

THE WEEK AHEAD**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 11**

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – Church
 Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Ed. Building
 Adult Choir – 6:00 p.m. – Church
 Maintenance – 6:30 p.m. – Rectory

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 12

Religious Ed. Classes

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 13

RCIC – 5:30 p.m. – Parish Office
 RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Ed. Building
 ACT – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Office

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 14

Communal Reconciliation – 7:00 p.m.-Church

PRAYER REQUESTS**Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community:**

Betty Behlmer, Rick Blair, Danny Burgmeier, Bret Dwenger, Paul Huber, Jacob Johnson, Rob Karmon, Clifford Knueven, Paul Koors, June Laudsburg, Jerry Mann, Aaron McCrary, Tim McNeal, David Miller, Larry & Nellie Pfeister, Gish Ray, Dottie Ricke, Lawrence Schoettmer, Delores Simon, Tom Striecker, Dona Thomas, Amy Tonges, Clarence Veerkamp, Andy & Regina Weaver.

Please pray for all of our armed forces serving both abroad and in the U.S.

especially for: Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Adam Herbert, Jeff McNeal, Daniel Padgett & Francis Young.

If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 663-8427. They will remain on our list for 4 weeks.

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All bulletin articles will need to be in the office (e-mailed or written) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

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Advent 2007 – “Thy Kingdom Come”

The Lord's Prayer – Our special Advent prayer this season will be the prayer we pray so often.... “The Lord's Prayer.” Each time we pray the Lord's Prayer we say “Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” These words challenge us to sow seeds of peace and justice and surrender our SWORDS of hatred, impatience, unkindness, any action that keeps God's kingdom from becoming reality now. This Advent as we prepare to celebrate Jesus first coming and await his Second Coming at the end of time, which “SWORD” will you surrender to help build “peace on earth, as it is in heaven.” The choice is YOURS!

Family Prayer—Advent booklets “THY KINGDOM COME” are available at all the doorways of church. We invite each family to take a copy home as you leave and use this little booklet to help make your Christmas more meaningful for you and your family.—also, all families with children in the Religious Education program and in St. Mary's School have received a calendar of activities for Advent “Getting Ready for Jesus.” The Jr. High and High School Youth are receiving Advent Key Tags for their key chains.

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony – We invite all families of St. Mary's to take part in the candle lighting ceremony at all weekend masses. Please call the office if your family would like to participate and the mass time you prefer.

Advent Charity – We will reach out to those in need through our Parish family “Sharing Tree” and also to our sister parish in New Mexico.—Cards will be placed on the “Sharing Tree.” If you wish to give a monetary gift containers will be at the doorways marked ADVENT CHARITY.—Gift cards are once again suggested for our Navajo friends.—WALGREENS, K-MART, TARGET, WALMART, FAMILY DOLLAR, or BIG LOTS. A special container marked “New Mexico Friends” will be near the Sharing Tree for your gift cards or cash donation.

Advent Evening Prayer – We will celebrating Evening Prayer every Sunday evening as a special way of preparing for the celebration of Christmas. Please join us as we pray together Advent Evening prayer beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Prayers of the Assembly – Our special book of petitions will be displayed each weekend during the Advent season. Please write your special intentions you wish us to pray for.

Confirmation Date has been set – Archbishop Buechlein will be here Sunday May 4 at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate. More information and practice times to be announced.

Our Communal Penance Service will take place Friday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Dear Parishioners,

“Can’t We Just Pray at Home?” While adults may enjoy the strength received from the Eucharist each week, it is often a hassle to get to mass each week with the children. This is especially true when parents hear questions like “why do I have to go if my friends aren’t?”, “why can’t I pray at home?”, or “why is mass boring?”. The way in which these questions are answered for ourselves and for our children will impact the spiritual life of the family.

While it is good to pray at home, it does not take the place of Mass. At Mass we pray with our whole beings and use all our senses. We can see the priest, the people, the crucifix, and other sacred objects. We hear the priest praying, the people responding, the music and the songs. We smell the candles and incense. We taste the bread and wine. We touch the holy water, wood of the pews, pages of books, and the hands of others. We use our bodies to pray at mass. We genuflect, sit, kneel, stand, walk, and we bow our heads.

The mass involves us in other ways too. We come before God as a community of believers and join in communal prayer. We raise our voices in praise. We seek forgiveness of sins and learn how God’s word impacts our life. Special intentions are petitioned, we watch as the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, and we reach out to others with the Peace of Christ. We promise to forgive others, we acknowledge Jesus’ healing and come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. We are commissioned to go out and make the world a better place.

Watch for more information about going to mass, including a “Top Ten reasons for Going to Mass.”

Anita Navarra

If It’s Clean and Smells Good, They Will Come.

Jesus welcomes everyone to His nice, clean church. Thank you to the following for making it happen: Marilyn Buening, Janet Meyer, Sandra Meyer, Judy Muckerheide, Ann Aliese, Linda Nobbe, Tonia Schofield, Phyllis Schwering, Pat Sebo, Mary Ann Welage, Phil and Mary Marciniak, Joan Koors and Linda Ricke.

Knights of Columbus – Coming Events:

Monday/December 10 – shrimp or chicken strips

Dinner: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Also—

Sunday/December 16 – Santa Breakfast

Serving: 7:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with Santa arriving @ 9:00 a.m.

Needing a Christmas gift for someone special?? We have a few turquoise rosaries available. These were made by our Navajo friend in New Mexico. Please call Joan if you are interested.

Dear Community,

Please join your fellow parishioners at the Knights of St. John’s for breakfast with Santa this Sunday morning.

I will have surgery on my vocal chords for the third time this coming Tuesday at Columbus Regional Hospital. I will be speechless for one week and recuperating at my home in Connersville until December 18th. Fr. Marty Peter will take all the Masses December 15-16.

I will not be allowed to answer cell phone calls so please call our parish office between December 11-18 if there is an emergency.

For the penance services on December 13 and December 14, another local pastor will lead the service.

There will be a prayer service on December 16 at 2:00 p.m. in honor of the Traveling Statue of Our Lady. This service is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome to participate.

“How can you tell when a salesman is lying?” The answer: “When his lips are moving.”

Salesmen have been the butt of many jokes. There’s a whole category of jokes about traveling salesman in particular. But the fact is that traveling salesmen and women are true warriors. It takes a very strong person with a courageous temperament to march into a new territory and face a world of indifference and hostility.

John the Baptist was one of these traveling salesmen. He brought the news of Jesus to a skeptical world. His warnings and claims were hard to believe, but he delivered them forcefully. His lips were moving and he was not lying when he proclaimed. “Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand.”

Not Really

Three Pastors in the south were having lunch in a restaurant.

One said “Ya know, since summer started I’ve been having trouble with bats in my loft attic at church. I’ve tried everything—noise, spray, cats—nothing seems to scare them away. Another said, “Yea, me too. I’ve got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I’ve even had the place fumigated, and they won’t go away. The third said, “I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church...haven’t seen one back since!”

Keep smiling, **Msgr. Knueven**

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – DECEMBER 10****7:15 a.m.** Communion Service**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 11****7:15 a.m.** Communion Service**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 12****7:15 a.m.** Communion Service**8:30 a.m.** Paul Striecker**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 13****7:15 a.m.** Communion Service**2:30 p.m.** Communion Service

(Heritage House Nursing Home)

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 14**7:15 a.m.** Communion Service**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 15/16****4:30 p.m.** Paul H. Olinger**7:00 a.m.** Julie Bedel**9:00 a.m.** Ferd & Ida Buening**11:00 a.m.** For all people**SERVERS****DECEMBER 12 (Weds./Childrens Mass)****7:15 a.m.** Joe Buening – Ry Burkert**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 15/16****4:30 p.m.** Trevor & Nora Stacy**7:00 a.m.** Karen & Sarah Herbert**9:00 a.m.** Jessica Hensley

Haley Vanderbur

11:00 a.m. Lillie Wolter – Mary Young**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 15/16****4:30 p.m.** Mike & Christy Bokelman

Johanne Davis – Deb Greiwe

Rosemary Schroeder – Greta Solgere

7:00 a.m. Art & Ana Alunday

Marge Bruns – Marilyn Davis

Diann Reisman – Carol Schwendenmann

9:00 a.m. Claude & Dottie Bilbrey

Pat Koors – Donna Lecher

Hank Martin – Steve Meyer

11:00 a.m. Darlene Banks – Bev Stiers

Dennis Hagerty – Bernice Menkedick

Tim & Kim Stone

LECTORS**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 15/16****4:30 p.m.** Ed Dwenger**7:00 a.m.** Sandy Meyer**9:00 a.m.** Don Wickens**11:00 a.m.** Brian Wenning

Fr. Bill Burton's presentation on Introduction to the Scriptures a few weeks ago was very enjoyable and informative. Fr. Bill is offering a set of 3, two-hour DVD's of his program. Each session provides background information from current Roman Catholic scholarship for understanding both the Old and the New Testaments.

Order forms are available at the back doors of church and at the parish office, with more information about the program.

ATTENTION LECTORS

The Lector Workbooks for the new church year (Cycle A) are available in the server's sacristy. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. Also, please check off your name on the list provided so we can be sure you have received your book.

Adoration Chapel - We need **permanent adorers** for the following hours: **Saturday/1:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.** Please call Monica O'Brien at 663-2514 if you can take one of these hours or on a rotation basis. Also, adorers should plan in advance so that during the holidays you can cover your hour, or check with your hourly coordinator, if you are unable to find a substitute. Thanks!

Time to Sign-up

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a process designed to bring members of a parish together in Christ. All of our commitments, including our commitment to Christ, need continued renewal if we are to be faithful. CRHP is an effective spiritual renewal process, which calls together the members of the parish in order to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of our own parish.

We are very excited about being able to offer this program at St. Mary's. **A men's weekend is scheduled for February 16 & 17. And a women's weekend is scheduled for March 1 & 2** and will take place here on the parish grounds. Our number will be limited to 20 for each weekend and is open to men and women who are at least 19 years old. CRHP is for anyone seeking spiritual renewal, desiring to build up the Body of Christ or gain a deeper sense of purpose within the parish community. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit is calling you - COME! Call the office to reserve your spot.

Ray Family - If you would like to help the Ray (Mike, Gish, Courtney & Kristina) Family with a monetary gift an account has been set up at Fifth Third Bank for their benefit.

Prayer Basket

Don't forget to put your prayer requests in the basket in the back of church. Prayer group will pray for each one at each meeting.

New St. Joseph Missals available at the parish office for \$5.00.

YOUTH NEWS/Andi's e-mail:
andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all of your ways"

Random Question:

Last weeks winner: High School - Gina Ricke
Jr. High – Kelsey Johnson

Last weeks answer: NOTHING is impossible with God!!!

This week's question: What is the name of the Grinch's dog?

Leader Board

Stephanie Hoeing	5
Kelsey Johnson	3
Aaron Hoeing	3
Gina Ricke	3
Sara Welage	2

Penny War Update: These are the results as of November 28th.

1st ~ 7th grade (13,940)
 4th ~ Freshmen (5,017)
2nd ~ 8th grade (11,605)
5th ~ Sophomores (4,683)
3rd ~ Seniors (7,914)
6th ~ Juniors (2,062)

*The penny war will go on until the end of Religious Ed. this school year.

Freshmen/Sophomore Retreat: You've been waiting for it...now the time has come...so get signed up. Your retreat will be held here at St. Mary's, January 12th and 13th. Registration forms will come home with you in class or they can be found on the youth happenings bulletin board in the basement. The cost is \$15 and due by Friday, December 21st. Hurry only 30 spots available.

Youth Worship Service: There will be a youth worship service Friday, December 14th at the First Christian Church. It starts at midnight.

SMUS: Don't forget it is a SMUS weekend. Take a break from homework and studying to join us for some knockout, dodge ball, spud, kickball and other fun games. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the school gym.

New Game: A new game will be starting up in Religious Ed the first of the year. You will be competing against the other classes for a special party. If you want to be the winner of this competition...start studying up on your bible verses. More information about this will be coming your way soon.

Bible Study: Ever wanted a bible study just for you? Well stick around and stop wishing, one will start up in January. Stay tuned in for more details.

Jr. High: Your Gym Night will be this Wednesday during Religious Ed. Come for a Christmas Extravaganza of fun. You will be meeting in the gym. Come dressed comfortably and ready to play games. You may have to run, crawl, or get your face a little sticky. Now that you're interested make sure you are there, don't miss out!!!!

Summer Church Camp: We will be attending *Catholic Heart Workcamp* in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, the week of June 22-28. We will need adults to join us as well. If you are interested there will be a meeting in **January**.

Can Collection – We are still collecting aluminum cans – bring yours to Msgr.'s garage anytime! This money collected will go towards helping the youth attend church camp.

Here are this weeks' **Daily Prayer Intentions for our Parish Capital Campaign.** Please pray for the success of our campaign.

This is our second week of Advent. Are we as a parish helping to build a kingdom of our own or are we sharing in the big plan of building a kingdom of God? As you begin with the Sign of the Cross, ask God to clear your mind of distractions so that your prayer will be true and pleasing to God. Pray for the person(s) mentioned for the day. Read and reflect on the scripture passage. Incorporate the intention into your daily life and finally pray the prayer given for the day. God bless you!

Daily Prayer Intention for Parish Capital Campaign

Monday/December 10 **All Parish Volunteers** **Read and reflect: Philippians 3:20b-21**
Intention: Fulfill the Kingdom of God by letting Jesus be the Lord of your life.
Pray: Lord, free us from our sins and make us whole. Hear our prayer and prepare us to celebrate the incarnation of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday/December 11 **All Parish School Volunteers** **Read and reflect: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9**
Intention: Fulfill the Kingdom of God by aiding the sick and those who are dying.
Pray: Christ our Lord, enkindle in our hearts the flame of your love, and make us long to be united with you.

Wednesday/December 12 **Deacon Bernabe Romo** **Read and reflect: Psalm 122**
Intention: Fulfill the Kingdom of God by allowing yourself some time to be with your family.
Pray: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Thursday/December 13 **Joan Koors** **Read and reflect: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5**
Intention: Fulfill the Kingdom of God by professing your faith in a constant and pure way.
Pray: Lord, you are my strength and I shall sing your praise forever. Help me to embrace whatever is thrown my way with patience and trust in your care for me.

Friday/December 14 **Msgr. Harold Knueven** **Read and reflect: James 3:17-18**
Intention: Fulfill the Kingdom of God by being a peacemaker; with your family, your co-workers, and our enemies.
Pray: Lord, open my mouth and my lips shall declare your praise. Help me to speak the wisdom you have bestowed upon me.

Saturday/December 15 **Parish Support Staff** **Read and reflect: Isaiah 11:1-5**
Intention: Fulfill the Kingdom of God by planting a seed of hope in someone who is in despair.
Pray: Lord, let your glory dawn on us today! Take away our darkness and make us children of light at the coming of your Son, Jesus.

Sunday/December 16 **School Support Staff** **Read and reflect: Romans 13:11-14**
Intention: Fulfill the Kingdom of God by pressing forward with your goal to live in the light of the Lord.
Pray: God our Father, help us to put on the mind and heart of Christ the Lord!

Prayer for our Campaign

Heavenly Father,

Who gathers us into Your church; You have blessed us and St. Mary's Parish abundantly. We give you thanks for all that you have given and for this community of believers.

Give us the humility to listen to you and hear each other. Help us see clearly where we are and what you would like us to be and accomplish.

Send the Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey of hope and commitment. Open our minds and our hearts to evoke our passion to be like Christ and follow His mission for us.

Fuel us with love, focus us with faith and fill our hearts with joy at this opportunity to generously serve You.

Help us to give our best and to receive the best that others can give.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



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November 21, 2007

Rev. Msgr. Harold Knueven
Administrator
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Dear Monsignor:

As 2007 draws to a close and we prepare for the birth of Christ, we have much to be **thankful** for in our archdiocese.

One of the **major blessings** has been the continued success of the **Legacy for Our Mission Campaign**. Our parishes collectively have raised more than \$90 million thus far and I am hopeful that by the **end** of the year we will have reached or surpassed our \$100 million goal. Thank you all for your **leadership** on this critical **capital-stewardship** campaign.

With the **successful conclusion** of the **Legacy for Our Mission Campaign** in sight, I have consulted with the campaign's **Pastors Policy Committee** about how to best ensure that all **pledges** are honored before parishes launch into **parish-specific** campaigns. The committee's advice was to **continue** the current **campaign moratorium** until the **pledge payment period** is complete for most donors. Because the **Legacy for Our Mission Campaign** consists primarily of **three-year pledges**, the **moratorium** would **remain** in effect until **three years after** a parish's **campaign commitment date**. For example, if your parish's **campaign commitment weekend** was **May 15, 2007**, the **moratorium** would remain in effect for your parish until **May 15, 2010**.

As always, I **encourage** you to adopt a thoughtful and consistent approach to following up with **Legacy for Our Mission** donors through communication strategies provided through the **Office of Stewardship and Development**. Proactive, **stewardship-based** communications help to continually **thank and inform** our **members** about the **results-to-date** of their generosity as well as the **next round of ministry advancements** that their **continuing generosity** will make possible.

If you **have questions** or would like to discuss the **campaign moratorium policy** **further**, please contact your **Office of Stewardship and Development** representative or **Kent Goffinet, Director of Stewardship and Development**, at **1-800-382-9836 (ext. 1465)**.

Many thanks for your continued **pastoral leadership** in our archdiocese.

Sincerely in the **Providence** which shall not fail us,

Monsignor Joseph F. Schaedel
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Report given Dec. 1-2

I have a progress report for you this (evening) morning on St. Mary's Legacy Capital Campaign. It is proving to be a very successful campaign for a number of reasons. First and foremost, I believe it has drawn our parish together through the active participation and involvement of some 400 volunteers. Many of these volunteers made multiple phone contacts with each member of our parish including many who are not currently active Catholics but yet are still registered members. These contacts may re-ignite their faith and involvement. The campaign has also totally engaged the youth of our parish. The elementary children have been challenged to build a stack of pennies to match their height while the 7th to 12th grades are involved in a penny war that challenges each class to have more pennies but less silver than any other class. They are having a great time putting their silver in the other class jars while putting pennies in their own. I think it is wonderful to see our youth excited about giving. Additionally the "Lasting Impressions" has had nearly 1500 hand impressions so far and this too has been a fun way to involve the entire parish and at the same time leave our mark for future generations. If you have yet to be printed please go to the Ed Building after mass today. It is our goal to have every member's impression for future generations to witness. Impressions will be being done soon for shut-ins and residents of the local nursing homes.

Now I have even more exciting news. While pledge cards have only been out for three weeks, I have personally received and opened 293 pledges that give me great confidence that this campaign will be a resounding success. I am proud to say that we have total pledges of \$5,900,232 that combined with existing savings and assets total nearly \$8 Million dollars. We are over half way to our minimum goal of \$15 million again with only the first 293 pledges. I expect each of you to do your part and to return your card to me soon. If you have been waiting to see if the campaign was going to be successful before making your commitment, I believe these figures should erase all doubt. This will be a reality! Do your part. I will do mine. I have sent my request letter to Archbishop Beuchlein asking for another year and God willing, it is my intent to remain at St. Mary's to accomplish this goal.

Msgr. Harold Knueven

The Golden Compass: A Five-alarm Warning for Parents

As a Christian parent, you are undoubtedly aware that your children are the prime targets in the culture war. Hollywood is taking direct aim at the faith of children and teens worldwide with the \$150,000,000 blockbuster movie *The Golden Compass*. *The Golden Compass* movie is based upon the first volume in a trilogy entitled *His Dark Materials* by the militant atheist author Philip Pullman.

The trilogy, *His Dark Materials*, is the most seductive and diabolical attack upon God and the Catholic Church that I have ever encountered in books for children. Throughout all three volumes, Pullman is seeking to alienate children from God and the Catholic Church. By volume three, he has children joining the fallen angels in a final demonic attack upon the Kingdom of God.

Please heed this next sentence: Do not form a judgment on *His Dark Materials* based solely on the first movie. Deceptively, the first movie has removed Pullman's explicit attacks against the Catholic Church. Instead the wicked enemy of children and human freedom is only referred to as the "Magisterium." This toning down of the first movie will permit the producers to rake in millions while not arousing too much religious opposition. Of course, after seeing the movie, children in countries around the world will rush out to buy and digest Pullman's God-hating and Catholic-bashing trilogy.

Here is just a sampling of what children and teens will encounter in the movie and by reading *His Dark Materials*:

- Demons are a child's best friend and companion. Each demon is in the form of an animal. They're like talking pets. A child and his demon are like an invincible team.
- Children can go to the movie website, answer 20 questions, and get a name for their personal demon
- Pullman tells children that the "Authority" [God] is really not the creator, but that he just assumed authority of the universe (the fallen angels rebelled because of this usurpation of authority)
- Children are invited to join the new Republic of Heaven where there are "no kings, no bishops, [and] no priests."
- In the third volume, children learn that there isn't a heaven or hell, just a dismal zombie-like wasteland plagued by the greatest unhappiness for all the dead
- The Catholic Church, portrayed as the despicable enemy of children, seeks to "dehumanize" children by separating them from their personal demons
- A charming 12-year-old girl is the heroine of the movie. With the help of her personal demon, she's on a quest to kill God and vanquish the Catholic Church for the benefit of all humanity.
- At the end of Pullman's third volume, God is revealed as a pathetic, decrepit being. After God is let out of his cell, he gets vaporized into nothingness. That's it for God in the chapter entitled "Authority's End."
- The Pope is called Pope John Calvin and the Vatican is moved to Geneva to reflect Calvin's heavy-handed religious rule over that city
- Catholic priests kidnap children and one priest is an assassin
- Philip Pullman seems to take particular aim with his poisoned pen at nuns. On my CD, *His Dark Materials: An Urgent Warning for Parents*, I describe in detail how Pullman has a nun breaking her vows, cohabiting, and much more.

You might be saying to yourself, "Pullman's stuff is so over the top that no one will be taken in by it." I urge parents not to underestimate this skilled and engaging writer. *Newsweek* calls Pullman's trilogy "absorbing" *The Golden Compass* film will be released in 22 countries during December 2007. Also in December, *The Golden Compass* video game will be released - just in time for Christmas. An extensive line of toys and collectibles is planned through more than 40 licensing partners worldwide. *The Golden Compass* merchandising program hopes to be a major holiday success story.

There are other critical issues about *The Golden Compass and His Dark Materials* that I'll be posting at this link over the next two weeks: <http://dads.org/goldencompass.asp> Here are a few of the things that I'll be addressing in postings:

- How Pullman's books may be coming into your parish school
- How the Scholastic Corporation is trying to overcome religious objections to Pullman's poison
- The bad advice being given to parents about *His Dark Materials* in some parish schools
- What to do when Pullman's books become required reading in your child's public school
- What to do when your children are given a personal demon toy at a burger restaurant

Many of your children are going to feel peer pressure and experience lots of curiosity about *The Golden Compass*. Don't wait until Pullman invades your child's school, or snares the imagination of your child. The older I get, the more I appreciate the Boy Scout motto: "Be prepared."

Yours in His Majesty's Service, Steve Wood, www.dads.org

Advent Day of Reflection/Archbishop Daniel Buechlein Hosting

Single Men of the parish... everyone has a vocation. What's yours?

An Advent day of reflection, hosted by Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, will be offered for all men who may be discerning a call to priesthood on December 15th at his home in Indianapolis. This time of prayerful reflection and discernment is intended for all single, adult men between the ages of 18 and 40 who may be considering the priesthood in their future. The archbishop will lead the day which will include talks about the priesthood, prayer, question and answer time and Mass. For more information, contact your parish priest. **Perhaps God is calling you... are you listening.**

New Year's Eve Mass of Renewal

Celebrate New Year's Eve with the Renewal communities of Central Indiana—in a Mass of Thanksgiving for the past year and with prayers for blessings and renewal of faith in the coming year. Songs of worship begin at 11:00 p.m., followed by the Eucharistic Celebration of the Mass led by Fr. Glenn O'Connor. Reception with refreshments provided in the rectory following Mass. Private Security at both parking lots: behind the Cathedral and the Catholic Center (Meridian and 14th Sts.) Information: 317-592-1992 or ccrci@inholyspirit.org. www.InHolySpirit.org www.cursill.org/Indy

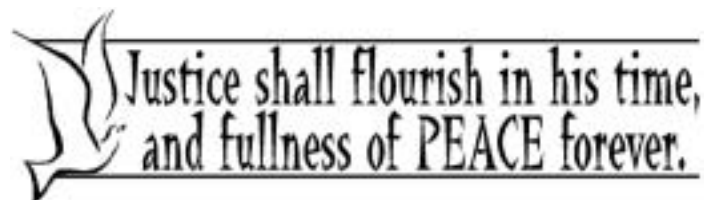
Eucharistic Healing Service

Fr. Gregory Bramlage and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana invite you to a Eucharistic Healing Service. Will take place Epiphany Sunday, January 6 from 2-5 p.m. at S.S. Peter & Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN. Join us in praising God and calling down His blessing for the New Year!

Parking behind Catholic Center, 14th & Meridian Sts. Information: 317-592-1992 or ccrci@inholyspirit.org.
www.InHolySpirit.org www.HealingThroughThePowerOfJesusChrist.org

Benedictine Life Weekend

Are you searching for God's direction in life? Do you wonder if monastic life could be the right fit? Would you like the chance to check it out? If so, we invite you to visit our community for a Benedictine Life Weekend, January 4-6, 2008, at Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, IN. Open to single Catholic women, ages 19-40, discerning religious life. Contact Sr. Agnes Marie Dauby or Sr. Michelle Sinkhorn at 802 E. 10th street, Ferdinand, IN, 800-738-9999, or vocation@thedome.org.



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