

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sun., January 4—The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. - Rosalie Giacone Vitale
 10:00 a.m. - For The Parish Family
 12:00 p.m. - Frank and Adele Franey
 5:00 p.m. - Max Sr. and Mary Grace Kaiser

Mon., January 5—St. John Neumann

7:00 a.m. - All Souls
 8:00 a.m. - Donald Holtmeyer
 12:05 p.m. - Arthur and Virginia Eultgen

Tues., January 6—Blessed Andre Bessett

7:00 a.m. - Richard Campbell
 8:00 a.m. - Douglas P. Helein
 12:05 p.m. - Margaret D. Gummersbach

Wed., January 7—St. Raymond of Penafort

7:00 a.m. - Special Intention (DPF)
 8:00 a.m. - Lloyd Taaffe III
 12:05 p.m. - Daniel F Sheehan Jr.

Thurs., January 8—Weekday after Epiphany

7:00 a.m. - Jean Schmidt
 8:00 a.m. - Rosalie Fusz
 12:05 p.m. - Athalone Claflin

Fri., January 9—Weekday after Epiphany

7:00 a.m. - Joe Downing
 8:00 a.m. - Jack Heidenry
 12:05 p.m. - James Richard Eckerle

Sat., January 10—Weekday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. - Leonard E. Reiker
 5:00 p.m. - Thomas P. Howe

Sun., January 11—The Baptism of The Lord

8:00 a.m. - Don Balsters
 10:00 a.m. - For The Parish Family
 12:00 p.m. - Dolores Fellenz
 5:00 p.m. - Douglas P. Helein

MASS INTENTIONS...

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

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 10-11, 2009**The Baptism of The Lord****Saturday, January 10, 2009****5:00 p.m.**

Readers: Rita Sheftall, Regina Westfall
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: Anne Carleton, Rita Sheftall,
 Tom Sailor, Karen Sailor

Sunday, January 11, 2009**8:00 a.m.**

Readers: Connie Held, Pat Rice
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: Joan Falk, Nancy O'Toole,
 Michael Weisbrod, Richele Weisbrod
 Ministers
 of Care: Nancy O'Toole

10:00 a.m.

Readers: Kitty Reiter, Matthew Bergman
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: Donna Roth, Monica Vogel,
 Kitty Reiter, Susan Wells-Souza

12:00 Noon

Readers: Katya Fernandez, Brian Ragen
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: Katya Fernandez, Vince Strauss,
 Penny Chrisler, Brian Ragen

5:00 p.m.

Readers: Michael Smith
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: John Stith

2009 PARISH CALENDARS...

The 2009 Parish Calendars are available through the rectory office. All registered parishioners should have received a coupon for the free calendars in the parish Christmas mailing. Parishioners may pick up their calendars at the rectory office, with their coupon, Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

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!



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

January 4, 2009 through January 11, 2009

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6 Ps 2:7-8, 10-11
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17
Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11

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.

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| Chris Arger | Kristen Middendorf |
| Barbara Bradbury | Maggie Corkery Miller |
| Bryan Buffa | Diane Montileone |
| Ronald Colbert | Dick Mullen |
| Eduardo Caminal | Mary O'Reilly |
| Shellye von Dahlern | Rachel Ostertag |
| Justin Donovan | Dorothy Owens |
| Andrew Dorsey | Catherine Parent |
| Rita Eshom | Gretchen Piccozzi |
| Felisa Garchitorea | Wayne Ragan |
| Chelsea Gavin | Eileen Riewer |
| William Geary | Nina Russo |
| Carol Grady | Ann Sheehan |
| Diana Greco | Raymond Lindsay Shives |
| Rosemary Griffard | Pam Stanton |
| Bennett Gerhart | Barbara Stojeba |
| Marilyn Hein | Fran Thetford |
| Marsha Sanner Koeller | Carl Thompson |
| Deacon M. Kenney | Elba Turbat |
| Mildred Kelemetz | Helen Vineyard |
| Bud Keyes | Dolores Weathers |
| Chloe Lancaster | Jennie White |
| Mervin Lewis | James Wilkes |
| Pete Littlefield | R. Wilkes |
| Reverend Earl Loeffler | Marge Williams |
| Robert 'Bob' McCoy | Ramont Williams |
| Barbara McElroy | |

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS...

Free Exercise Sessions continue to be offered on **Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in Boland Hall. All fitness levels welcome. For more information, call Mary Moore at 314-373-8204. Also, blood pressure screening is provided free of charge on the third Sunday of each month following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **Our next screening is scheduled for Sunday, January 18, 2009.**

THIS WEEK IN THE REVIEW...

Every week, the St. Louis Review brings you news of the Catholic Church in the St. Louis region and throughout the world. The January 9 issue features a focus on vocations to the priesthood and religious life, including a vocations tour by youths from Saint Joseph Parish in Farmington to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, the School Sisters of Notre Dame Motherhouse, and other St. Louis-area sites.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS...

Bishop Robert J. Hermann presides at a Mass for Vocations to close National Vocation Awareness Week, **Sunday, January 18, 2009**, 10:00 a.m., here at the Cathedral Basilica. The Mass for Vocations is an opportunity for the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to gather in support of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and to commit to praying for vocations on a regular basis. The young people of the archdiocese are especially encouraged to attend.

**FROM THE RECTORY...**

Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

As the Christmas season draws to a close with the celebration of the Epiphany of Our Lord, we reflect on Christmas in the Church as people of all ages gathered around the Nativity scene and contemplated the mystery of God made Man. Christmas draws not only the faithful but also those who endeavor to return to some practice of the faith after being away. We welcome them home, and pray that there may be a deepening attachment to the Lord in the Eucharist.

Christmas also brought the merely curious to see what it is really all about. We welcome them and invite them to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Church and alive in faith. They need simply to contact a priest or parish staff member to begin the process of initiation into the church.

Christmas has also occasioned a challenge of conscience for many who have postponed reconciliation with the Lord in his Church. Although the number of "confessions" rose significantly during the days before Christmas, reconciliation is always to be attended to and enhanced through frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance or confession all year.

A very special expression of gratefulness is in order for the very many people who have made this Christmas season at the Cathedral so special. We are most thankful for the sacristans, ushers and greeters, extraordinary distributors of Holy Communion, readers of God's Word, acolytes and servers, seminarians, sextons, and all who plan and execute our liturgical ceremonies so efficiently and beautifully.

We are especially grateful of Dr. John Romeri and the musicians, choir members, and cantors whom he directs. Christmas would not have been so grand without the "songs of angels" echoing in our midst.

On behalf of the priests, deacons, and parish staff, I extend our promise of prayer for all who come to our Cathedral Basilica, with the hope you may find the peace and joy of Christmas lingering in your lives all throughout the coming new year. May God bless you.

Respectfully in Christ,
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Pins
Rector

WEEKLY THOUGHTS ON GIVING...

"The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him." - Psalm 72:10-11

What gifts do you set before the Lord? Does your list of New Year's Resolutions include better ways to give back to God and thank Him for His many blessings to you and your family?

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY...

As is our custom, offertory contributions received during the Thanksgiving Day Mass were forwarded to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Society members from our parish are thankful to have the continued support of the Cathedral parish in carrying out the Christian imperative of assisting those in need.

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!

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 **this Thursday, January 8, 2009, at Boland Hall, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

CATHEDRAL TOURS...

Each Sunday, tours of our beautiful church are offered following the noon Mass. Tours are also available during the week from 10:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. and again from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please call 314-373-8242 to set up your group tours.

YEAR END GIFT...

Please remember to send in your year end gifts to the Cathedral Basilica. If you have any questions about year end gifts or about planned giving, please contact Grace Dorchester at 314-373-8231.



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GREAT MUSIC CONTINUES THIS SEASON AT THE CATHEDRAL!

You won't want to miss a single note of the remaining concert of the 2008/2009 season. With five concerts still to come, you can even still become a subscriber and save 10%! Remaining concerts include:

- Chanticleer
- Dr. Jennifer Pascual, organist
- The Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra
- Stephen Tharp, organist
- The Westminster Concert Bell Choir

For tickets or more info, call the Music Office at 314-533-7662 or visit www.CathedralConcerts.org. Remember, music makes a great gift! If you have a music lover on your Christmas list, give them the gift of a LIVE performance right here at the Cathedral.

A THOUGHT ON THE SANCTITY OF LIFE...

"The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) would 'outlaw any 'interference' in providing abortion at will. It would deprive the American people in all fifty states of the freedom they now have to enact modest restraints and regulations on the abortion industry. FOCA would coerce all Americans into subsidizing and promoting abortion with their tax dollars. It would counteract any and all sincere efforts by government and others of good will to reduce the number of abortions in our country.'"

- *Statement by USCCB President Cardinal Francis George on behalf of the USCCB, Nov. 12, 2008*

AN INVITATION FROM RCIA...

An invitation is extended to any adult who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church to consider the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is the process in which adults enter the Catholic Church, or possibly re-enter it if they've been away a long time and may not have received their First Communion and/or been confirmed. Because of our dedicated catechists, we are able to offer RCIA year round. Anyone interested can join at any time. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, contact the rectory at 314-373-8200 for more information.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS...

From outside the Cathedral Parish...

CATHOLICISM UNCORKED...

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, 7622 Sutherland Avenue in Shrewsbury, hosts "Catholicism Uncorked" **on Thursday, January 15, 2009, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**, in the parish gym meeting room. An event for young adults mid-20s-mid-40s, "Catholicism Uncorked" is an opportunity to discuss topics important to our faith lives, over wine and cheese. Paul Masek of the archdiocese's REAP Team will share on the theme "How To Stir Up the Holy Spirit in Your Life." For more information, contact Christina Sanders at 314-440-4455 or yam_stmike@yahoo.com.

TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT SPECIAL ED...

The Department of Special Education of the Archdiocese of St. Louis hosts its first annual "All-Star Trivia Night," **on Saturday, January 17, 2009**, at the Champions Club in Busch Stadium. Doors open at 6 p.m., and questions begin at 7 p.m., with emcee Randy Karraker of 101.1 ESPN. A live auction, raffles, 50/50 drawings, and door prizes are also available, and beer, wine, soft drinks, and appetizers are included. A cash prize of \$400 will be awarded to the winning table. Tables of eight are \$240. For more info, contact Michelle Wright at 636-530-9129 or register online at www.archstl.org/education.

VOCATION RETREAT WITH BISHOP HERMANN...

Bishop Robert J. Hermann presents a discernment retreat for men ages 18-30 who are considering a vocation to the priesthood, **February 13-15, 2009**, at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Shrewsbury. The weekend offers retreatants the opportunity to explore our Lord's invitation to become "shepherds after His own heart." The support and assistance of all the faithful are vital to the spiritual success of the retreat and to the promotion of vocations to the priesthood. Please consider prayerfully the young men in whom you see the signs of a priestly vocation, and submit their names to the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314-792-6460, 314-792-6502 (fax), or e-mail them at edwardrice@archstl.org.