

# BLESSED SACRAMENT *Parish*

December 27, 2009

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Mission Statement: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish communicates the Word of God and its message of salvation through preaching, education and the promotion of peace and justice. This mission of evangelization, which entails forming ourselves in belief, sharing that belief and transforming the world around us, is achieved in the context of the Dominican tradition and its emphasis on the four pillars of celebrating God's presence through prayer, building up the Body of Christ through community life, serving God's people through ministry, and forming ourselves in Catholic Christian tradition through life-long study.*



## VISION STATEMENT

*As a vibrant faith community. Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish shall seek to involve all parishioners in the mission of evangelization.*

*Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. — Lk 2:49-50*

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## Pastor's Letter

This weekend as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, we recognize our own call to be holy families. There are many obstacles that impede the ability of families to grow in holiness. However, I would suspect the greatest obstacle is impatience. To a greater or lesser degree we have the ability to irritate the heck out of each other. For instance, somebody sent me an article about Christmas gifts that shouldn't have been given. One woman reported receiving from her husband a heating pad and nasal strips to prevent snoring as Christmas gifts. Another talked about getting a cheese grater from her spouse. Still another received a weed-wacker. Let us just say that these gifts produced a lot of irritation. I'm hoping all of you received appropriate Christmas gifts. If not, Fr. Ron has openings for marriage counseling!!

The point is this, whether it is Christmas gifts, not picking up after ourselves, procrastinating about important family issues, leaving just a few drops of lemonade in the pitcher instead of making up a new pitcher, from minor irritations to major screw-ups, we irritate each other. We may be able to address some of these behaviors. We can learn to be more sensitive about the type of Christmas gift we pick out for a spouse. However, no family is able to eliminate all of the irritations. This suggests that we need to develop and cultivate the gift of patience. Patience is one of the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit which flow from the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. So as we embark on increasing the holiness of our family during this New Year, we should pray especially for an increase

in the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. But there is more we can do beyond prayer. As mentioned above, we should try as best as we can to address in a charitable manner the problematic behaviors so as not to put the gift of patience to an inordinate test. We can also realize that we ourselves have our own set of irritating behaviors that grate on the nerves of others. Thus, when encountering the irritating behavior of someone else, we might remind ourselves that there but for the grace of God go we. Finally, beyond that, we can also try to re-contextualize the irritations amidst the blessings that we have. The more we are aware of and grateful for the gifts of others, the less intense the irritations will be. The overall sense of our lives will be positive. It's much like if I have a 65 on one quiz but the other 15 quizzes during the semester I had a 95 or above—then I will not overreact to the 65. I don't like the fact that I received a 65. Certainly, I'll try to do better. But I'm not having a proverbial "cow" because the other 15 quizzes will balance it out. These various tactics will help increase the gift of patience and make us holier individuals and families.

I want to wish you all a happy, holy and healthy New Year. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you and let his face shine upon you. Please join us to get the New Year off to a good start by attending Mass on the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Masses for the Holy Day will be on New Year's Eve at 5:00 PM and New Year's day at 9:00 AM.

*Fr. Pat*



## Religious Education - Elementary Level

There are NO Religious Education Classes for Kindergarten – Grade 6 on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

We will begin the New Year with Religious Education Classes on JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Celebration of the Epiphany. Our classes are in the School and in the Parish Center from 10:15-11:30 AM.

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**Early Bulletin Deadlines** - Due to early publication deadlines for the Holidays: ARTICLES FOR THE December 26/27 BULLETIN were due Wednesday, December 16th. ARTICLES FOR THE January 2/3 BULLETIN were due by Wednesday, December 23rd. Articles submitted after these deadlines will be included in the following bulletin, if applicable.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 26

8:30 AM Helen VanOosbree

5:00 PM Charles Matkiewicz

### Sunday, December 27 - The Holy Family

7:30 AM Leonard Kaczmarek

9:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM Ed Singer

### Monday, December 28 - St. Anthony the Hermit

8:30 AM Robert & Alice Riggert

### Tuesday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

7:00 AM Joe Gower

8:30 AM Beth Pitot

### Wednesday, December 30 - St. Anysius

7:00 AM Gladys and John Moran

8:30 AM Gabrielle Lee & Robin Bates

### Thursday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I

5:00 PM Our Parish Family

### Friday, January 1 - The Blessed Virgin

Mary, the Mother of God

9:00 AM Tom & Marcella Claridge

### Saturday, January 2

8:30 AM John & Gladys Moran

5:00 PM Dave Olig

### Sunday, January 3

7:30 AM Our Parish Family

9:00 AM Susan Waddell

11:00 AM Belle Moore

Please note there are no morning Masses on New Year's Eve morning (December 31st).

## Eucharist

Monday & Friday .....8:30 AM

Tuesday-Thursday ..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Saturday ..... 8:30 AM (Vigil 5:00 PM)

Sunday .....7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday, December 27

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/

Lk 2:41-52

### Monday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18

### Tuesday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

### Wednesday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

### Thursday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

### Friday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

### Saturday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

### Next Sunday, January 3

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## Parish Calendar of Events

**Sunday, December 27– The Holy Family**  
 After Mass Coffee & Donuts (After 9 & 11) FR  
 After Mass Community Meal Drop-off (All) FR  
**Monday, December 28 - No School**  
 Morning Community Meal Drop-off (All) FR  
**Tuesday, December 29 - No School**  
**Wednesday, December 30 - No School**  
 7:30 PM Little Rock Bible Study PC  
**Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**  
 School and Office Closed  
 5:00 PM Mass CH  
**Friday, January 1 - Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation  
 School and Office Closed  
 9:00 AM Mass CH  
**Saturday, January 2**  
 9:00 AM Reconciliation/Holy Hour/Adoration CH  
**Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany**  
 After Mass Coffee & Donuts (After 9 & 11) FR  
 9:45 AM Ad Altare Meeting CB  
 10:15 AM K-8 Religious Education SCH&PC  
 Church Basement-CB • Church-CH • School-SCH  
 Parish Center-PC • Friary-FR • Music Room-MR  
 School Library-SL • Parking Lots-PL

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 2 at 5:00 PM**  
 Lectors Jane & Scott McMurray  
 Gifts Rick Reale  
 Sound Board Andrew Sotis  
 Servers Tim Consigny & Frank Hearn  
 EMs Lisa & Bill Sotis, Kyle & Julie  
 Rentmeester & Annie Stroud

**Sunday, January 3 at 7:30 AM**  
 Lectors Jim Brown & Maile Paalani  
 Gifts Julie Brown  
 Servers James Brown & William Omohundro  
 EMs Monica Oboagwina, Viet Quoc  
 Hoang, Mickey Chitwood & Diane &  
 David Deci

**Sunday, January 3 at 9:00 AM**  
 Lectors Robert Hegeman & Bob Bright  
 Gifts Kari Hegeman  
 Sound Board Karl Knauf  
 Servers Sammey Chisholm & Jack Nolan  
 EMs Mickey Michuda, Stuart & Susanna  
 Herro, Bob Bright, Tim Chisholm,  
 Sue Cranley & Nina Emerson

**Sunday, January 3 at 11:00 AM**  
 Lectors Michelle Affatati & Tim Gisi  
 Gifts Ginny Vorwald  
 Sound Board Ken Emmerich  
 Servers Jenny Gisi & Greta Treiber  
 Ems Vincent Affatati, Jan & Sean  
 McNally, Jean Robertson, Rita  
 Harrington, Joan Witz & Pat Frawley

## Youth Ministry

**Teen Mass...Mark Your Calendar....** The next teen mass and dinner is scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 2010. Sean McNally will do a reflection at Mass. Save the date!



**J-Walking** - J-Walking is short for Justice Walking. We will do direct service, discuss issues with local service agencies, speak with those afflicted by urban poverty and continue their exploration of social justice issues through critical reflection. We will be serving at the following sites this Winter/Spring...

MONTHLY SERVICE SITES

- Port St. Vincent (dinner/games with residents)-- Last Tuesday of the Month -- 4:45 to 7:15 PM.
- Salvation Army (playing with kids) — Wednesday nights – 6:30 to 8:30 PM.
- St. Vincent Food Pantry (stocking shelves/hosting) -- 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday afternoons.
- Multicultural Center (babysitting) – Thursday nights – 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

**\*\*TEENS & ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR ALL SERVICE PROJECTS\*\***

For more details or to sign-up for any of the service sites, contact Melanie at 238-3471 x-116.

**Napoleon Dynamite Meets The Wii: Dance Revolution Meets Ian's Pizza...WHAT?!?!?** - High School Teens -- Saturday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM – No Cost! So unbelievable you will have to be there to experience it for yourself! For more information, contact Melanie.

**PROJECT GIRL** - PROJECT GIRL, started by parishioners Kelly Parks-Snyder and Jane Bartell, is a ground-breaking girl-led, arts-based initiative created to enable girls to become better informed critical consumers of mass media advertising and entertainment. In other words, to become more media literate.

If you are a teen in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, this program is for you! Sessions are once a month at Blessed Sacrament on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. We will be holding our next session on Wednesday, January 14th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center! IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN-UP...CALL MELANIE TODAY!

## Young Adult Ministry



**Emmaus: Connect. Grow. Serve.** A ministry for graduates, young professionals, engaged and very young families, and those who are 18-35yrs old. To contact Brad: [brad@bbsacrament.org](mailto:brad@bbsacrament.org), 238-3471, x 124.

**Mom's Monday (all ages)** - Monday mom's play & faith sharing group near church, 9:30 - 11. Contact Peggy at 215-4754 or [writermom67@gmail.com](mailto:writermom67@gmail.com), or Kathryn at 347-7641 or [kmlewpea@gmail.com](mailto:kmlewpea@gmail.com).

**Drop in First & Third Thursdays** - Dine. Discuss. Dialogue. Join us in the Parish Center on Hollister for one or two or all three!  
 • **Dine** 5:45-6:45 PM (\$4 per adult, \$10 for families) email or call Brad by 11 AM Thursday.  
 • **Discuss** the upcoming Sunday readings -we'll make small groups on the spot.  
 • **Dialogue** Join our young adult ministry coordinator Brad Klingele for an impromptu exploration of all things theological- you provide the questions. *Children welcome to hang with us. Childcare provided!!*  
 Starts up again January 21.

**Discipleship Sundays** (18-35) Sundays 12:35-2 PM, Nov. 15- Feb. 28  
 Interested in growing as a disciple? Willing to commit to weekly attendance, and 20 minutes of daily prayer with Scripture? We have started an intensive small group Nov. 15- Feb. 28. Lunch, learn different ways to pray, reflect on Scripture, read from great spiritual authors from our 2,000 year tradition, learn a bit of theology, and generally try to grow as disciples of Jesus. Contact Brad for more information. Meetings start again January 10.

**Emmaus Social Events** - Join us each Sunday for coffee & doughnuts after the 9 & 11 AM Mass!



**All God's Children** - provides a place of safety, confidentiality, and support for Catholic parents (and family and friends) of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children. We choose to follow

Jesus' example of inclusiveness in our love. The group will hold a holiday social in the gathering space of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. For further information, contact Jane and Tim Geier at [jkgeier256@yahoo.com](mailto:jkgeier256@yahoo.com) or 270-6316.

## Welcoming Catholics who have been "away from home"

If you or someone who will be sitting around your Christmas table this year who may have been "away from" the Church, but is now hungry for a renewed relationship with the Body of Christ, this announcement is for you.

On January 6 and 13, from 7 to 8:30 PM in the small room off our Assembly Hall (church basement), we will be hosting a two-part Wednesday evening "conversation" for people to possibly to discover a way back to their spiritual home. This opportunity is being sponsored by our cluster of parishes, which also includes Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Maria Goretti Parishes. Contact Ed Emmenegger, 238-3471, ext.119, [ed@bbsacrament.org](mailto:ed@bbsacrament.org) for more information. Help get the invitation out, or put this in your own plans - maybe a holiday moment can be the chance to suggest a renewed relationship between Christ and someone else you love.



## MEAL FOR SENIORS -

Our regular Wednesday lunch offering will not be available this week. After the holiday break, we will resume on January 6.

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** - The annual subscription cost is \$22.00. A separate check should be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish with the notation "Catholic Herald" on the memo line of your check. If you do not receive this Diocesan newspaper and would like to, your subscription will start upon receipt of your payment of \$22.00. Please use a plain envelope for your check, and mark it "Catholic Herald." You may deposit them in the collection basket or mail them to the Parish Office. All subscriptions not paid by the end of December will not be renewed. Thank you.

**Contributions** that you wish to have posted for the year 2009 must be received in the Parish Office by December 31, 2009. The Parish Office will be open December 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Anything in the collection baskets on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> will be applied. You may also mail them, as long as they are postmarked by the end of the year. We are legally unable to make any exceptions to this announcement.



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

New Years Eve Mass Schedule  
5:00 PM

New Years Day Mass Schedule  
9:00 AM

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

### Eucharistic Adoration-Benediction

Saturday Holy Hour 9:00-10:00 AM

**Rosary** - Thursdays after 8:30 AM Mass

**Reconciliation** - Saturdays following 8:30 AM Mass or by request and thru scheduled appointment with priests. Seasonal communal rites.

**Infant Baptism** - Expectant parents are encouraged to contact Ed Emmenegger at 238-3471, ext. 119.

**Marriage** - Initiate preparation program at least six months in advance.

**RCIA** - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Process for adults interested in preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please contact Ed Emmenegger at 238-3471, ext. 119.

**Homebound** - Call Ed Emmenegger at 238-3471, ext. 119 to arrange for Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

**Parish Membership** - Please contact the parish office for information on becoming a member.

**Administration** - Please see next weeks bulletin for the December 20th envelopes and offertory giving amounts.

## Parish Staff

Fr. Patrick Norris, O.P. - Pastor..... ext. 117  
Fr. Ron Kreul, O.P. - Parochial Vicar ..... ext. 127  
Ed Emmenegger - Pastoral Associate ..... ext. 119  
Maryann Slater - School Principal..... ext. 115  
Kitty Maas - Director of Music and Liturgy ..... ext. 138  
Sr. Therese Rekowski, SSND - Director of Rel. Ed..... ext. 118  
Melanie Ahern - Coordinator of Youth Formation ..... ext. 116  
Andy Robertson - Maintenance Director ..... ext. 145  
Mindy Wendt - Pastoral Administrative Assistant ..... ext. 110  
Brad Klingele - Young Adult Minister ..... ext. 124  
Diane Jones - Bookkeeper ..... ext. 120  
Sue Nolan - Liturgy/Religious Ed/YM Assistant..... ext. 143

## Contacts

Parish Office ..... (608) 238-3471  
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Priory ..... (608) 238-3472

## Soldiers Prayer List

Jason Nichols & Joshua Nichols - Family friends of the John McDermott family, serving in Iraq.

Cory Wendt - Nephew of Mindy Wendt, serving in Iraq for a second time.

Micah Lillegard - Family friend of the Slater family, serving in Iraq.

Kyle Cumbier - Family friend of the Rita Harrington family, serving in Iraq for a second time.

Please keep them and all people affected by war in your prayers.