



THE WEEK AHEAD**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 14**

Advent evening prayer – 4:00 p.m. - church
 Christmas Pageant – 6:30 p.m. - gym

MONDAY – DECEMBER 15

ACT Team – 7:00 p.m. - office

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 16

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
 Stewardship mtg. – 7:00 p.m. – office
 Finance mtg. – 7:00 p.m. – office upstairs

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 17

No Religious Education – Christmas break

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 18

Communal Penance Service – 7:00 p.m.

No RCIC or RCIA

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community: Nettie Grote, Paul Huber, Patty Huser, Liz Johnston, Theresa Mauer, Aaron McCrary, Ray & Sandy Niese, Anita Powers, Gish Ray, Dick Russell, & Thomas Shazer, Cortney Snyder.

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

especially for: Stephen AmRhein, Ben Brancamp, Ben Buening, Joe Davis, Mike Eggleston, Kristy Fasbinder, Chris Gauck, Paul Hellmich, Adam Herbert, Kipper Hull, Edward Hurt, Jeff McNeal, Joe McCullough, Steve Redmon, Kevin Rohr, Victor Tumilty, Brent Wright, & 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.

**WEBSITE**

www.stmarysgreensburg.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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 2008

“God became what we are, so we could become what God is.”

This will be our Advent meditation as we prepare to celebrate Jesus first coming and await his Second Coming at the end of time. Through our prayer each week, we will ask God to “Open Our Eyes” to SEE God’s face, to HEAR God’s voice, and to LOVE like God loves. And, then with God’s grace we will pray to find ourselves becoming... WHAT GOD IS!

Family Prayer—A few Advent booklets “**Tidings of Comfort**” are available.

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 have been 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 celebrate 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 is displayed each weekend during the Advent season. Please write your special intentions you wish us to pray for.

Our Communal Penance Service will take place Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Adoration Chapel - We need a permanent adorers for Saturday, January 3 at 10:00 p.m. Please call Monica O’Brien at 663-2514 if you can take this hour.

**Early Bulletin Deadline for
December 27/28 Bulletin**

All information by e-mail or in writing **must** be in the parish office no later than Wednesday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m.

**Early Bulletin Deadline for
January 3/4 Bulletin**

All information by e-mail or in writing **must** be in the parish office no later than Sunday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS...for many, many years St. Mary's has been blessed with the overwhelming generosity of the beautiful Johnston flowers (Liz and Ross) at Christmas, Easter and many other occasions throughout the church year. They have worked for years giving us the benefits of their hard labor, but, they have now made the decision to close the greenhouse.—so, we are asking for your help to provide flowers for our Christmas decorating. Envelopes will be placed at the doorways of Church for any assistance you can provide. A space will be added to the envelope to allow you to give flowers "in memory of a deceased loved one", if you wish to do so. These names will be published in the bulletin, so, together we can give thanks and remember these special people

Appreciation Dinner

We, the Parish Staff at St. Mary's are proud of our volunteers! In appreciation, we cordially invite the volunteers and their spouses to a social hour on Sunday, January 18th beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by a dinner to be served at 6:00 p.m. Please call 663-8427 no later than January 9 to RSVP for the dinner.

United Catholic Appeal 2008-2009

The United Catholic Appeal 2008-2009 is going on now.

Our goal is \$73,680

As of 12/8/2008 we have received 270 pledge cards with total pledges of **\$36,067**

Please return your pledge cards, along with your stewardship pledges of time, talent, and treasure so we can reach our goal.

Thank you, Stewardship Committee

Capital Campaign

We have about 1,200 families in the parish. Fourteen families gave 4 1/2 million dollars in our campaign to move off the present parish property. The next 16 families gave one million dollars. We received about 5 1/2 million dollars from 31 families!

Christmas Ornaments – (St. Mary's 150 Anniversary) will be on sale after all masses this weekend. Cost is \$10.00 Also, available in the parish office during the week.

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

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

Catechism of the Catholic Church – available for sale, \$5.00 at parish office – while supplies last.

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.

Dear Community,

Some of the following was printed in last weeks bulletin by mistake.

The National Religious Retirement Collection is this weekend, December 13-14. The Youth Choir Mass is this Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. mass.

I will not be here for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. masses this weekend. I will be in Fort Wayne baptizing a great niece.

Our parish penance service will be this Thursday, December 18, at 9:00 p.m. There will be five priests hearing confessions: Fr. Lucas, Fr. Dennis Duvelius, Fr. Berny, Fr. George Joseph and myself.

Victor Hugo was the 19th century French author of Les Miserables. His book resulted in the subsequent theatrical production about the French Revolution and the many people who dared to start it. Hugo once observed: "An invasion of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come."

In today's Gospel, Jesus' time has come. He steps forth in full ministry, and there can be no turning back.

In last Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist said that he only baptized with water. He foretold that one was coming who would baptize with fire and the Holy Spirit. This week, John's message becomes more urgent. Jesus is at hand, and John commands us: "Make straight the way of the Lord."

Meaning of Ministry

The test of a preacher is that his congregation goes away saying not, "What a wonderful sermon," but, "I will do something!" (St. Francis de Sales)

If you go against the grain of the universe, you get splinters. (H. H. Farmer)

In the field of ministry, the first year they love you, the second year they hate you, the third year ministry begins.

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven



✚ MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – DECEMBER 15

7:15 a.m. Pauline Holtkamp

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 16

7:15 a.m. Jean & Pete Doerflinger
Clifford Knueven

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 17

7:15 a.m. Richard H. Nobbe

8:30 a.m. Margaret Geis

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 18

7:15 a.m. Robert Haskamp

2:30 p.m. Edmund (Cap) Fry

(Hickory Creek Nursing Home Mass)

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 19

7:15 a.m. Rosemary Koors
Mildred Koors

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 20/21

4:30 p.m. Alvina Hellmich

7:00 a.m. Ginny Bruns

9:00 a.m. John Hellmich Family

11:00 a.m. For all people

👤 SERVERS

WEEKDAY/DEC. 15-19 (Monday-Friday)

7:15 a.m. Michael Blankman
Ryan Welage

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 20/21

4:30 p.m. Morgan Springmeyer
Madison Bower

7:00 a.m. Brandon Hempstead
Tyler Luber

9:00 a.m. Madelyn Hunger – Taylor Lang

11:00 a.m. Joel Chase – Kyle Colson

✚ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 20/21

4:30 p.m. Deb Greiwe – Bert McQueen
Diane Humpert – Priscilla Kramer
Rita Hellmich – Karen Dwigins

7:00 a.m. Linda Ricke – Rita Schoentrup
Carol Schwenenmann – Phyllis Schwering
Paul & Irene Schwering

9:00 a.m. Mark & Lorie Young
Steve & Mary Adam

Claude & Dottie Bilbrey

11:00 a.m. Jen Blankman – Dennis Hagerty
Maryellen Connor – Angie Fontanilla
Marietta Hagerty – Angie Hersley

📖 LECTORS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 20/21

4:30 p.m. Dave Weigel

7:00 a.m. John Nieman

9:00 a.m. Glenn Tebbe

11:00 a.m. Anna Rayner



Hello! I would like to take this time to introduce you to my third grade class. I have 22 wonderful students this year! This number includes 13 boys and 9 girls. We have been working very hard since the beginning of the year.

Back in September, we read the novel How to Eat Fried Worms. The third graders chose four yucky foods. They then went to different grades to survey the children to discover which food was the yuckiest. Next, they created a graph to show their discoveries. Some of the yuckiest foods were mushrooms, peas, olives, spinach, boiled eggs, and broccoli. The third graders also had the opportunity to eat their own fried worms. Parents came in and cooked hot dogs cut up like worms. The students then got to try different condiments with their worms. Some of the condiments were ketchup, mayo, hot sauce, chocolate syrup, steak sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and BBQ sauce. BBQ sauce and chocolate syrup were the top two favorites!

Before Thanksgiving the third graders studied the history of popcorn. They were able to eat fresh air popped corn with their choice of salt and/or butter. We then graphed their favorite way to eat popcorn. We wrote in our journals what we would do with a ton of popcorn. Some students would invite friends over to watch a lot of movies and eat the popcorn. Others said they would sell half of it and eat the other half. Still others said they would eat the popcorn each day until it was gone. It was a delicious day of learning!

In a couple of weeks, the third graders will be boarding the Polar Express! We will get comfortable in our rooms by bringing slippers, sleeping bags, blankets etc. Then we will listen to Christmas stories. Our main story will be The Polar Express. That day we will also enjoy hot chocolate, writing summaries, creating a Venn diagram, and watching the movie *Polar Express*.

The third graders have also been busy this year in math learning about rounding, 4 digit adding and subtracting, telling time, and making change. We will start multiplication soon. In language, we have been doing Shurley jingles and classifying sentences. We have learned about nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and combining sentences. In religion, we have studied the sacraments of initiation and healing. We are learning about Advent. We spend time learning how to look things up in the Bible. For Christmas, we are memorizing Luke 2: 10-12. In science, we have learned about the body and eating healthy. In social studies, we have mastered the continents and are sharpening up on our map skills.

We would like to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy 2009! Sue Myers Grade 3

Holiday Parish Office Hours

The parish office will close at the end of the day on December 23, and will reopen January 5 with regular office hours. However, if you have an emergency or something that needs immediate attention, the answering machine in the parish office will be checked daily.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 – Christmas Eve/4:30, 7:30 & Midnight

December 25 – Christmas Day/9:00 a.m.

Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (today's 2nd reading)



The Jesse Tree is a small evergreen tree or just a leafless branch on which symbols are placed which represent those people who helped prepare the way for the Messiah, or who were part of Christ's genealogy. The symbols start at the bottom of the tree and progress in relative chronological order. In the weeks before Christmas you can spend time each day discussing the Bible stories that correspond to the symbols on the tree.

The symbols for the Jesse Tree are many and varied, but the most usual are the following:

The **APPLE** symbolizes Adam and Eve to whom the promise of the Messiah was first made. This was the beginning of our salvation history.

The **ALTAR OF SACRIFICE** symbolizes the story of Abraham and Isaac. God established a covenant with Abraham and his descendants.

The **ARK**. The Chosen People were aware of the promise of the Messiah. They were also aware of the covenant of God to Abraham. As time went on the people went back to their evil ways. God sent the flood that destroyed all but Noah and his family.

The **COAT OF MANY COLORS** represents Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery by his brothers, but who, like the Messiah, saved his brothers from death.

The people continued falling in and out of love with God. To re-establish his covenant, God gave Moses **TABLETS** of stone on which were written specific laws of Love.

The **KEY AND THE CROWN** represent King David. The prophets foretold that the Messiah would be of the House of David. He would be the key that opened heaven for all humankind.

A **SCROLL** can represent the numerous prophets who continually remind the people of Yahweh's covenant with them, and the promise of the Messiah.

The **SHELL AND WATER** represent John the Baptist, the precursor of the Messiah and the last of the Messianic prophets.

St Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, is represented by the **HAMMER AND SQUARE** because he was a carpenter. Sometimes a **DONKEY** is used to represent Joseph, because he let the donkey bearing Mary to Bethlehem.

The **LILY** is a symbol for Mary, the Mother of the Messiah.

The **CHI-RHO** is placed at the top of the tree to symbolize the Messiah or the Christ, the fulfillment of the promise and the "Desired one of all." CHI (X) and RHO (P) are the first two Greek letters in the title *Christ*. (*Christ* is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew title *Messiah*, meaning the Anointed One.)

~Excerpt from *Family Rituals and Celebrations* by: John Roberto

Fresh/Soph Retreat

Freshmen/Sophomore Retreat will be held Saturday, January 3rd thru Sunday, January 4th here at St. Mary's. Start the New Year off with a retreat!! Register by Friday, December 19th.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 14th - 20th

Sun: Vanessa Lawrence

Mon: Greg Beagle

Tues:

Wed:

Thurs: Tasha Zobel

Fri: Trevor Crites

Sat:

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

HIGH SCHOOL ~ if you want the cheapest rate \$305 you must get me your \$75 deposit by Friday, December 19th.

JR. HIGH ~ you week is July 19th - 24th. If you want the cheapest rate of \$300 you must get me your deposit of \$75 by Friday, December 19th.

**** I AM IN NEED OF A 2ND ADULT TO GO WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL**

The best way to spread Christmas Cheer, is singing loud for all to hear.

~Buddy the Elf

St. Mary's Life-Long Faith Formation

Questions of the Week

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2008

(Recognizing the Lord)

Reading I: [Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11](#) (The Spirit Is Upon Me)

Reading II: [1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#) (Pray Without Ceasing)

Gospel: [John 1:6-8, 19-28](#) (The One to Come)

Adults

Where in my life can I identify habits and attitudes which twist and cover God's love? What concrete steps can I take to remove them?

Children

How can I more clearly show my love for God, my family, and my friends?

In the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation, "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us" the bishops state "We seek with this plan to make ongoing faith formation more available, attractive, and effective for all adult Catholics." (#17). By studying this document, the St. Mary's Adult Catechetical Team (ACT) and Faith Formation Commission (FFC) looks to energize the ministry of adult catechesis. Watch this space for more on the importance of Life-Long Faith Formation.

10 Interesting Facts about St. Paul

1. Paul was from the Roman city of Tarsus, located in what is today southern Turkey. (Acts of the Apostles 21:39)
2. Paul was not physically impressive, nor was he a very good speaker. (1 Corinthians 2:1 and 2 Corinthians 10:10; 11:6)
3. Paul had a sister and a nephew. (Acts of the Apostles 23:16)
4. Paul was educated in Jerusalem under the famous Jewish teacher Gamaliel. (Acts of the Apostles 22:3)
5. Paul was a Pharisee (Acts of the Apostles 26:5) and a tentmaker. (Acts of the Apostles 18:3)
6. Paul was a Roman citizen from a wealthy family. (Acts of the Apostles 22:25-28)
7. Paul participated in the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. (Acts of the Apostles 7:58)
8. Paul was the most prominent apostle in the early Church because he was so effective at forming Christian communities.
9. Although Paul wrote the most books of the New Testament, Luke, who only wrote two books, still gets the prize for writing more words than any other writer in the New Testament.
10. Paul's conversion is among the most well-known.

Dear Community,

We have received 300 books about the Archdiocese of Indianapolis celebrating our 175 Anniversary as a diocese. Every parish in the archdiocese is featured in the hardbound book and St. Mary's, Greensburg, is at the very front page.

The book is entitled The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 1834-2009, with a subtitle "Like a Seed Growing". It is a popular history of the Archdiocese.

This history, written by Oldenburg Franciscan Sister Francis Assisi Kennedy, charts the life of our local church, originally known as the Diocese of Vincennes.

The Servant of God, Simon Brute', our first bishop, began his Episcopal ministry with only three priests, one of whom was on loan from the Diocese of St. Louis. There were only seven churches in the diocese, which comprised all of Indiana and the eastern third of Illinois. Yet by the end of Bishop Brute's life just five years later, the church of Vincennes had 25 diocesan priests and 20 seminarians serving an ever-expanding number of Catholics in 17 parishes and at 30 "stations" where Mass was regularly celebrated.

On a personal note, Bishop Brute's last confirmation was at my home parish, St. Paul's New Alsace. He was suffering from tuberculosis and he was riding on a horse back home from New Alsace to Vincennes. He barely made it home and died shortly thereafter.

This hardback book is for sale for \$27.00. You can pick it up at the office or purchase one after Mass next weekend. It has 167 pages of very interesting history of each parish in our Archdiocese plus some general history of our Archdiocese.

Msgr. Knueven

ADVENT CHARITY

During this Advent season remember the sick and shut-ins of our parish with prayers, cards, and visits.

Arbor Village – 1021 E. Central

Fred Peer	Juanita Jankowski
Henrietta Sweezy	Rose Powers
Milie Standish	Catherine Gearhart
Jerry Miller	Virgil Zins
	Paul McAulisse

Morning Breeze – 950 Lake View Dr.

Justin Redelman	Jack Lux
Fred Saler	Florence Sturwold
Liz Johnston	Katheryn Firsich
Dorothy Witkemper	Florence Stier
Nettie Grote	Teresa Mauer
Robert Shaw	Mary Littell
Evelyn Metz	Olivia Froehling
Leonard & Margaret Mauer	

Crown Point – 1034 Crownpointe Blvd

Beulla Blauvelt	Ed Mauer
Dora Waters	Martha Fry

Hickory Creek – 1620 N. Lincoln St.

Paula Lord	Dorothy Jewell
Marjorie Hessler	Geri Cyman
Janet Reed	

Heritage House – 410 W. Park Road

Hilda Grote	Mary Crawley
Mary Maudlin	Alice Johns
Dolores Redelman	Annie Klosterkemper
Don Redelman	Martha Doles
Barbara Allen	Bob Simmermeyer

If there are other persons wishing to be on our shut-in list, please call the parish office/663-8427.



Thank You

We want to thank everyone who prayed for our nephew, Jonathan Gibson, during his deployment in Iraq. He is now back in the United States and safely home!

Sincerely, Mike and Maryellen Connor

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary with cards, gifts, and good wishes. A special thank you to Msgr. Knueven for his blessing at Mass. Also, thanks to our family for making this a special occasion for us. God bless everyone. Harold & Bernice Menkedick

Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip

This winter Haley Schwering will join members of the first Baptist Church of Greensburg, Indiana who will participate on a Medical Mission Outreach to the Dominican Republic. She will spend the week of January 17-24, 2009, with a group of 25 people who will provide dental and medical assistance for Haitian refugees and impoverished Dominicans in and around the city of Santo Domingo. The trip will include providing care at a boys and girls orphanage and a leper colony. Those they care for are truly destitute. Many have never been to a doctor or dentist.

The Mission team is appealing to family, co-workers and friends to donate over-the-counter medical items and/or monetary support for the purchase of the items listed below.

Ibuprofen (infant, kids, adult)	Antifungal cream/oral
Tylenol (infant, kids, adult)	Steroid cream
Antacids (both once daily & Tums)	Eye/ear drops
Cold & allergy/meds	Monistat (yeast infections)
Cough syrup/meds	Cash/Check donations (to purchase antibiotics & prescription meds)
Vitamins (adult & children)	Checks written to First Baptist Church
Antibiotic creams	Note: Medical Mission Meds
	All contributions tax deductible

We hope to fill 25 suitcases full of these donated items to take with us. This allows each individual a direct link in assisting those who have virtually no access to health care. Your contributions may truly save a life as we minister to those in dire need in the love of Christ. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless.

St. Mary's will have boxes in the back of church for your donated items. Any questions contact Cathy or Haley Schwering at 663-8311.

Knights of Columbus Santa Breakfast will take place December 21 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Santa will make his appearance 9:00 a.m. A free will offering will be taken.

Annual Live Nativity at St. Maurice

St. Maurice Church in Decatur County will have its Live Nativity on Sunday, December 14th from 4:30-6:30pm. This event is sponsored by St. Anne, St. John and St. Maurice. Come see the children represent the birth of Jesus. There will be live animals, free refreshments and beautiful music by area choirs. This is a great way to remember what Christmas is all about! Take New Point exit #143 off I-74, go north on County Road 850E to St. Maurice.

22nd Annual Live Nativity St. Anthony of Padua, Morris, In, will have its nativity scene open for public viewing during the Christmas Season, Dec 14th – 25th. Families are encouraged to come out and meditate on our Savior's birth and see the animals and figurines. The scene will be open through Christmas. St. Anthony is located off Hwy 46, four miles west of Sunman and three miles east of Batesville.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House has a wonderful selection of books and gift items in our gift shop! Please stop by when you are out Christmas shopping--you are sure to find a perfect gift! Open most days from 8 am until 4 pm with some extended hours evenings and weekends. Call (317) 545-7681 for our specific hours. We are located at 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN

Pilgrimage for Life - Help St. Nicholas parish fill their 3rd bus going to Washington DC for a pro-life pilgrimage this January. See brochure on line at www.voiceoftheinnocents.org
Cost: \$110.00 - Call Liz at 812-623-8007

3rd Sunday of Advent/Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11~1 Thessalonians 5:16-24~John 1:6-8, 19-28

The **Secular Franciscans** will meet Thursday evening, December 18 at 6:30pm in the Fr. Rudolph Room at Holy Family Church. All married and single adults are welcome who want to learn more about the Secular Franciscan way of life.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, OLDENBURG, INDIANA HOST THEIR 2008 CHRISTMAS TOURS

The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, extend an invitation to visit their motherhouse and enjoy traditional holiday decorations as well as Christmas artifacts from the various cultures with whom the Sisters minister, along with some new additions. Performances by the Sisters' Chime Choir will be held in the chapel. Come visit and enjoy holiday refreshments.

Tours will be available **Saturday evening, December 27, 2008** from 6-8 p.m. Take I-74 to the Batesville/Oldenburg exit (#149). Oldenburg is three miles north on Highway 229. The Sisters of St. Francis motherhouse is centrally located on Main Street (229) in Oldenburg. Contact person: Sister Judith Werner. OSF Public Relations and Special Events 812-933-6491

St. Nicholas Church, Sunman, will host a monthly Pro-Life Mass beginning December 9th at 7pm. Following each Mass, we will meet for a short presentation and discussion on pro-life matters. Here is the 2009 Pro-Life Mass schedule: (Most will be on second Tuesdays)

Jan. 27, Feb. 10, March 24, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 2-25 call 317-489-6811 or e-mail: register@Retroidy.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

The Archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve on the Birthline hotline, or as material assistance volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Birthline volunteers on the hotline respond to women in crisis pregnancies and help direct poor women in need to Birthline services. The hotline may be answered from the comfort of your own home during four-hour shifts. Those who wish to serve poor women and their babies through direct service are invited to work with the Birthline team on Mondays or Wednesdays at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. The Pro-Life Office also needs someone with clerical skills to assist the administrative assistant in the office. Basic computer skills are needed. Training will be provided for all volunteer positions. For more information, contact Sister Diane at 317-236-1521 or e-mail dcarollo@archindy.org.

Earn Dollars for OA While Doing Your Christmas Shopping

Looking for the perfect gift this Christmas season? Oldenburg Academy has the answer for you. You can get your Christmas shopping done and help support OA at the same time! Stop by your area Kroger and visit their One-Stop Gift card shop and choose the perfect Christmas gift from their wide variety of gift cards. Remember before you shop to load your Oldenburg Academy Kroger gift card and use it to pay for all your gift card purchases. Every time you load the Kroger Gift Card, Kroger automatically donates 4% to Oldenburg Academy. Gift cards are always the right gift! If you have questions on the OA Kroger Gift Card or need an OA Kroger Gift Card, please contact Barb Hettesheimer in the Advancement office at www.bhettesheimer@oldenburgacademy.org or at 812-933-0737. Thanks for your support.

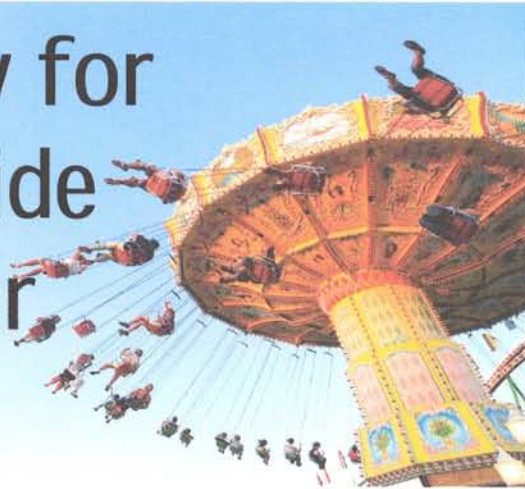
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

December 18, 2008 - "Come away and rest awhile" - Silent non-guided reflection day/\$25 per person

December 31, 2008-January 1, 2009 - "Following the Star: Discovering Christ in our Midst" - Fr. Jim Farrell, Director of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House and Fr. John McCaslin, Pastor of St. Anthony and Holy Trinity Parishes in Indianapolis will be the presenters for this special overnight retreat. The retreat will begin with check in any time after 4:00 pm and will conclude with brunch on New Year's Day. The cost is \$135 per person or \$250 per married couple and includes the program, overnight accommodations, a festive New Year's Eve dinner, a late night Mass to welcome in the New Year, a New Year's celebration, a guided meditation experience and several conferences.

More information for any program can be found on our website at www.archindy.org/fatima where you can also register or call (317) 545-7681, fax (317) 545-0095 or contact Sandy Pasotti at spasotti@archindy.org.

Ready for the ride of your life?



You know God has called you to live a life of purpose, so what are you waiting for? Today is **your** day to start making a difference for the Kingdom of God. It's going to be a wild ride; but one filled with blessing!

The Pregnancy Care Center is a life-affirming ministry that provides peer counseling, spiritual direction, and practical help to hurting men and women facing issues related to unplanned pregnancy and/or their sexual health. PCC is currently in need of women **and** men to serve in the following areas:

- Peer Counselors/Men's Ministry Volunteers
- Receptionists
- 24-Hour Phone Line Volunteers
- Medical Volunteers
- Material Resource Volunteer

If you have a desire to share God's love, truth and hope and are ready to start making a difference in the lives of countless individuals, call the Pregnancy Care Center today toll free, at 1-866-510-5067!

For more information about Pregnancy Care Center, what we do, what we believe and other volunteer opportunities, check out our website:

www.affirminglifeonline.org

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