



November 16, 2008

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MASS TIMES

Holy days and weekday masses – check the bulletin
Saturday – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 3:30 p.m. and daily after morning Mass

BAPTISM

Expectant couples/parents of newly born children,
contact the office for information.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish office at least 6
months before the wedding and prior to making
other arrangements.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a process through which adults are fully
initiated into the Catholic faith. For more
information, please call the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday / 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners. Come by or call the
office to register. When moving out of the parish,
changing address, phone number or any other
information, please notify the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due in the parish office by e-mail or in writing by
11:00 a.m. on Monday.
ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 23

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

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 24

No Religious Education – Christmas break

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 25

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, Lou Moscato, 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, 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.

A Thought for Christmas

God lights the way of every human traveler so that all may eventually arrive at their intended destination.

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.”

Through our prayer each week, we have asked 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 pray to find ourselves becoming... WHAT GOD IS!

Advent Charity – Many tags have been removed from our “Sharing Tree.” One again because of your overwhelming generosity, in these difficult times, many families, including our New Mexico friends will be touched through your response to this Advent charity. THANK YOU one and all.

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.

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.



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.



**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.

Adoration Chapel - We need a permanent adorer for Saturday, January 3 at 10:00 p.m. & Tuesday @ 7:00 a.m. Please call Monica O'Brien at 663-2514 if you can take this hour. Also, please plan for the holidays and check with your hourly coordinator if you need an alternate to cover your hour. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. Thanks for your commitment!

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

United Catholic Appeal 2008-2009

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

Our goal is \$73,680

As of 12/15/2008 we have received 281 pledge cards with total pledges of

\$36,532

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

Christmas Ornaments – Available in the parish office. Cost is \$10.00

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,

Diana Davis will be out of the office from December 23-28, a well deserved vacation. We will cover for her while she is gone. Reminder: Office will be closed December 24-January 4.

We will decorate for Christmas starting Tuesday, December 23, at 8:30. We would appreciate any help you can give. Just show up.

Some people are asking why Fr. Lucas Amandua is with us. I received a call from Fr. Kirkhoff in December of last year stating that Fr. Lucas was finishing his semester of studies at St. Meinrad and was looking for a place to help out before he went to Notre Dame for further studies. I told Fr. Kirkhoff he was welcome to come to St. Mary's. Fr. Lucas studied at Notre Dame during the past summer. Notre Dame graciously paid for his tuition and room and board. Fr. Lucas could not get a grant to study at Notre Dame this fall and spring so now he is with us. Personally I am grateful for his help. I studied in Uganda and I thought this was my way of payback for the hospitality I received by the Catholic Church in Uganda.

Some people are complaining that they can't understand Fr. Lucas when he preaches. I can't understand him myself. I have a hard time understanding him in conversation; that is the reason we have printed out his homilies. We do that for Deacon Bernabe also. There are many other priests from Africa; I just counted six that are listed in the Directory of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. There may be more now. Some parishes print out their homilies so the parishioners can follow the speaker.

Folks, it's not going to get better. It will get worse unless we get more students studying for the priesthood. Presently we have no students from our parish studying for the priesthood. In the parish that I left there are about 10 students studying for the priesthood. We need to do better here at St. Mary's. We can and we will!

For \$99 you can pay a bungee jumping company for equipment so you can leap from a bridge 100 feet above a river or gorge. Once you've paid the money, signed the waiver and are standing with your toes hanging over the edge of the bridge, it remains for you to “let go and let God.” If you have confidence in the company and their equipment, you may proceed into heart-pounding, silent free-fall.

No analogy can even begin to enable us to comprehend what Mary of Nazareth experienced in the invitation from the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. Yet, young Mary had the faith, courage and confidence to say the words that have inspired generations: “Let it be done unto me according to thy will.”

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Msgr. Knueven

✚ MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – DECEMBER 22

7:15 a.m. Leonard Fry

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 23

7:15 a.m. George & Margaret Ley
Dick Louden

WED. – DECEMBER 24/Christmas Eve

2:30 p.m. Albin Wenning
(Morning Breeze Nursing Home Mass)

4:30 p.m. Albert Young

7:30 p.m. Clifford Walke

Midnight For all people

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 25/Christmas

9:00 a.m. Dave Koors

2:30 p.m. (Nursing Home Mass on Wed.)

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 26

7:15 a.m. Edna Zobel
Dale Wilson

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 27/28

4:30 p.m. Steve Gordon

7:00 a.m. For all people

9:00 a.m. Ferdinand & Ida Buening

11:00 a.m. John & Mike Krieger

☪ SERVERS

WEEKDAY/DEC. 22, 23, 26

7:15 a.m. Sydney Reynolds
Molly Redmon

WED. – DECEMBER 24/Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Mikayla & Natasha Rather

7:30 p.m. Erin & Allison Hamilton

Midnight Samantha/Sabrina McCullough

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 25/Christmas

9:00 a.m. Tom Lawrence
Austin Diekhoff

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 27/28

4:30 p.m. David & Abby Bokelman

7:00 a.m. Jacob Moorman – Joe Buening

9:00 a.m. Troy & Adam Kunkel

11:00 a.m. Blake Thomas – Ry Burkert

☪ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

WED. – DECEMBER 24/Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Sandy Meyer – Rachel Redmon
Rosemary Schroeder – Emilie Pank
Cindy Schlarb – Dorothy Redelman

7:30 p.m. Greta Solgere – Teresa Horan
Ruth Springmeyer – Kathy Whitmore
Charles & Linda Greiwe

Midnight Karen Conley – Barb Brown
Vince Schwering – Becky Brown
Glenn & Laura Jo Tebbe

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 25/Christmas

9:00 a.m. Nancy Fogg – Ben Fischer
Rita Burkert – Carol Blasdel
Susie Colson – Sharon Crites

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 27/28

4:30 p.m. Irene Schutte – Jim Tebbe
Betty Baker – Johanne Davis

Mike & Christy Bokelman

7:00 a.m. Tim & Kim Stone

Helen Wagner – Marge Bruns

Gabriel & Lydia Abellada

9:00 a.m. Mary Green – Jill Fuel

Bernie & Janet Hagerty

Rose Hellmich – Pat Koors

11:00 a.m. Bill Powers – Bev Stiers

Kim Meyer – Tom Ricke

Diana Robbins – Bernice Menkedick

☪ LECTORS

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 24/Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Brent Muckerheide

7:30 p.m. Donna Stewart

Midnight Peg Polanski

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 25/Christmas

9:00 a.m. Theresa Schwering

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – DEC. 27/28

4:30 p.m. Bob Blankman

7:00 a.m. Scott Johnson

9:00 a.m. Linda Ricke

11:00 a.m. Monty Shields

Thank You

Habitat for Humanity of Decatur County gratefully acknowledges your parish's contribution of \$1,487.93 received on December 6th. Your donation will allow us to proceed in the selection of our first "habitat family" and the construction of their home this coming summer.

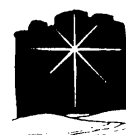
Sincerely yours, Richard L. Hollowell, Treasurer

THANKS...

The Liturgy/Spirituality Committee wishes to express our gratitude to Jim and Sheila Doerflinger for finding the beautiful new Advent banners that are now hanging in our sanctuary. Through the generosity of the Doerflingers and the generosity of many other people, the Committee is considering banners for the other liturgical seasons as well. The banners are a beautiful addition to our Church environment.

Thank You

I would like to thank the Good Lord above for carrying me through the days before and after my surgery. He is the GREAT HEALER! Also, to my family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, parish members, and other churches for their prayers, cards, flowers, emails, phone calls, gifts, food, and visits. Also, thanks to Carol Blasdel and Rita Kramer for bringing me communion. I was astounded and humbled by all the thoughtfulness shown to me. May God bless you all. Every kindness was very much appreciated. Sincerely, Mary Dickman



Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: For NOTHING will be impossible for God ~ Luke 1:37 (today's gospel)

Why should you attend Catholic HEART Workcamp?

You could be just a small part of something big! Here are the numbers from summer 2008!

- *10,000+ Workcampers *2000+ Residents were served
- *1600+ Homes were worked on *1400+ Workteams
- *222 Masses were held at Workcamp
- *87 Staff members gave of their summer to serve
- *56 Managers changed their communities
- *37 Cities were renovated *8 Workcamp teams traveled over 28,000 miles
- 4 Trucks were loaded to the max

1 God witnessed Love, Service, Compassion and Giving and was pleased.

BIRTY DAYS

Dec 21st – 27th

Sun: Kyra Domingo
Ben Fischer

Mon:

Tues: Emily Oesterling
Tyler Brown (10th gr)

Wed: Emily Hall
Justin Kirchoff
Lauren Reed

Thurs:

Fri: Bryant Himes

Sat: Kyle Vanderpohl



nativity scene



The Christmas Nativity Scene is a retelling of the account in the bible of Jesus' birth as found in the Gospel of Luke and Matthew. When Mary and Joseph were unable to find room at an inn, they took shelter in a barn for the evening. After giving birth, Mary and Joseph were visited by Shepherds, and Wise Men from the East. Those figures, plus the livestock from the barn, are usually found in a Nativity Set.

The tradition of a displaying a nativity scene, or nativity crèche (crèche meaning manger), started in Germany in the 1600s. There is record of a live nativity scene that dates all the way back to the 13th Century in Italy.

<http://www.bsu.edu/web/01bkswartz/xmaspub.html>

http://www.christmas-decorations-gifts-store.com/nativity_scene.htm



Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition as we now know it in the 16th century when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce. It is a widely held belief that Martin Luther, the 16th-century Protestant reformer, first added lighted candles to a tree. Walking toward his home one winter evening, composing a sermon, he was awed by the brilliance of stars twinkling amidst evergreens. To recapture the scene for his family, he erected a tree in the main room and wired its branches with lighted candles.

Most 19th-century Americans found Christmas trees an oddity. The first record of one being on display was in the 1830s by the German settlers of Pennsylvania, although trees had been a tradition in many German homes much earlier. The Pennsylvania German settlements had community trees as early as 1747. But, as late as the 1840s Christmas trees were seen as pagan symbols and not accepted by most Americans.

<http://www.history.com>.

PENNY WAR

As of Dec 10th

- 1st Freshmen ~ 28,252
- 2nd Sophomores ~ 17,521
- 3rd 8th grade ~ 15,329
- 4th Seniors ~ 13,075
- 5th Juniors ~ 8,608
- 6th 7th grade ~ 4,608



** Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States on June 26, 1870.
** Construction workers started the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree tradition in 1931.

CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914

During World War I, on and around Christmas Day 1914, the sounds of rifles firing and shells exploding faded in a number of places along the Western Front in favor of holiday celebrations in the trenches and gestures of goodwill between enemies.

Starting on Christmas Eve, many German and British troops sang Christmas carols to each other across the lines, and at certain points the Allied soldiers even heard brass bands joining the Germans in their joyous singing.

<http://www.history.com>

"Home is where the heart is and Christmas lives there too."

~John Denver

St. Mary's Life-Long Faith Formation

Questions of the Week

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Do Not Be Afraid)
December 21, 2008

Reading I: [2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16](#) (The Lord Speaks to Nathan)
Reading II: [Romans 16:25-27](#) (Him Who Can Strengthen You)
Gospel: [Luke 1:26-38](#) (The Angel Gabriel)

Adults

What do the words, "Do not be afraid" say to me? What fears do I need to turn to God?

Children

Who is the person I trust the most? What makes this person trustworthy?

As stated in "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us" "Adult faith formation, occurs with people as they consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer, and study, and must be, "the central task in this catechetical enterprise," OHWB, no. 5.

The St. Mary's Faith Formation Commission and Adult Catechetical Team assessed our efforts and found some strong points of our programs to be: Adult Faith Formation is planned to serve the glory of God and the good of the church. The role and mission of the family in Church and society is a focus. Opportunities are given to serve the needs and interests of the entire faith community. The different learning styles and needs of participants are respected and they are involved in the learning process. Adults are engaged actively in the actual life and ministry of the Christian community. Watch here for more reports from our assessment of Adult Faith Formation.

You Know What Time It Is

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. —Romans 13:10–12

You know what time it is. Paul is writing in his most urgent mode. *Love does no wrong to a neighbor.* In the ancient tradition of the Torah, a neighbor was considered kin, but in the emerging Jesus tradition neighbor expanded to include all the people in our community. The "time" Paul is writing about is *kairos*, a Greek word meaning a critical time when something important is about to occur. For Paul, Jesus' coming heralded the dawning of a new world, a spiritual age of love, the fulfillment of all prophecy. One world was fading, another was emerging. But meanwhile, as the new world was being born, there was still danger and believers needed to remain vigilant.

For several years now, between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, my wife and I watch Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings* movies—all three, extended DVD versions. I love the whole saga, but my favorite is the first film, *The Fellowship of the Ring*. I especially love the scene in the mines of Moria, when Frodo and Gandalf are talking about the ring of power. Frodo is having second thoughts about what the ring has brought into his life and into the world. He says to Gandalf, "I wish none of this had happened." Gandalf responds, "So do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."

I see Gandalf as Paul—sometimes fierce, maybe even a little dangerous, but bridging the worlds of what is and what's to come, helping us to see the consequences of the choices that we make. Paul didn't see God working retail—simply saving one soul at a time. God was working wholesale—he had a cosmic plan for salvation, a plan that was moving forward with incredible speed to embrace everyone and everything. For Paul, the stakes were as high as they can be: an age of love and light was dawning and everyone needed to play their parts to make sure it happened. From [A Still More Excellent Way: How St. Paul Points Us to Jesus](#), by Joseph Durepos

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 this 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	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
	Geri Cyman

St. Andrews – 1400 Lammers Pike, Batesville

Wilma Hillman

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



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.

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| 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 |
| Vitamins (adult & children) | Antibiotics & prescription meds) |
| Antibiotic creams | Checks written to First Baptist Church |
| | 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.

Late Night Catechism 2 (She's BAAAAACK!!!!!!!!!!!!)

St. Mary's Adult Catechetical Team (ACT) is proud to sponsor Sister's return as she presents round 2 of Late Night Catechism! Many of you may remember watching Sister's first class a few years ago. This international hit comedy was very well attended and enjoyed by over 400 people. It is an interactive catechism class that is sure to bring a lot of laughs! This would make a great Valentines Day gift for someone that you know!

This year the show will be held on Sat., Feb. 28 at the Greensburg Junior High School Auditorium. St. Mary's Youth Choir will perform at 6:30pm, and "class" will begin at 7:00pm. Each ticket holder will automatically be eligible for a door prize drawn at the end of the evening. Proceeds from the show will go toward the Decatur County Special Olympics.

Come join "Sister" for raffles, refreshments, and lots of laughs! Refreshments will be available compliments of the students going on the mission trip this summer. Tickets will be available at St. Mary's office building, Jean and Co., Doerflinger Insurance, Main Attraction and the chamber office (as well as online this year! www.entertainmentevents.com).

Tickets will be \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door for this professional show. For more information, or to have someone come speak to your group, please call Anita Navarra (663-8427), Carol Blankman (663-7315), or LeeAnn Diekhoff (663-9509).

Tickets will be available after all of the Masses the weekend of Dec. 20-21. There will be a table set up in the back of church. Please stop by and pick up some tickets! You'll be glad that you did!!!!

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.

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 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

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Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

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.

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