



MASSES & SACRAMENTS

- Saturday:** 6:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Liturgy for little ones (Sept - May)
LifeTeen Mass - 1st & 3rd Sat.
- Sunday:** 7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
Choir Mass (Sept - May)
Liturgy for Little Ones (Sept - May)
- Weekdays:** 6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Holy Days:** 6:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
Christmas - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Midnight,
7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
New Years Day - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
9:00 a.m.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
Saturdays at 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
Thurs. before first Fridays at 4:00 p.m.
- Sacrament of Baptism:**
The third weekend of the month.
Baptism Class generally first Monday
of the month.
- Sacrament of Marriage:**
Please contact Parish office no later
than six months prior.
- Sacrament of Anointing:**
Please contact the parish office
before entering hospital or for any
emergency anointing.

Advent Season of Darkness, Season of Light

By: Fr. Gilmary Tallman, O.F.M.Cap.

The season of Advent begins the weekend of November 28. Starting that Sunday, the Church will prepare during the weeks of December for the birth of the Savior on Christmas.

Our parish has the custom of celebrating this season with Vespers each Sunday evening at 5:30. Vespers are the evening prayers of the Church. Our services are an adaptation of the liturgical Vespers, with a half-hour of psalms, a meditation, and hymns that ends the Lord's Day in the spirit of Advent.

On November 28 Fr. Frank Coady will lead us in Vespers. Then immediately after services, he will give us an instruction on the new Roman Missal. In the coming year you are going to hear a lot about the new Missal. We want to prepare ourselves for the time when it will go into effect, which will be a year from now, Advent, 2011.

We have been talking for some time about this new Roman Missal, which will use somewhat different wording in many of the prayers at Mass. **These are not new prayers.** None of the prayers that we have at Mass now will be dropped. Only the wording and some phrases here and there will be different. But the meaning will be the same.

Why is the Church doing this?
What is the purpose of these changes?

The principal reason is to give us a clearer and better understanding of what we are saying. The Church

has always had a special way of praying. It was based on how the Apostles and followers of Jesus prayed in those years immediately after Jesus ascended into heaven. The Church incorporated these early prayers with others that were added over the years from Jesus' time even to our own time. The purpose was to preserve the exact meaning, as well as the emotion and beauty of these prayers and especially to safeguard the true theology. This is a special treasure that is our inheritance as Catholics.

Over the years the translations have not always been faithful to the original. When translating from Latin to English, the exact meaning was sometimes weakened, and the sense and feeling of the original was lost. This was especially the case after the Vatican Council. We were in a hurry to come up with English that fit our time and translators were sometimes loose with accuracy.

Now the Church wants to clean up mistakes and carry over into English the flavor, emotion, and beauty of these prayers the best we can. We have the new texts. Some changes may be confusing at first, but I personally think once we get used to it we are going to like it.

We expect Fr. Frank will help us understand what the changes are and why they were made.

R.C.I.A....the Journey Begins

By Cindy Hertel

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, also known as the RCIA program, is a process in which adults and older children are introduced to the tenets and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. This communal process begins in fall and involves several stages that move participants toward the final rite of full communion within the Church at the Easter Vigil. Currently, St. Joseph Parish has six in the RCIA program. Please pray for Erin Fraunfelter, Katie Harding, Tonya Schmeidler, Laura Houck, Rebecca Applebee and Ellia St. Peter.

Dustin Dreher: My Perspective on the RCIA Program

- Q: When did you go through the St. Joseph RCIA program?
A: **2004-2005**
- Q: Why did you decide to go through the RCIA program?
A: **I was baptized Catholic but did not grow up going to church.**
- Q: What was the hardest part about going through the program?
A: **There wasn't anything hard about it. It was a very pleasant experience.**
- Q: What was the best part about going through the program?
A: **To me, learning about the Church was the best experience.**
- Q: How did going through the program help your everyday faith experience?
A: **My faith is much stronger now. I enjoy going to church every weekend and sharing my faith with my wife and children.**
- Q: What advice would you give to those now going through the program or considering it?
A: **Enjoy it and don't be afraid to ask questions.**
- Q: What advice would you give to those thinking of joining our parish?
A: **Do it. We have a very historic and beautiful church, but more importantly, it is filled with so many great people.**

If you are anyone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA program, please contact Fr. Gilmary at 625-7356.

**WHEN I WAS HUNGRY,
YOU GAVE ME TO EAT...** (Matthew 25: 35)

By: Renee Michaud

St. Joseph's FOOD PANTRY is one resource that is available in Hays for those who are in need of food support. As the calendar rolls around to January, 2011, this project will have completed 10 years of service to our community. Here is a look back at its beginning, and a review of the service it provides.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN:

The idea began when Fr. Michael Suchnicki, OFM Cap. thought a food pantry would meet a real need in our community and allow the area youth an opportunity to put their faith into action. A team consisting of Fr. Michael, Belinda Hartman and Amy Schaffer explored resources already available in Hays, investigated other parish food pantries in Kansas and Colorado, and also looked into the legal issues. The idea of this service project was then brought to the Pastoral Council and to the youth groups in the Fall of 2000 and was met with unanimous approval. Renee Michaud has been it's Coordinator since its beginning, and works with 5 Volunteer Team Leaders who manage the pantry's operation.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN:

Volunteers are what makes this project happen. Everyone involved with this ministry is a volunteer, so all monies donated to this project are spent to purchase food items to be distributed. Student Volunteers are organized and mentored by the Adult Volunteers, and all work together to share in the ministry of this project. The current Team Leaders are Bob Girard, Sandy Losey, Doug Marsell, Amy Schaffer and Bunnie Bowen. Sandy commented on the spirit of vol-

unteerism at the pantry, "*Volunteering at the Food Pantry is a wonderful way to serve Christ through others. Each time I work with a set of volunteers, I am in awe of the workings of the Spirit through them. They are always ready to give their all, to assist and work hard, always with a smile-- no matter how early it is on a Saturday morning. One cannot help but walk away from the work of a pantry day knowing that they were truly with Christ through the volunteers, the givers of the food, and ultimately, the humble receivers.*"

"We are able to treat them like a person of value when we don't have to make them prove their need"

MISSION - GIVING FOOD TO THE HUNGRY:

The Mission of St. Joseph's FOOD PANTRY, approved by St. Joseph's Pastoral Council, is simply an opportunity for our parishioners (and other interested persons) to give, and give as they are able without specific concern regarding to whom the food is given. This was modeled to us in the example of Christ. Secondly, it is a project in which our young parishioners can experience their personal faith put into action and can see their work making a real difference in others' lives. In this spirit, every effort is made to ensure the dignity of all who pass through our doors for help.

This **FOOD PANTRY** has become a mainstay of help for many who are on fixed incomes, and a welcomed help to those who have occasional rough times when their money doesn't seem to stretch quite far enough. It works in collaboration with other area organizations, i.e. First Call for Help and the Community Assistance Center, that also supply a food resource to those who are in need. St. Joseph's FOOD PANTRY is different in that it



operates on the weekends, and anyone can come to receive a box of non-perishable food items. There are no income guidelines or detailed paperwork requirements. "Need" has no boundaries. It may be found in a college student, someone experiencing an emergency or crisis, those struggling with low income situations, or someone passing through town. Each person in need has a story unique to their life's journey. When people enter our doors at 210 West 13th Street, a quiet welcoming presence is there to greet them. A friendly smile and caring ear offer the reassurance of assistance through food support which can be found here. Amy added, "*People walk through the door for the first time timid and unsure about what they are about to encounter, asking what documentation they need to provide. We are able to treat them like a person of value when we don't have to make them prove their need, and they walk out with their head a little higher. We also encourage them to pay it forward and to help someone else they might see that is in need.*"

We prefer to think of this as being Christ to one another.

GIVING WITHOUT JUDGMENT:

Probably the questions most often asked about the FOOD PANTRY are, "Do the people who come really need the help?" and "Does Hays really have people who need food support?" We do not place ourselves in the position to judge. We have found that the best answer is to volunteer a morning in the pantry and decide for yourself. Bunnie describes her experience of volunteering this way, "*There are so many different people involved in this project that all make it work, from the Team Leaders, to the people who collect the boxes that we distribute the food in, the lady who picks up the recycling, the students/adults who unload the truck, the list goes on and on. I like volunteering with so many different types of people, students of all ages, the senior citizens who greet the clients, and especially the families*

who bring their children and volunteer together. I appreciate that the whole community of Hays supports this effort, from the parish, to the groups within the university, high schools, and grade schools, and the business community. They all do a part in coming together to help our citizens in need." Currently, 100-120 boxes of food are distributed each pantry day, with each box averaging about 15 food items. Patrons of the FOOD PANTRY express a desire to help this project in return, and we encourage them to return any food items their diets may not allow, as they are gladly recycled back into another box for someone else. All the boxes we pack food items into are also donated, so patrons can help the pantry by bringing back their empty boxes for re-use. There are many stories and situations that have been shared over the years, and the people who are in need are always so appreciative.

The pantry is open from 9am - noon on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month.

WAYS TO HELP:

Through this article, may we pass on our gratefulness to those who continue to pray for the success of this effort, to those who are able to offer donations of food and money, and to those who are able to volunteer their time and the service of their hands and feet. In this, we all work together to help those who are in need among us, making our world a better place. If you have further questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact St. Joseph's Parish Service Center at 625-7356, or Renee at 628-8434.



December's Special Envelope for Our Catholic Schools

By: Tony Dreiling
St. Joseph Business Administrator



Everyone in the parish that receives tithing envelopes for St. Joseph Church should notice that in December's packet, there is a special collection envelope for our local Catholic schools, TMP-Marian High School and Holy Family Elementary. The Finance Council took the recommendation and blessing of our pastor to include the special envelope in order to give our parish the opportunity to provide an additional gift to our schools.

The Finance Council has also approved the special envelope for our Catholic Schools to be inserted in the packet every May and December, so that we can continue to show our support on a regular basis.

St. Joseph Church also supports our schools through the yearly assessment of the Heartland Parishes, which is provided for by the generous tithing of our Catholic School families as well as all other tithing parishioners. However, in order to further show our appreciation and support for our schools, we are asking all parishioners who wish to participate, no matter how large or small, to give a gift which will then go directly to the schools.

Once each special collection is completed each May and December, the parish will disperse the funds, with each school receiving one-half of the funds collected. St. Joseph Church is dedicated to the success of our Catholic Schools, and this special envelope will help us to further exemplify our support.





Veterans Memories

By: Cindy Hertel

During November we celebrate Veteran's Day, a day to remember and acknowledge all that men and women in our armed forces have sacrificed in protecting our country. Many of our parishioners are veterans, among them Jack Schramm and John Klaus. Though they served in different wars separated by two decades, Klaus and Schramm have some similar recollections and advice regarding their military service.

Klaus, who served in the U.S. Army from 1963 thru 1967, grew up in Hays and viewed the military as a way to see the world. Enlisting at the age of 20, he was first stationed at Fort Devens in Massachusetts and later deployed to South Korea and Vietnam, working in Army aviation and eventually becoming a flight operations chief.

While war is never pretty, Klaus focuses on the good experiences and lessons he learned and recommends the military as a career choice for young people.

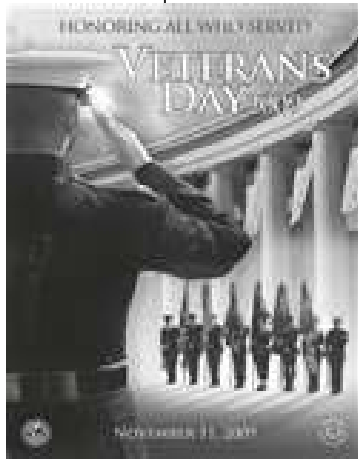
"The Vietnamese people were friendly, and the food was wonderful particularly due to the former French influence," Klaus said. "What I learned is that the military needs to run the military and that the media was not objective."

Klaus, who said he was able to practice his faith during his stint in the military, often visited Vietnamese Catholic churches and still recalls their beauty. Carrying his rosary also gave him comfort and strength.

"When I was little, I was in St. Anthony's Hospital with pneumonia," he said. "One of the nuns hung a rosary on my crib, and it has gone with me around the world. As an adult you have to make a choice to keep your faith important in your life." Schramm, who attended St. Joseph Military Academy and served in the U.S. Army from 1942 thru 1946, also recalls how his faith helped him remain strong during his time in the military.

"We only got to have a field Mass once in awhile, but we prayed together, and I said the rosary a lot," he said. "You have to keep your focus on Christ because you never know when your life will end." Schramm added that the old adage "there are no atheists in foxholes" is true and said his most difficult day in the military was the first day of combat.

"It's difficult getting used to the idea that someone wants to kill you," he said, "but when a few bullets went over my head, I knew they were serious."



Schramm's most vivid memory is the night he lead his division across the Blue Danube in Austria and captured approximately 100 German soldiers the next morning, an operation for which he received the Bronze Star.

After the war ended, Schramm, who had become a captain, oversaw a German mining company and, like Klaus, said the people were wonderful.

Schramm, too, recommends the military as a way of life for young people to consider. He counts the friends that he made and, of course, that he "got out of it alive" as the best parts.

Thank you to all veterans, particularly to those from St. Joseph Church, who have served or are currently serving in our armed forces to protect the freedom we have and enjoy.



Great is our Lord, cast in power, with wisdom beyond measure. --Psalm 111:3

SCHEDULES GIFT BEARERS - HOMEBOUND

Those who are scheduled to take up the gifts please arrive at least 15-10 minutes before Mass to notify the ushers that you are present to take up the gifts. If you are not schedule to take up the gifts and would like to on a day when it is Usher Choice, please see the ushers before Mass.

November 27 & 28

- 5:00 - GB: John & Lisa Flynn Family
- 7:30 - GB: Jerry & Luetta Kaiser
HB: Alan Leiker & Doug Marsell
- 10:00 - GB: Cletus & Mildred Klaus
HB: Vickie Hawthorn & F/H Stremel

December 4 & 5

- 5:00 - GB: Ed & Mary Ann Breit
- 7:30 - GB: Cyril & Alice Fischer
HB: Barney Boos & Lisa Vonfeldt
- 10:00 - GB: Tina & Brain Vitztum
HB: Kathy Amrein & Treva Benoit

December 7 & 8

- 5:30 - GB: NO MASS
- 6:30 - GB: Ushers Choice
- 12:05 - GB: Usher Choice
- 5:30 - GB: Gib & Rosalyn Schippers

December 11 & 12

- 5:00 - GB: Alvin & Aletha Denning
- 7:30 - GB: Clarence & Carol Legleiter
HB: Mary Morgan & Ernie Tallman
- 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
HB: Mike Gnad & Andy Mattison

December 18 & 19

- 5:00 - GB: David & Virginia Hertel
- 7:30 - GB: Jeff & Angie Sack
HB: Irvin Leiker & Jean Ross
- 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
HB: LouAnn Geist & Carolyn Herman

December 24 & 25 (Christmas)

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
- Midnight - GB: Usher Choice
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
- 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice

December 25 & 26 (Holy Family)

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
HB: Alan Leiker & Doug Marsell
- 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
HB: Vickie Hawthorne & F/H Stremel

December 31

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice

January 1 & 2

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
HB: Barney Boos & Lisa Vonfeldt
- 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
HB: Kathy Amrein & Treva Benoit



SCHEDULES

GIFT BEARERS - HOMEBOUND

January 8 & 9

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Mary Morgan & Ernie Tallman
 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Mike Gnad & Any Mattison

January 15 & 16

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Irvin Leiker & Jean Ross
 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Lou Ann Geist & Carolyn Herman

January 22 & 23

- 5:00 - GB: Ralph & Patty Wellbrock
 7:30 - GB: Gib & Rosalyn Schippers
 HB: Alan Leiker & Doug Marsell
 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Vickie Hawthorne & F/H Stremel

January 29 & 30

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Jean Ross & Liz Schmeidler
 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Darrin Atherton & Lila Staab

February 5 & 6

- 5:00 - GB: Gary & Liz Schmeidler Family
 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Barney Boos & Lisa Vonfeldt
 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Kathy Amrein & Treva Benoit

February 12 & 13

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Mary Morgan & Ernie Tallman
 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Mike Gnad & Andy Mattison

February 19 & 20

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Irvin Leiker & Jean Ross
 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Lou Ann Geist & Carolyn Herman

February 26 & 27

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Alan Leiker & Doug Marsell
 10:00 - GB: John Borra Family
 HB: Vickie Hawthorne & F/H Stremel

March 5 & 6

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice
 HB: Barney Boos & Lisa Vonfeldt
 10:00 - GB: Tom & Therese Haas
 HB: Kathy Amrein & Treva Benoit



CAPUCHIN NEWS

by Fr. Charles Polifka, OFM Cap.



Father Ed Hays is a priest of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and a wonderful storyteller. His imagination sometimes carries him away to unimaginable places, but his stories about Christmas in his book, The Christmas Eve Story-teller, are delightful and ingenious. He retells the story of Saint Nicholas, the star, the Magi in ways that make you smile. His stories also take you into new "corners" of the true stories.

One of his stories takes place at the North Pole on the evening before Santa was getting ready to make his trek through the world giving gifts. One of the elves, Gransen, wants to find out what to give Santa for Christmas. After lots of consultation and frustration, he finally brings Santa his Christmas gift, beautifully wrapped in a nice holiday box. Santa is surprised to receive a gift. After all, Santa "gives" gifts. It was a novel idea for him to "receive" a gift. He was too busy making his list and giving gifts. He had no time to receive a gift.

When Santa finally opens the box to see what is inside, he is both shaken and embarrassed. There was "nothing" inside the box. It was empty.

Gransen says, in Fr. Hays' words, "Because we love you, Santa, we've given you the one gift that you truly need – nothing! It's a magical gift. Your gift box is full of the precious gift of emptiness." Gransen continued: "Emptiness is an enchanted, hollow space that we all need in our hearts."

Every time I tell the story, I realize more and more the need to find that emptiness in my heart so that I can truly celebrate Christmas. These weeks and months fill us with sights, sounds, tastes, smells and touches that seem to take over every waking moment. We are full, overflowing, to the point that there is no room in the "inn" of our hearts for the one thing that is important if we really want to know Christmas. There is no room in the inn for Jesus.

Throughout the Capuchin Province of Mid-America, during this season, fraternities take time for recollection days and prayer days. It's a tradition for us not to go through the season in a way that we become so full of the sights and sounds of the season that there is no more room for the little baby that lay in the manger and whom St. Francis held in his arms at Greccio. A Capuchin Franciscan celebration of Christmas has to involve a "gift of emptiness" so that we can taste Jesus and be filled with His love. That's really what Christmas is about.

My prayer for all of you is that you and your loved ones will be able to discover the contemplative "gift of emptiness" during this Advent/Christmas season, so that Jesus will find room to rest in your heart and fill you with the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas from the Mid-America Province of Capuchin Franciscans.



St. Francis and his Crèche

By: Fr. Earl Meier, O.F.M.Cap.

It is easy to tell when you are in a Catholic church. A sanctuary light calls your attention to the Eucharist in the tabernacle. There is a prominent crucifix, and an altar for the celebration of Mass. You can't miss the Stations of the Cross, nor the stained glass windows depicting bible images and beloved saints. And, of course, there are statues, often quite a variety of statues. Other Christian denominations do not have statues in their churches. Except on Christmas.

During this season the manger scene, the crèche, appears not only in churches, but often in public displays. Statues of Mary and Joseph, the Infant and angels, shepherds and Magi, tell the story of Christmas without words, beyond words. During Advent and the Christmas season all Christians are fond of these statues.

The first Christmas Crèche was not composed of statues. It was a scene with live characters. In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi designed that first Crèche for the celebration of Christmas in the village of Greccio, Italy. The scene so moved hearts and enlivened faith that the practice of such pantomimes of the birth of Christ spread rapidly. Over time these developed into statues, paintings, and other art forms. Yet it is not uncommon even today to see a "live nativity scene." History is witness to the genius of this idea of St. Francis.

Such a celebrated idea must be properly understood. Why did St. Francis design the first crèche? In his own words, "I wish to do something that will recall to memory the little Child who was born in Bethlehem and set before our bodily eyes in some way the inconveniences of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he lay upon the hay where he had been placed." Francis wanted to create an indelible image of God's love for us in the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. And it worked, as the popularity of crèches to this day testifies.

Here is how the wonder of that first living nativity scene is recorded in an early biography of St. Francis by Thomas of Celano.

"In the village of Greccio there was a certain man named John, a good and faithful man, who prepared all that Francis had requested. When the day of joy drew near, the brothers were called from their various places. The men and women of that place prepared candles and torches to light up that night which has illuminated all the days and years with its glittering star. When Francis arrived and found everything prepared he rejoiced.

The manger is ready, hay is brought, the ox and ass are led in. Simplicity is honored there, poverty is exalted, humility is commended and a new Bethlehem, as it were, is made from Greccio. Night is illuminated like the day as the people come and joyfully celebrate the new mystery. The forest resounds with voices as the brothers sing, and the whole night echoes with jubilation. Francis stands before the manger, filled with a marvelous joy. The solemnities of the Mass are performed over the manger and the priest experiences a new consolation.

Francis, in deacon's vestments, for he was indeed a deacon, sings the holy gospel, and his voice invites all the people to the highest joy. Then he preaches gently to the people, telling them about the birth of the poor king and the little city of Bethlehem. When speaking the word "Bethlehem" or "Jesus," he seemed to taste the sweetness of these words.

A marvelous vision was seen by a certain virtuous man. He saw a little child lying lifeless in the manger. Then the holy man of God approaches and arouses the child as if from a deep sleep. This was a fitting vision, for in the hearts of many the child Jesus really had been forgotten, but now, through his servant Francis, he had been brought back to life and held in loving reverence.

A church was later constructed where the manger stood. And over the manger an altar was consecrated so that, where animals once had eaten hay, henceforth the faithful could gain health in soul and body by eating the flesh of the Lamb without spot or blemish, Jesus Christ our Lord, who through great and indescribable love gave himself to us."

Greccio has been repeated in many forms down through the centuries - in great Cathedrals and country churches, in grand plazas and humble homes. These

images of the nativity scene have fulfilled the wish of St. Francis to impress on everyone God's love in the gift of his Son. And the crèche itself has captured the hearts of so many. Some denominations may object to statues in church, but not on Christmas. In Catholic churches, it is Christmas every day.



- And a Christmas chuckle:

Congress had planned to stage a Christmas pageant in the Capital, but the play had to be cancelled. They could not find three Wise Men.

**From the Capuchin Friars of
St. Joseph's, we would like to
wish you all a very
Blessed Christmas
and a most
Happy New Year.**

Fr. Gilmary Tallman
Fr. Earl Meier
Fr. Earl Befort
Fr. Canice Froehlich



Advent/Christmas Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino
St. Anthony - Schoenchen
St. Catherine - Catharine

St. Joseph - Hays
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays

St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor
Comeau Catholic Campus Center

November 28, 2010 - First Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph - Advent Vespers/Benediction Service - 5:30 p.m.

December 5, 2010 - Second Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph - Advent Vespers/Benediction Service - 5:30 p.m.

December 7, 2010 - Tuesday

IHM - Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.
Munjor - 5:30 p.m.
Schoenchen - 7:00 p.m.

December 8, 2010 - Wednesday - Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Catharine - 7:00 p.m.
IHM - 6:45 a.m. & Spanish Mass at 6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph - 6:30, 12:05 & 5:30 p.m.
National Prayer Vigil for Life - 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
St. Nicholas of Myra - 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

December 12, 2010 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - Danza at 5:00 a.m.; Mananitas at 5:30 a.m. Breakfast at 6:00 a.m. in Activity Center. Spanish Mass at 12:00 p.m. concluding with Danza. Lunch at 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Folklore Dancers, Singing, Raffle at 3:00 p.m. in Activity Center.

December 12, 2010 - Third Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Penance Service - 3:00 p.m.
St. Joseph - Advent Vespers/Benediction Service - 5:30 p.m.

December 15, 2010 - Wednesday

Munjor - Communal Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.

December 16, 2010 - Thursday

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium

December 17, 2010 - Friday

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium

December 18, 2010 - Saturday

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium

December 19, 2010 - Sunday

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium
IHM - Evening Prayer - 9:00 p.m.
St. Joseph - Advent Vespers/Benediction 5:30 p.m.
St. Nicholas - Communal Penance Service 3:00 p.m.

December 20, 2010 - Monday

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium
IHM - Evening Prayer - 9:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Communal Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.

December 21, 2010 - Tuesday

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium
IHM - Evening Prayer - 9:00 p.m.

December 22, 2010 - Wednesday

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium
IHM - Evening Prayer - 9:00 p.m.

December 23, 2010 - Monday

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium
IHM - Evening Prayer - 9:00 p.m.

December 24, 2010 - Christmas Eve

Catharine - Midnight Mass
Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 10:00 p.m.
IHM - 5:00 p.m.; Spanish Mass 7:00 p.m.
IHM - Posadas at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center
IHM - Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m.
Munjor - 9:00 p.m. with pageant
Schoenchen - 5:30 p.m.
St. Joseph - 5:00 p.m. (Children's Mass),
11:30 p.m. Choir & Bell Choir, Midnight Mass
St. Nicholas of Myra - 5:00 p.m. (Family Mass) 11:00 p.m.

December 25, 2010 - (Saturday) Christmas Day

Antonino - 9:00 a.m.
IHM - 8:00, 10:00, 5:00 p.m.
Munjor - 10:30 a.m.
Schoenchen - 5:30 p.m. (Vigil Sunday mass)
St. Joseph - 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Sunday Mass)
St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

December 26, 2010 - (Sunday) Feast of the Holy Family

Antonino - 11:00 a.m.
Catharine - 9:00 a.m.
IHM - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Munjor - 8:00 a.m.
St. Joseph - 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

December 31, 2010 - (Friday) New Year's Eve

(Not A Holy Day of Obligation This Year)
IHM - 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Munjor - 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph - 6:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
St. Nicholas of Myra - 5:00

January 1, 2011 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God

(Not A Holy Day of Obligation This Year)
IHM - 9:00 a.m., (5:00 p.m. Vigil)
St. Joseph - 6:30 a.m. (5:00 p.m. Vigil)
St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:00 a.m. (5:00 p.m. Vigil)

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WHAT IS STEWARDS OF HOPE?

By: Carol Brull

Stewards of Hope is a strategic, pastoral four-year plan which "aims to organize and inspire the people at the diocesan, parish, family, and personal levels to adopt the stewardship way of life."

The first phase which will take place in 2011 addresses the spirituality of parish life. The four goals for 2011 are to (1) promote the call to holiness among all Catholics, (2) adopt stewardship as a way of life, (3) affirm the importance of the Lord's day and Sunday Eucharist and promote the renewal of sacramental practices, especially Penance, and (4) proclaim the Gospel of God's faithful love and bear witness to hope.

Fr. Gilmary has appointed a committee to plan and evaluate the parish's progress towards accomplishing the goals in the Stewards of Hope plan. The members of this committee who have agreed to serve for the next four years are Joanne Yost (chairperson), Barbara Beran (secretary), Carol Brull, Clarence Legleiter, Mike Moore, Sr. Janet LeDuc, Jane Vanek, and Fr. Gilmary.

NEW MEMBERS

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