



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

December 25, 2011

Nativity of the Lord

Thank You

To the parishioners who serve on our parish commissions and committees, to the adorers before the Blessed Sacrament, to the young people who serve as altar servers, to the parishioners who read during Mass, to those who are ushers, to the ladies who cook for our funerals, to the Extraordinary Ministers who care for the homebound, to the parishioners who host coffee and doughnuts, to the men of the Knights of Columbus, to the parishioners who brave the cold to greet us, to the choir who leads our sung prayer at Mass, to the men and women who work as Sacristans, to those who serve and clean up at funerals, to the unseen angels who pray for us all, to the parishioners who work for Social Justice, to the faithful counters, to all the teachers in our Religious Education program and Youth Groups, to those who help with our parish socials, to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, to those who generously donate to all efforts for the needy, to the parishioners who work hard to remind us to Respect Life, to those who helped with our Christmas liturgies, and to the numerous unsung heroes whose names have been omitted from this list...to all who help to make St. Mary's home for all of us.

Fr. Phil and the Parish Staff wish to Thank You

May God Bless you in the New Year!

This week at St. Mary's Dec. 25, 2011-Jan. 1, 2012

—Sun. 12/25

NO RE programs today

- 10:45am Rosary
- 11:15am Mass
- 6:30pm Lutheran Service (Ch, HH)

—Thu. 12/29

- 11:30am Rosary
- 12 noon Mass
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 2pm

—Sun. 1/1/2012

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- NO RE programs today
- 10:45am Rosary
- 11:15am Mass
- NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY
- 6:30pm Lutheran Service (Ch, HH)

Pray for our world.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed and waiting for us at St. Mary's after 12 noon Mass on Thursdays until 2pm and at St. Augustine's on Wednesdays and First Saturdays after 9am Mass and 7:30 pm on Thursdays.



"Ask and it shall be given to you." Luke 11:9

All who have taken the Clifton StrengthsFinder Inventory online are invited to a group Strengths Exploration which includes four gatherings on Fridays of January 13, 20, 27, and February 3rd from 7pm-8:30pm at St. A's. If you are interested in participating call Barb Dumit, 240-9509 and leave a message. We do plan to offer this program to others beginning in March.

Religious Education News



We are going to have a children's program presentation on the Epiphany, Sunday, January 8th at

10:30 am—before Mass. The children need to be at the parish hall by 9:30 to prepare.

The program will consist of a short skit about the "Land of Kings", two songs and 1-2 poetry readings. Parents, please search your homes for garb that your children can wear for the skit. Each child will be costumed as a king. If you have any crowns, turbans, gaudy old jewelry, gem-colored scarves or sashes, and over-sized, brightly colored T-shirts (for robes on the kids) bring them! They are welcome props to help dress the children as Kings. More information about the program will be sent home this week in the mail via a letter to the parents and catechists.

The children's Epiphany party will be after Mass and Coffee and donuts on January 8th in the Parish Hall, 1– 3 p.m. Family members are welcome.

There'll be games, a short animated movie, gifts, and crafts. To volunteer, call Mary Rose @ 515-451-3749.



Yellow registration cards: Many thanks to those who have turned in the registration cards. Please continue to turn them in so that we can welcome you to St. Mary's.

GIFTS:

December 18th: \$ 1,441.97

Budgeted weekly: \$2,135



The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience.

How has His coming changed my life?

Please remember St. Mary's
in your will.

Volunteers are needed to **usher** during Sunday Mass. If more people volunteered to usher they would only serve as an usher once a month.

Open to both men and women over 18.

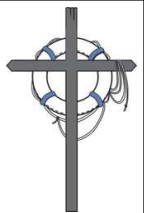
Call Lisa @ 632-0590 or the office at 678-6536.

Coffee hour sign up sheet



January - February sign-up sheet for coffee hour is located in Harrington Hall. Check it out and sign up!

You can help your marriage. Attend a *Retrouvaille* Weekend on January 20-22. Visit: helpourmarriage.com or call 206-706-2608.



Please pray for:

Rose Iverson

If you are ill or you know someone who is ill and would like us to pray for him or her, please submit names to the office: 678-6536.

Names will be included here for a couple of weeks. You may also place these names in the Book of Prayer, located in the bell tower vestibule or add the name to the prayer chain, call the office and the prayer chain coordinator will be contacted.

Deployed Military:

Thomas Bender - USAF
Andrea Thompson - U.S. Army
Scott Gendron -USMC

