir members and musicians gave a great deal of time and talent to produce such a wonderful event for several hundred people. This concert has become one of the favorite events of the season.

Thank you to all who worked so hard for the Christmas Collage Concert, including all who provided food for the reception and those who set up the sound and stage equipment.

Once again, the gifts of some gave blessings to all.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Parish nurses will be available for blood pressure screenings this weekend, Dec. 19th & 20th in the rectory after all masses.



<i>Date</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Deacon & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
12/26/2009 Saturday 5:00 PM	Vicki Klocke	Deacon: Tim Schabell EMC Captain: Marge Schack EMC: Larry Uebel, Sylvia Uebel, Rosa Pfaff, Mary Smith Doug Spritzky, Dennis Elix, Dolores Kiernan	Brandon Hardy Mason Maxwell Matt Striegel Monica Spritzky	Carlos Cummins
12/27/2009 Sunday 8:00 AM	Michael Vank	EMC Captain: Ronald Haigis EMC: Dennis Brennan, Larry Knarr, Tom Denning Mary Minton, Sue Kahmann, Sharon Clark	Megan Herbst Brandon Koch Ethan Trauth Evan Trauth	Alice Tarvin
9:30 AM	Cindi Muashsher	Deacon: Tim Schabell EMC Captain: Barb Teisl, EMC: Chick Meyn, Earl Jennings, Steve Winbigler Carol Russell, Marilyn Guemi, Julie Finn, Nancy Caudill	Abigail Hengge Alex Hengge Ryan Randell Cassandra Rinehard	Irene Barth
11:30 AM	John McNabb	EMC Captain: Anita Quelle EMC: Shirley Berte, Ken Burton, Xemina Burton, Gary Volker Lynn Mowery, Maria Geiman, Donald Clark, Rob Mardis	Michelle Fischer Rachel Neal Nina Reinhart Sam Tiefermann	William Ruschman
7:00 PM	Korinne Holtz	Deacon: Tim Schabell EMC Captain: Sandy Deinlein EMC: Joan Zai	Tom Burns Nate Sevier Matt Villereal	Larry Kappes

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALLING ALL ALUMNI of the St. Joseph Children's 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 7th & 8th GRADE OPEN HOUSE.... Bishop Brossart High School has rescheduled its annual **OPENHOUSE for 7th & 8th 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 6th graders will be announced at a later date. For more information call BBHS at 859.635.2108.

SERVERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec., 24 4:00 PM Ben Kroger, Jacob Kroger, Sam Barth
 Clarie Reinert, Olivia Reinert
6:00 PM Ashley Hamberg, Megan Hamberg
 Zach Tucker, Tom Burns
11:00 PM Ethan Trauth, Evan Trauth,
 Mike Whitford, Jonathan Geiman
Dec., 25 8:00 AM Heather Vogler, Jacob Hansman,
 Jenna Hansman, *(Server needed)*
10:00 AM Alan Barth, Jonathan Miller,
 Caroline Miller, Bryan Krause

SERVERS' WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Mon. Dec. 21 Joey Niehaus, Ryan Randle
Tues. Dec. 22 Jonathan Henn, Ben Barbara
Wed. Dec. 23 Andrew Branch, Daniel Branch
Thurs. Dec. 24 Alex Hengge, Abigail Hengge
Fri. Dec. 25 *(see schedule above)*
Sat., Dec. 26 Andrew Branch, Daniel Branch

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. 12/21	6:30 <i>Anna Mae Saner Torres</i> 8:30 <i>Clifford Knapp</i>	
Tues. 12/22	6:30 <i>John Eugene Dorgan</i> 8:30 <i>Rose Fryman</i>	
Wed. 12/23	6:30 <i>Teresa Recker</i> 9:00 <i>Harlan Knepfle</i>	
Thurs. 12/24	8:30 <i>De Dee Fessler</i> 4:00 <i>Louis & Geneva Tuemler</i> 6:00 <i>The Groeschen Family & Lou & Eleanor Woerner</i>	
Fri. 12/25	11:00 <i>William Burkhardt</i> 9:00 <i>Elaine Schroder & Deceased members of the Keller Family</i>	
Sat. 12/26	11:00 <i>Pete & Dorothy Noll & Pete Jr.</i> 8:30 <i>Rosemary & Ron Dierig</i>	

MEETINGS & EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.,	12/21	7:00 PM Drama Club Practice MH 7:30 PM RCIA AFR
Tues.,	12/22	5:00 PM Widow & Widowers KH
Thurs.,	12/24	Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00, 6:00 & 11:00 PM
Fri.,	12/25	Christmas Day Masses: 9:00 & 11:00 AM



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

'JANUARY 30th.' The St. Joseph Boosters annual **Winter Dance** will be held in Memorial Hall. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Today we once again welcome families from Interfaith Hospitality Network in the convent. Our guests will be staying with us December 20 to the 24th. At this time, we would like to thank all of the parishioners who are volunteering their time with IHN. Together we are providing an outreach ministry for homeless children and their families in northern Kentucky. Please continue to remember the people who are homeless in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS...Our parish contributed \$9,250.39 to the Retirement Fund for the Religious in the second collection on Dec. 12 & 13. Of the support offered by this appeal, one religious writes, "We deeply appreciate this assistance. God's loving care touches us through the hearts of thousands of Catholics who give so generously to this collection year after year." Women and men religious throughout the country send their abundant thanks for your donation.

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

January....no monthly dinner on New Year's Day...
On January 3rd a breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00 AM till ? Sausage, eggs, bacon, pancakes, and fruit. Adults \$6.50 & Kids \$4.50.
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

Weekly Collection - Sunday	December 13, 2009
Our Tithe to God	\$20,289.50
Loose	\$588.65
Children's Collection	
Other (Holyday, etc)	\$2,269.53
Total Income	\$23,147.68
Weekly Budget Sunday Collections	\$23,000.00
Budget Excess/(Shortfall)	\$147.68
Diocesan Collections	\$9,250.39
GROW FUND for December 13, 2009.....	\$ 35.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN fund.....	\$8,284.00