

FROM THE PASTOR

On this final, fourth Sunday of Advent, our hearts are filled with longing for the coming of Christ at Christmas. In the swirl of activities and memories, it is His coming as our Savior, which is the eternally stable, peacefully still center around which everything else in our life turns.

I am so grateful for all of the work that the St. Vincent de Paul Society---both our adult members and our "Minnie Vinnies"---have accomplished behind the scenes to facilitate the rhythm of giving and receiving in our Parish, these past few weeks in particular. The Vincentians will soon be providing a year-end update on their corporal and spiritual works of mercy in an upcoming January bulletin.

Oftentimes we find it much easier to give than to receive. If you know of someone in the Queen of Peace community---yourself or a friend---who may be in some special need in these days and months, please do not hesitate to contact Laurie Haverty in the Parish Office or myself directly. We are so blessed to have many folks eager to help---most anonymously. It is a happy task indeed to be the discrete facilitator of this exchange of gifts.

I am also happy to share that in just one week's time we have already gained the needed donors for the stained glass windows of our new Confessional. Thanks to the work of very talented and generous "Advent elves," the Confessional should be finished for Christmas, with the stained glass installed in the first months of the New Year.

Although this project has been accomplished swiftly, I ask your patience on the end-of-life/funeral planning materials I promised you in November. The "purple seasons" of Advent and Lent are especially full ones with added pastoral responsibilities for me, so I am actually looking forward to the Christmas season and beyond to catch up on neglected work. Hopefully I'll be able to finish these materials for distribution in January.

On the subject of things still to do, if you haven't yet made a good confession in preparation for Christmas, I'll be available in church on the evening of Wednesday, December 23, from 7PM until 9PM (or as long as folks keep coming) for end-of-the-season, every-sin-must-go reconciliations! In addition, St. Pius X Parish will be offering their Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, December 22 at 7PM.

Finally, please note our schedule of Christmas liturgies, which is contained in a separate box in this weekend's bulletin. And bring lots of friends and family!

From Blessed Mary, Christ the Lord is our Peace!

Fr. Daniel Scheidt

PARISH NEWS



MUSIC SPONSORS: Please prayerfully consider being a sponsor to fully or partially underwrite the Brass Ensemble for the 9:30 AM Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 3. Your financial support directly provides the means by which we may help our parish praise and worship God in song. Contact Aaron Renninger for more information.

ADVENT VESPERS: The last of our Advent Candlelight Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be prayed tonight at 5 PM. All are welcome to join in prayer with our parish family as we prepare together for Christmas.

OUR GIVING TREE - Help our Jubilee Society help others this holiday season by taking an ornament from our Giving Tree and purchasing the item listed for the Woman's Care Center. Purchased items (leave unwrapped) may be placed in the box under the tree until December 20. Thank you for your generosity.

HOLIDAY HOME-COOKING -Please look at the sheets on the bulletin board next to the Parish Library to find out how you can help this Christmas effort be successful - many supplies (including plastic containers!) are needed in addition to home-made side dishes to go along with the ham entrée and drivers to deliver the meals. Any parishioner who could benefit from a home-cooked meal for Christmas is encouraged to contact the Parish Office before Dec. 23.



DECORATING THE CHURCH - Anyone interested in helping us decorate is invited to come Wednesday, December 23 at **6:30 PM**. Please note the time has been changed from what was printed in last week's bulletin and on our December calendar. Many hands make light the work!

DIocese OF FORT WAYNE - SOUTH BEND

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Bishop John M. D'Arcy

December 20, 2009

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the great feast of Christmas approaches, we contemplate once again the incredible mystery that God so loved the world that He came to live *with* us, and even more deeply, *for* us, becoming like us in all things but sin. Because Christ has identified himself with us so intimately, the Church has always considered service to others to be an essential way of welcoming Christ. As Pope Benedict wrote in his beautiful encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*: "Love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to her as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word."

Our diocese has a wonderful tradition of taking up a collection on Christmas Day for the work of Catholic Charities, as a concrete way of welcoming Christ through service towards those who are in special need or suffering in any way, whether in the child developing in his or her mother's womb, in the refugee striving for a new life in our nation, or in the poor family who has lost their home. This is the heart of the work of Catholic Charities, which provides counseling and assistance and support to so many in our diocese, sharing in the joys and hopes, the sorrows and anxieties of people's daily lives.

The feast of Christmas calls us to see in our Lord, the face of Christ in those who are in need, and to be the face of Christ for them. In the name of the newborn Savior, whose love for us led him to the poverty of a stable, I ask you to make a generous contribution to this important collection.

*With every best wish and prayer, I remain
Sincerely yours,
Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy*



QUEEN OF PEACE COUNCIL 8617 YEAR END REPORT-

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO OUR QUEEN OF PEACE PARISHIONERS. 2009 has been a very good year for Queen of Peace Council 8617 thanks to all the parishioners who have attended our fish fries, Sunday morning breakfasts, and purchased Entertainment Books. We have been able to fulfill this year's goal of supporting Father Daniel Scheidt, Queen of Peace Parish, and the youth of this parish and the community.

We have made the following distribution of funds in 2009, and request your continued support in 2010.

GENERAL PROJECTS

Youth Awards	\$35.00
Kitchen Drive Concrete Pad	\$1325.00
Kitchen Carts	\$160.00
Respect Life Committee	\$300.00
Queen of Peace School Endowment Fund	\$280.00

2009 YEAR END DONATIONS

Seminarian - Benjamin Muhlenkamp	\$200.00
Women's Care Center	\$200.00
Gibault	\$150.00
Queen of Peace – Puma Pantry	\$100.00 Scrip
Hannah's House	\$100.00
St. Vincent de Paul – Q of P Conference	\$500.00
Q of P Home and School Association (HASA)	\$100.00 Scrip
Q of P Senior Citizen Luncheons	\$100.00 Scrip

Total Distribution \$3,550.00

*Sincerely, Dick Kemble – Grand Knight
Queen of Peace Council 8617*



*Fourth Sunday of Advent
Prayer of Joyful Waiting*

Good and gracious Christ,
you were born far from the seats of power—
out of the way, in the midst of the poor.
Yet even from such humble beginnings
you carried the grace of God, your Father,
to the ends of the earth.

Come and bless us in this waiting time.
Even now, we sense your presence,
and something in us leaps for joy.
As Mary went to Elizabeth,
let us go out to those we meet
to share our joy at your coming.
As Elizabeth cried out in joy and wonder,
let us cry out that we too believe
in God's presence in our very midst
when we least expect it,
and in the most unlikely places.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Tuesday, December 22

O King of All the Nations!

Now, only three days out from Christmas, our invitation to Jesus becomes more intense. He is called King of all Nations (*Rex Gentium*) and "Keystone" of a great arch that represents all of humanity. We ask Christ to come and save us whom he has fashioned from the dust.

Thursday, December 24

Putting Our Spiritual House in Order

Since December 19, we have heard the beginning of the Gospel according to Luke, which sets the stage for the birth of Jesus. We, too, have set our stage with prayer and reflection and preparations for Christmas. Reflect today on anything else you need to do to put your spiritual house in order.



Religious Education There will be no Weekly PREP classes on December 27 and January 3. Classes will resume on January 10, 2010. Enjoy your holiday break!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24	5:00 PM Children's Nativity Play 5:15 PM Choral Prelude 5:30 PM Mass <i>Children's Choir</i> 11:25 PM Lesson and Carols 12:00 AM Mass <i>Adult Choir</i>
December 25	9:00 & 11:00 AM Mass



Christmas

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31	7:00 PM (Holy Day of Obligation)
January 1	9:00 AM

EPIPHANY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

January 7 7:00 PM. Please join us as our school children present Christmas Choral music and assembly sung carols.



Queen of Peace Parish Youth Group:**ANTIOCH**

High School (Gr. 9-12): Join us weekly on Sundays at 6:00 PM for Antioch at Mount Alverno, the Convent across from Marian High School

8th Grade : Join us weekly on Saturdays at 6:30PM for Agape in the St. Joe-Mish school cafeteria

Grades 8 – 12: Join us weekly on Saturdays from 8:30 -9:30 PM for Adoration in the Church at St. Joe-Mish.

Save the Date!

High School Girls Retreat: "Empty & Beautiful"
February 13 – 14. More information to come.

Youth Mass with Fr. Dan Scheidt
December 20 @ 7:00pm @ St. Bavo

Leaders: Chip & Virginia Leinen

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Calendar of Events: www.weadore.com

Facebook Group: antioch-mishawaka



Our Queen of Peace Conference would like to thank everyone who so generously donated in any way to last weekend's food collection. We appreciate all of the support you have provided month after month to assist us in serving those in need. Because of you, we are able to aid others and to let them know some-

one cares. God love you!

A special thank you to the Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus who graciously donated \$500 to help with the Christmas food basket program for our parish. Please let us know if you or someone you know can benefit from a holiday food basket or is in need by contacting the parish office at 255-9674 or one of our St. Vincent DePaul members. All inquiries are kept confidential.

AROUND TOWN

TRIP OF A LIFETIME - The Franciscan Communities of Michigan are looking for people to join them on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from April 12 through April 24, 2010. For further information and a brochure contact Dick McCloskey, SFO at 574-272-4738 dick@aerovisionphoto.com or Sr. Agnes Marie Regan, OSF at 574-259-5427 agnesmarie_2000@yahoo.com

HOLY FAMILY RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR! - Celebrate the New Year at Holy Family's New Year's Eve Party on December 31. Doors open at 6:00 PM and dinner is served at 7:00 PM. Polish Style Sit-down Dinner; Open Bar; Party Favors; Continental Breakfast. Music by DJ Jack Reichert from 8:00—1:00 PM. Tickets at the Holy Family Rectory—\$30.00 per person. Limited number available; call 282-2317 for more information.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE-COMMUNITY EDUCATION - Community members are invited to join 2 new classes: Aging and the Family and Aging over the Life Span. You can audit the classes for only \$45.00 (you attend when you want and you don't take any tests!). Classes are once a week from 4—6:30 PM. Time is given for a light supper snack. To enroll or for more information— contact Pat Adams at padams@hcc-nd.edu or 574-239-8364. Flyers are also located on the bulletin board in the gathering area.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST. JOE - Is your head chock full of interesting facts and trivia? If so, call your friends and get together a team for St. Joseph's Trivia Night! January 8, 2010 in the St. Joe Mish Gym. Call 288-4441 (Susan) to get registered.

YOUNG ADULT (18-35) MINI-RETREAT— Join us for an afternoon of prayer, inspiration, and quiet on Sunday, January 17, 2010. Topic: Faith & Reason in Today's world and How do we bring Christ to it? Presenter: Fr. Glenn Kohrman, Pastor of St. Vincent Parish, Elkhart. Place: Convent of Sister of St. Francis of perpetual Adoration, 1515 W. Dragoon Tr., Mishawaka. Time: 1:00—6:00 PM (Sunday Mass at 5:00 PM). Cost: \$5.00

SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN HOUSE - Queen of Peace will host an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, January 31st from 1:00 until 3:00. Visitors to the school will have opportunities to tour the school, obtain information about Queen of Peace, meet current Queen of Peace families, and visit with school staff members. Please share information about our Open House with friends, neighbors, and relatives who may have interest in our school.

POSTULANTS OF ST. FRANCIS - Two postulants of St. Francis will be joining our staff starting the week of January 18th. The two postulants who are actively seeking to become religious sisters have volunteered to work within our school and amongst our students every Wednesday afternoon. The two postulants will be here to assist the teachers and to work individually with students of all age and ability levels.

GEOGRAPHY BEE RESULTS - Last Friday the school held its annual Geography Bee. Ten contestants from grades 4 –8 competed for the crown of School Champion. In the end it was Mitchel Kasznia, an 8th grader, who claimed this year's honor, by edging out Elizabeth Wetzel in the finals. Congratulations go out to Mitchel and the other 9 contestants for this wonderful achievement.

We'd like to thank everyone who supported our December Market Day sale! Thanks to you we made \$224.00. In January, you'll receive a FREE 4-pack of Peanut Butter & Jelly Grahamwiches with a minimum order of \$40. Pick up the Sale Flyer from the media rack next to the Parish Office. January deadline to order is Monday, Jan. 18. Sale pick-up is Monday, Jan. 25 2:30—3:30 PM in the school commons.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 21

8:15 AM Mass *Mary's Blue Brigade*
6:00 - 8:00 PM Play/Choir Practice, Church

Tuesday, December 22

8:15 AM Mass
8:45 AM Prayer/Share, Parish Library
6:00 - 8:00 PM Play/Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, December 23

8:15 AM Mass
6:30 PM Decorate Church
7:00 - 9:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, December 24 Vigil, Christmas

5:00 PM Children's Nativity Play
5:15 PM Choral Prelude
5:30 PM Mass - *Children's Choir*
11:25 PM Lessons and Carols
12:00 AM Midnight Mass - *Adult Choir*

Friday, December 25 Christmas

9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

Saturday, December 26

3:30-5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
5:30 PM Vigil Mass
7:00 PM XLT Praise & Worship, Church

Sunday, December 27

7:30, 9:30, 11:45 AM Mass
No Weekly PREP today or Jan. 3, 2010.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 24-27, 2009 AND DEC 31— JAN 3, 2010

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 21 - Weekday

8:15AM Evelyn Cabana Ciesielski - *Therese Desatnick*

Tuesday, December 22 - Weekday

8:15AM Paul Hums - *Judy Hums*

Wednesday, December 23 - Weekday

8:15AM Jeanette Soltys - *Robert & Norma Fisher*

Thursday, December 24 - Vigil, Nativity of the Lord

5:30 PM Paul Hums - *Judy Hums*
12:00 AM Father Eldon Miller - *Queen of Peace Parish*

Friday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Intentions of Frank & Kay Catanzarite - *The Catanzarite Family*
11:00 AM Parish Community

Saturday, December 26 - Feast of Saint Stephen

5:30PM Lois DeMaegd - *Elsie DeMeulenaere*

Sunday, December 27 - Feast of the Holy Family

7:30AM Deceased Members of the LaPara & Millemon Families -
Joe & Mary Lee LaPara
9:30AM Parish Community
11:45AM George Alexenko - *The Gary Weesner Family*

Bulletin— "Sponsor of the Week"

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Offertory Collection

Amount needed for Balanced 2009-2010 Budget.....\$11,600.00

12/13/09

Adult (283 envelopes)	\$8,904.00
Loose	\$1,191.72
Children (36 envelopes)	\$50.65
<i>Total</i>	\$10,146.37
<i>Growing Together With Christ</i> (14 envelopes)	\$1,165.00
<i>Christmas Flower Fund</i> (35 envelopes)	\$328.00
<i>Immaculate Conception</i> (86 envelopes)	\$1,384.46

QUEEN OF PEACE DIRECTORY

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