

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sun., December 6—Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. - Bertha Bader  
 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family  
 12:00 p.m. - Gibney Moore  
 5:00 p.m. - The Kleyer Family

**Mon., December 7—St. Ambrose**

7:00 a.m. - Beverly Susan Blase  
 8:00 a.m. - Lil and Ray  
 12:05 p.m. - Mario Bazzetta

**Tues., December 8—Immaculate Conception**

7:00 a.m. - Fr. Gary Sumpter  
 8:00 a.m. - Deceased Legionaries of Mary  
 12:05 p.m. - Sr. Valerie Stringer  
 5:30 p.m. - For the Parish Family

**Wed., December 9—St. Juan Diego**

7:00 a.m. - Christopher Tully  
 8:00 a.m. - Lloyd Taaffe III  
 12:05 p.m. - Rosemary Wilson

**Thurs., December 10—Weekday in Advent**

7:00 a.m. - Ah Mao Wong  
 8:00 a.m. - Patrick Corey  
 12:05 p.m. - Susil Jayamanne

**Fri., December 11—St. Damascus I**

7:00 a.m. - Rosalie Fusz  
 8:00 a.m. - Gloria Franey  
 12:05 p.m. - Richard Mullen

**Sat., December 12—Our Lady Of Guadalupe**

8:00 a.m. - Henrietta Dank Bruce  
 5:00 p.m. - John Taylor

**Sun., December 13—Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. - Thomas and Frances Dawson  
 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family  
 12:00 p.m. - Louis H. Gummersbach  
 5:00 p.m. - Joseph Ward and Family

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

The specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass are listed regularly in this bulletin. Those intentions are specifically requested by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate a particular time or date when necessary, but occasionally the date or time request cannot be made, so the request will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Intention requests should be directed to the rectory.

**SCHEDULE FOR****DECEMBER 12-13, 2009****THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*****Saturday, December 12, 2009******5:00 p.m.***

Readers: Conrad Franey, Rosemary Cash  
 Extraordinary  
 Ministers: Karen Sailor, Tom Sailor,  
 Conrad Franey, Rosemary Cash

***Sunday, December 13, 2009******8:00 a.m.***

Readers: Sandy Doyle, Bryan Cross  
 Extraordinary  
 Ministers: Tom Doyle, Sandy Doyle,  
 Sr. Charlotte Rigali, Jack Davey

Ministers  
 of Care: Toni McKenna, Sr. Charlotte Rigali

***10:00 a.m.***

Readers: Matthew Bergman, Kitty Reiter  
 Extraordinary  
 Ministers: Linus Pottebaum, Kitty Reiter,  
 Ben Janson, Eleanor Janson

***12:00 Noon***

Readers: Janice Noack, Susan Wells-Souza  
 Extraordinary  
 Ministers: Janice Noack, Vince Strauss,  
 Susan Wells-Souza, Barbara McElroy

***5:00 p.m.***

Readers: Jane Clark  
 Extraordinary  
 Ministers: Jane Clark

**A NOTE ON DÉCOR AND CHRISTMAS...**

The Cathedral Basilica will be decorated with the usual festive holyday greenery and floral display, but not until the last days before Christmas. This is to allow for the Advent season to have its own identity and not be overwhelmed by the Nativity festal décor. Commercial interests decorate early and remove the decorations immediately after Christmas Day. The Church maintains the integrity of Advent, and then uses the Christmas decorations until the end of Christmas time.



**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK . . .**

The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

**Readings for the Week  
December 6 through December 13, 2009**

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Lk 3:1-6  
Monday: Is 35:1-10 (or Eph 3:8-12)  
Ps 85:9, 10-14 Lk 5:17-26 (or Jn 11-16)  
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10  
Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13 Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 (or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10)  
Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:26-38 (or Lk 1:39-47)  
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18 Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7  
Lk 3:10-18

**FOR THE POOR . . .**

**Today**, and on the first Sunday of every month, the Cathedral Parish collects foodstuffs and canned goods (any items **not** requiring refrigeration) for delivery to food pantries here in the city. Donations should be placed in the baskets near the sanctuary at the side aisles. Thank you very much for your generosity!

**ALERT FOR THE HOLYDAY...**

On **Tuesday, December 8**, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass schedule for this holy day of obligation will be 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE...**

Please pray for the repose of parishioner and former SLU law professor **Vincent C. Immel**, who passed away and was buried from the Cathedral Basilica this week. *“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”*

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK . . .**

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the columns below you will find the names of people who have requested our prayerful intercession.

Chris Arger	Clarence McClure
Barbara Beckemeyer	Robert ‘Bob’ McCoy
Lionel Bolden	Kristen Middendorf
Barbara Bradbury	Diane Montileone
Bryan Buffa	John Mosher
Beatrice Chichizola	Rachel Ostertag
Ronald Colbert	Dorothy Owens
Shellye von Dahlern	Catherine Parent
Jeanette Dawid	Gretchen Piccozzi
Edward Dillard	Wayne Ragan
Justin Donovan	Eileen Riewer
Andrew Dorsey	Peter Roth
Dorothy Edwards	Nina Russo
Rita Eshom	Ann Sheehan
Chelsea Gavin	Pam Stanton
Carol Grady	Barbara Stojeba
Rosemary Griffard	Fran Thetford
Bennett Gerhart	Carl Thompson
Jerome Kelly	Elba Turbat
Deacon M. Kenney	Pat Urspruck
Sheila Kenny	Helen Vineyard
Bud Keyes	Dolores Weathers
Linda LaBarde	Jennie White
Chloe Lancaster	James Wilkes
Mervin Lewis	R. Wilkes
Pete Littlefield	Marge Williams
Reverend Earl Loeffler	Ramont Williams

**COFFEE AND DONUTS...**

The Cathedral Parish Coffee and Donuts is held in Boland Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship!

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES...**

Throughout the Advent season, Confessions will be heard every morning at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. This additional Confession time will expand the early morning times available for Confessions. It will be evaluated at the conclusion of Advent.



### ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLE PROGRAM...

Casseroles and other offerings collected by the St. Patrick's Casserole Program provides one week of dinners for the Women's Shelter, and one night of dinners for the Men's Alumni Club. The next collection will be held **Thursday, December 10, 2009, at Boland Hall, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

### HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS...

The Health Ministry will have its Christmas meeting on **Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the rectory. Bring a baby gift to be donated to Our Lady of the Angels. You are also invited to bring your favorite treat to share with the group. This meeting will not include a discussion of business, but rather will be an opportunity to wrap donated items and enjoy an evening of fellowship and food.

### AHC SEMINAR...

The Association of Hebrew Catholics continues their free lecture series on **Wednesday, December 9, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Boland Hall.** Dr. Lawrence Feingold will continue teaching on "The Mystery of Israel and the Church". This week's topic will be "The Divinity of Christ and the Arian Heresy". Please call the AHC at 314-535-4242 for more info.

### TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING...

The Annual Advent Giving Tree has been set up in the west transept. Taking a star and purchasing the requested gift will help provide necessary items for nearby nursing home residents. May God bless all who so generously participate in this program!

### YOUNG CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS...

The Young Catholic Physicians is a group of Catholic residents or young attending physicians who join together in prayer, meeting once a month for Mass, with dinner and fellowship afterwards. Fr. Kevin Schroeder, serves as spiritual director of the group. Join us for our next Mass on **Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Blessed Virgin's Chapel, located just west of the main sanctuary. Please use the entrance designated for "Choir and Clergy". Dinner at the Scottish Arms will follow. For more info or to have your name added to the members list, please contact Courtney Voelker at [voelker@ent.wustl.edu](mailto:voelker@ent.wustl.edu).

### SCHOOL NEWS...

The Cathedral School children, their families, and the faculty and staff wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are so grateful for your continued support and contributions to Cathedral School. Need ideas for super Christmas gifts? The Scholastic Book Fair **will run through December 12.** This year we will have a great selection of adult books as well as a great selection for young readers. And, if we sell \$700 worth of books, the Cathedral School receives funds to purchase a Smart Board.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Cathedral School Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on **Saturday, December 12, 2009.** Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and will also include a craft fair. And remember, Santa Claus will be our special guest that morning, ready to take your Christmas orders! Also, anyone interested in contributing baked goodies for the breakfast, or interested in helping with the food preparation and service, **we are currently looking for "elves"!** Please contact Laura Fister at 314-367-5149 or at [laurafister@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurafister@sbcglobal.net).

Finally, the **Cathedral School Advent Concert** will be held on **Thursday, December 17, 2009,** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Boland Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the concert and the reception after.

### WEEKLY THOUGHTS ON GIVING...

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."*

*- Philippians 1:9-10*

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God.

### THE GIFT THAT HAS NO SEASON...

Over the years, it has been gifts left to the Cathedral Basilica in wills, bequests, and memorials that have largely enabled us to continue to operate as a place of worship and as a place to protect and teach our children. As we approach year end and consider the upcoming tax season, please remember the Cathedral Basilica Parish in your will or charitable giving plans.



**JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY SESSION 6  
MISSIONARIES & THE EMPEROR—PART I**

The Roman Empire has fallen into ruins. St. Benedict becomes the Father of Western Monasticism by establishing the monastic rule that will become the foundation for all monasteries in the Western Church. A man from the East named Mohammed moves millions to wage a battle against Christ and his Church. In fewer than a hundred years, half of all Christian land and wealth has fallen to Islam. But in 732, Charles Martel stops the Muslim advance at the battle of Poitiers in France. Please join us for the next session of *Epic: A Journey through Church History* on **Thursday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the parish rectory. For more info, call Mary Moore at 314-373-8204.

**IT'S TIME ...**

Autumn gives way to winter and the Church begins to prepare for the coming of the Lord. And preparing for the Lord always involves our wholehearted openness to the God who comes to save His people from their sins. The **Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation, and Confession** is needed now more than ever. Every Catholic should recognize that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is a gift from the Lord to us to be used frequently and effectively. It is meant to be a positive meeting with the Lord, challenging us to recognize that our relationship to the Lord is central to all we are and all we do... in **every** season and time. Prepare for the Lord this Advent season and make use of this great gift of God.

**INFANT BAPTISM...**

According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. As soon as possible after the birth, or even before it, parents should request the sacrament for their child and are to be properly instructed in preparation for it. And in order for the baptism to be scheduled, there must be a well-founded hope that the infant will be raised in the practice of the Catholic faith. Parents are encouraged to attend baptismal preparation before their child is born; then, immediately after the child is born, the date of baptism can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 314-373-8200.

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

**From outside the Cathedral Parish...**

**SINGLES DANCE!**

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club of St. Louis is hosting a singles dance for ages 21-45 on **Saturday, December 12 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight** at the Church of the Ascension (230 Santa Maria, 63005). Interested? Please contact Gina at 314-223-6660 or check out [www.csacstlouis.org/activities.html](http://www.csacstlouis.org/activities.html).

**CHRISTMAS WISHES AT ST. PATRICK'S...**

This holiday season, each of us knows someone who is struggling. St. Patrick Center is able to assist people from all walks of life because of generous donors and parishioners in our community. Please consider donating to St. Patrick Center's "We are Here" campaign or adopting a family or individual through the agency's Christmas Wishes program. This year, St. Patrick Center expects to assist nearly 1,200 clients and their families who have little or no money to purchase Christmas gifts for their children. To donate or adopt, call 314-802-0683 or visit [www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org).

**ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE...**

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club is looking for single or married players 18-45 to join their volleyball league. All skill levels are welcome. Play near Creve Coeur on Sunday evenings starting in January. Interested? Contact Don at 314-729-1235 or go to <http://csacstlouis.org/activities.html>.

**CATHOLIC RADIO...**

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Would you like to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Tune in to Catholic Radio on AM 1080 WRYT. Programming includes daily Holy Mass, devotions, Catechetics, live call-in shows, and much more. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call 314-752-7000 or 877-305-1234.

**NFP SESSIONS FOR THE ENGAGED...**

Introductory sessions for Natural Family Planning (NFP) are offered at 15 different locations throughout the archdiocese each month. For a complete listing, contact the Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning at 314-997-7576.