

Mass Intentions for Week of Dec. 28, 2008

Saturday, Dec. 27 5:30 PM	Vigil: Holy Family +Carol Cloos by Edward Cloos
Sunday, Dec. 28 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Holy Family People of St. Rita +Jack Byrd by Mary & Brian Byrd +Nicholas Shark by Dan & Pat Dowd
Monday, Dec. 29 8:00 AM	St. Thomas Becket Tony Logue 75 th Birthday by Tony & Dee Logue
Tuesday, Dec. 30 8:00 AM	6th Day of Octave of Christmas +Dave Binney by Tony & Micheline Riggio
Wednesday, Dec. 31 5:15 PM CTK	Vigil: Blessed Virgin Mary The People of Christ The King
Thursday, Jan. 1 9:00 AM	Blessed Virgin Mary +Walter Lawrence by Sophie Lawrence
Friday, Jan. 2 8:00 AM	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Holy Communion Service
Saturday, Jan. 3 4:00 PM	Vigil: Epiphany Special Intention by the Majoria Family



God's Word This Week
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY
 The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

In your prayers, please remember those whose names are in our prayer intention book in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Pray for those who are sick and recovering, especially **Marie Johnston, John LeBleu, Rosalie Sumrall, Jerry B. Johnston, Donna Boe, Curt Clauson, Rita Moran, Laurene Sugar, Jack Weidman, Betty Miller, Ellen Best, Concetta Loduca, Michael McKeon, Hilda Martinez, Danika Darley, David Haliday, Darya Darley, Janine Becker, Ed Ellington, Wendy Kulanis, Tim Kelly, Danny Wilson, James Payne, Bob James, Arlene Roberts, Kathy Linder, Paul Belardino, Ellen Frye, Mary Kelly, Robert Rau, Vincent Caggiano, Helen Fogel, Sam Stokes, Linda Davis, Kris Ann Neihl, Mary Gianelloni, Rachael Grabski, Carson Doss, Gloria Clayton, Robert Constable, Isabelle O'Brian, Joan Farrell, Fritz Lammers, Jane Casey & Dick Casey, Joe DeCandia, Doris Ebersole, Barbara Hodge, Ed Lautzenheiser, Monique Murray, Lu Mahan, Carolyn Cox, Molly Elder, Charles Modica, Frank Smith, Flamaron Ayrso and Baby Luke Daniel Dowd.**

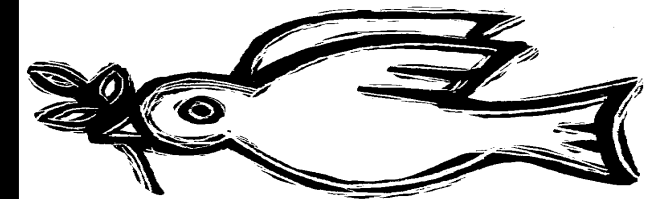
If there is someone who needs special prayers at Mass, please call the office so we can include them.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

	<i>St. Rita</i>	<i>Christ the King</i>
<i>Offertory</i>	\$ 6,968.30	\$ 621.00
<i>2nd Collection</i>	\$ 1,945.10	\$.00

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
 Holy Day of Obligation
 Masses:
 December 31st - 5:15 PM @
 Christ the King
 January 1st - 9:00 AM @
 St. Rita

Religious Education Classes will resume the week of January 4th, 2009.



PRAY FOR PEACE

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Father Tom & the St. Rita Staff wish you a very Happy New Year filled with God's peace and love.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

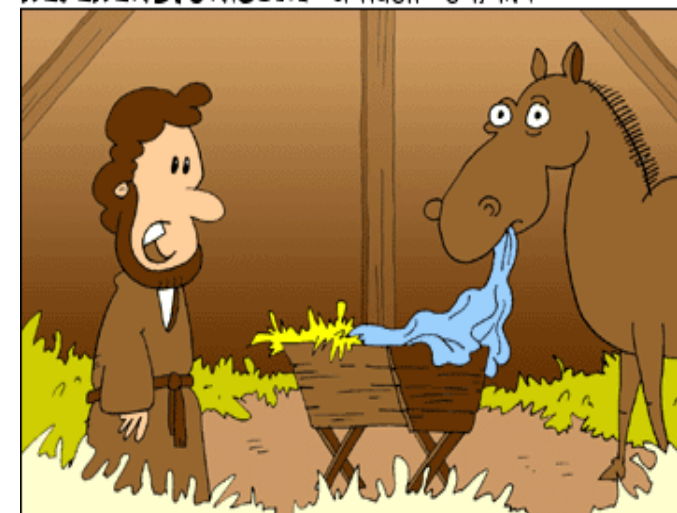
If you need assistance or know of anyone in need, call St. Vincent de Paul at 888-229-6582. The Society is open to everyone. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Si necesita ayuda o conoce a alguien que la necesite, llame usted a la Sociedad de San Vincente de Paul, y pregunte por Felita al 622-2120 despues de las 5 de la tarde. La Sociedad invita a toda el mundo a participar. Las reuniones son el 3er jueves del mes.

Caring & Sharing Christmas donations of cranberry sauce, canned potatoes, canned corn, canned vegetables, stuffing, gravy mix. Donations may be dropped off at the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

Altar Linen Schedule

Dec. 21	Ursula Mazzolini
Dec. 28	Irene Kinsley

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(See Luke 2:1-16)

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HEY MARY, IT'S YOUR TURN TO CHECK THE SWADDLING CLOTH

REMINDER
 Saturday Vigil Mass time changes to 4:00 PM on Saturday, January 3, 2009.