

the



holy Family

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 30

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 31

No Religious Education – Christmas break

THURSDAY – JANUARY 1

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, Edward Hurt, Jeff McNeal, Joe McCullough, Steve Redmon, Kevin Rohr, Victor Tumilty, Brent Wright.

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.

*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*



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.

ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com



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.

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Years Mass Schedule

December 31 –New Years Eve/5:30 p.m.

January 1 – New Years Day/9:00 a.m.



Beatitudes on Family Forgiveness

Blessed are those humble enough to remain human; they will thrive with healthy family bonds.

Blessed are those who have genuine sorrow; the rest of the family will console and support them.

Blessed are those who can admit to their mistakes; they will remain within the family's embrace.

Blessed are those who hunger to forgive; the family will offer them many opportunities.

Blessed are those whose lips say, "I'm sorry"; the same will be spoken to them.

Blessed are those whose hearts burn with generous forgiveness; they will know God's forgiveness of them.

Blessed are those who work for family peace; they will be counted as members of God's family.

Blessed are those who are willing to overcome misunderstanding; they will be given a deeper understanding of God's forgiving love.

Adoration Chapel - We need a permanent adorers for Saturday, @ 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!

Archdiocese 175th Anniversary book available at the Parish office for \$27.00. St. Mary's, Greensburg, feature page at the very front of the book with 167 pages of very interesting history of each parish in our Archdiocese plus some general history of our Archdiocese.

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

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

United Catholic Appeal 2008-2009

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

Our goal is \$73,680

As of 12/17/2008 we have received 284 pledge cards with total pledges of

\$36,897

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

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 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!

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 are 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. The first 200 tickets sold receive preferred seating! Have a group you'd like to attend with – groups of 10 or more purchasing tickets at the same time receive a group discount of \$20 per ticket. 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).

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 21 & 22. And a women's weekend is scheduled for March 28 & 29** 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!

Thank you to all parishioners' for your prayers in bringing my son Francis Young back home safely. Betty Young

Dear Community,

The parish office is closed until January 5. I will be around if you need help. Please call me on my cell phone 765-967-0522. I keep that phone with me 24-7. Sometimes I forget and leave it in the sacristy after the 7:15 a.m. Mass as I did last Monday. Sorry.

Some people are asking me what does Fr. Lucas do while he is at St. Mary's He takes the Mass at the nursing homes every Thursday with Deacon Bernabe. He says Mass for me on Monday, my day off. We concelebrate on Tuesdays and Fridays. He takes the school Mass every other week. He says Mass occasionally at Norb Kramer's chapel. He participates in penance services during Advent and Lent in our parish and in many other parishes in the deanery. He substitutes for Fr. George Nangachiveettil at Enochsburg, Hamburg and St. Maurice when Fr. George is gone. He substitutes for people who can't keep their hour of adoration in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. He also substitutes for Fr. Hankee when he needs help at one of his three parishes. He says his divine office every day and prays for the people of the parish as I also do.

The question has been asked, "How long are you Msgr. Knueven going to stay here at St. Mary's?" I will stay here as long as the Archbishop assigns me here. I have been here four years. Every January the Personnel Board calls me and asks me if I want to stay another year. I have said yes four times. I will say yes again this January. Some people say I am only the administrator. That is a technical term. After a priest passes 70 years of age he is supposed to resign as pastor, and then he is called an administrator. Big deal! I do the same work as administrator as I did as pastor. I enjoy what I do. Happy New Year.

By the time he was 12, Blaise Pascal had secretly worked out the first 23 mathematical equations of Euclid on his own. By age 10, Arab scholar Avicenna had memorized the entire Quran. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was picking out piano chords at 3, faultlessly playing minuets at 4 and composing his own by the time he was 5.

As amazing as these and many others have been, clearly Jesus is the greatest child prodigy of all time, attuned to the essence of the Law and the Prophets and totally befuddling all the wise teachers of Jerusalem.

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

✚ MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – DECEMBER 29****7:15 a.m.** Franklin Corya**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 30****7:15 a.m.** Richard Louden
Clarence Fisse**WED. – DECEMBER 31/New Years Eve****5:30 p.m.** Letha Meyer**THURSDAY – JANUARY 1/New Years****9:00 a.m.** Dave Koors**2:30 p.m.** (No Nursing Home Mass)**FRIDAY – JANUARY 2****7:15 a.m.** Dolores Schoettmer**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JANUARY 3/4****4:30 p.m.** Mildred Koors**7:00 a.m.** Tony Huber**9:00 a.m.** For all people**11:00 a.m.** Omer Fry**✚ SERVERS****WEEKDAY/DEC. 29-JAN. 2****7:15 a.m.** Emma Wolter – Cara Zeigler**WED. – DECEMBER 31/New Years Eve****5:30 p.m.** Tanea Herbert
Katherine Teague**THURSDAY – JANUARY 1/New Years****9:00 a.m.** Jessica Hensley
Miranda Kessens**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JANUARY 3/4****4:30 p.m.** Blake Simon – David Navarra**7:00 a.m.** Brent Bohman – Bryant Himes**9:00 a.m.** Blake Rolf – Jordan Lloyd**11:00 a.m.** Adam & Katie Swinford**✚ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****WED. – DECEMBER 31/New Years Eve****5:30 p.m.** Chris & Kristy Tebbe
Ernie & Patty Stephens
Art & Ana Alunday**THURSDAY – JANUARY 1/New Years****9:00 a.m.** Carol Kramer – Jean Kramer**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JANUARY 3/4****4:30 p.m.** Ed & Brenda Dwenger

Karen Dwiggin – Deb Greiwe

Rita Hellmich – Diane Humpert

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Davis – Sally Koors

Denny Doerflinger – Sheila Kirchhoff

Paulette Duerstock – Helen Froehling

9:00 a.m. Anita Navarra – Mary Preble

Mike & Diane Novak

Taryn Owens – Tony Owens

11:00 a.m. Angie Wessler – Sara Welage

Glenn & Laura Jo Tebbe

Darlene Banks – Lynne AmRhein

✚ LECTORS**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 31/New Years Eve****5:30 p.m.** Laura Jo Tebbe**THURSDAY – JANUARY 1/New Years****9:00 a.m.** Dick Rust**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JANUARY 3/4****4:30 p.m.** Hugh Miller**7:00 a.m.** Rick Nobbe**9:00 a.m.** Linda Weigel**11:00 a.m.** Sandy Meyer**St. Mary's Life-Long Faith Formation****Questions of the Week****The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

(The Awaited Child)

Reading I: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

December 28, 2008

(The Gift of Isaac)

Reading II: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 (The Faith of Abraham)Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 (Simeon and Anna)**Adults**

Do I long for Christ to be part of my life with the intensity and fidelity of Simeon and Anna?

Children

Do I remember that I was born because God has a special plan for me, just as he did for the baby Jesus?

The mature adult seeks nourishment in order to grow and develop over time. The living faith of the adult searches to seek understanding so as to reflect on the meaning of God's revelation in their unique lives. The pattern of paschal mystery, especially through the sacraments shapes the mature disciple, as one repents and renews, constantly dying to sin and rising to grace to new life. (OHWB 50-53).

St. Mary's parish nurtures a living faith by providing renewal & service opportunities, an adoration chapel, encouraging fellowship at functions for adults and families, and opportunities to read, search, and act on scripture.

Catholicism – What's that?

Have you ever wondered why we genuflect? Why is there a candle burning near the tabernacle? Exactly what is the Immaculate Conception? (It's not the conception of Jesus). What is Benediction? Why does the priest wear different colors on different days? Many of us were raised catholic and we learned about traditions at a young age. Now when we're asked, "why do Catholics do that?" it can be difficult to explain or to give a good answer.

Join us for our first session on **Basic Catholic Teachings** to be held January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Open to all. Deacon Arthur Alunday will lead a discussion and field questions you may have. If you'd like, you can email your questions ahead to help with our preparation. anavarra@stmarysgreensburg.com, or bring your questions that night if you'd like. A second session is planned for January 22.

Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
~Colossians 3:14 (today's 2nd reading)

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 28th – Jan 3rd

Sun:
Mon:
Tues:
Wed:
Thurs:
Fri:
Sat: Ricky Powers

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



Mark your calendars now for Friday, January 30th. The youth of St. Mary's will be serving the parish a delicious Italian dinner in an attempt to make a difference in the world. More details will be coming your way soon!

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+ Workcamps *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.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the family unit and the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The feast usually falls on the Sunday after Christmas. If Christmas is on a Sunday, then the Feast is celebrated on December 30th.

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ and his Church the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

<http://www.churchyear.net/holyfamily.html>

"It's loving and giving that make life worth living"

St. Mary's Adult Catechetical Team proudly hosts a special evening with "SISTER"!!

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LATE NITE CATECHISM 2

Sometimes We Feel Guilty Because We Are Guilty

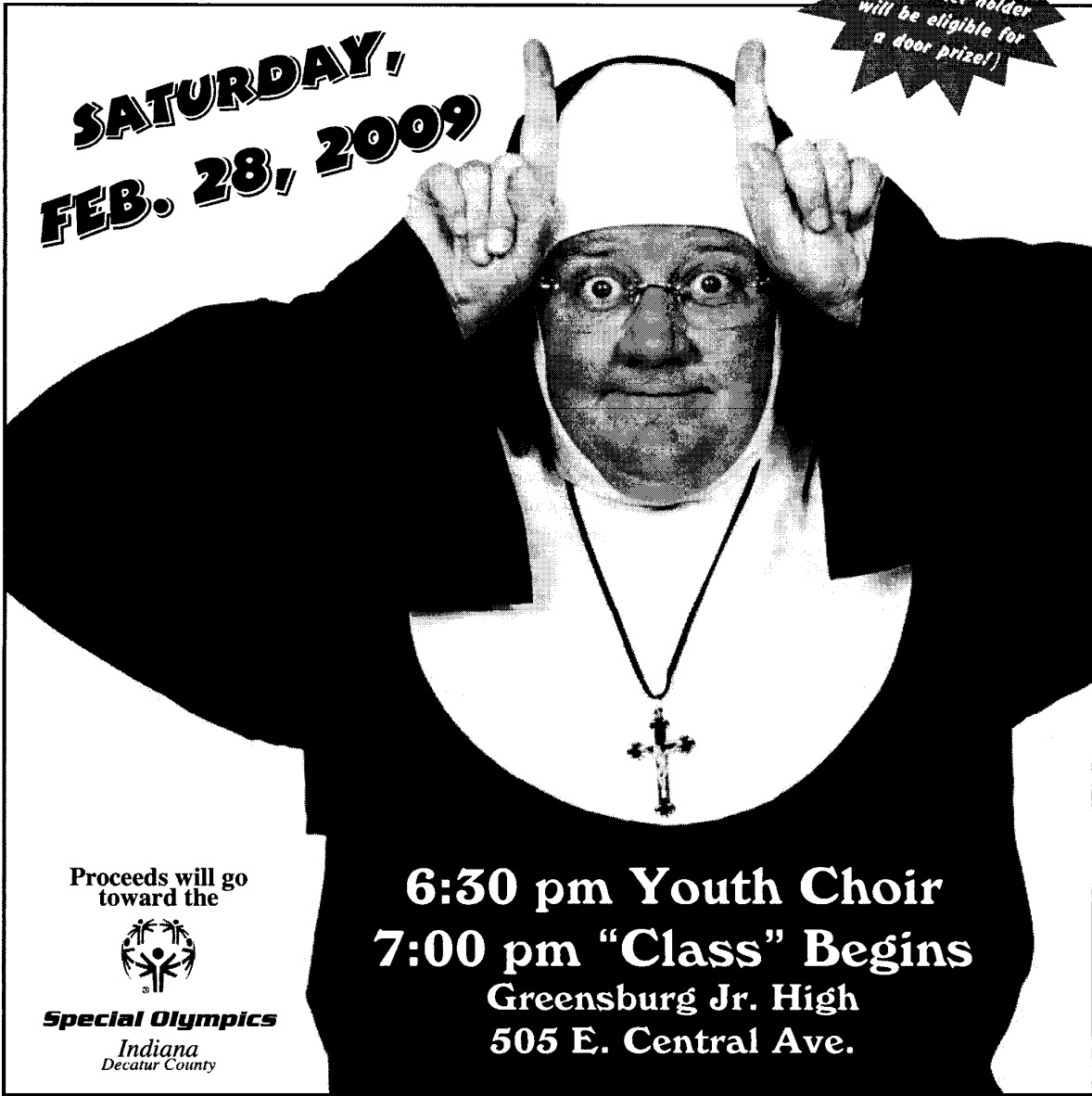
by Maripat Donovan

*"LAUGH-
OUT-LOUD FUNNY!"*

- Associated Press

Door Prizes!
*(each ticket holder
will be eligible for
a door prize!)*

**SATURDAY,
FEB. 28, 2009**



Proceeds will go
toward the



Special Olympics

*Indiana
Decatur County*

**6:30 pm Youth Choir
7:00 pm "Class" Begins
Greensburg Jr. High
505 E. Central Ave.**

TICKETS

For more information,
or to order tickets
call (812) 663-8427

**\$25.00 Advance sale
\$30.00 At the door**

RAFFLES!
A variety of items
will be raffled off

• A limited number of tickets are available

Advance tickets may be purchased at: St. Mary's Office Building, Jean & Co., Doerflinger Insurance,
Main Attraction and Chamber Office or at www.entertainmentevents.com

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