

*My soul*  
**REJOICES**  
*in my God.*

**Dear Parish Family,**

One of the best parts of Christmas is spending quality time with family and friends. In all the busyness of the season, please do not let the season pass without making time for the special people in your lives.

Advent and Christmas are wonderful seasons to celebrate the important people and relationships in our lives. Our annual Christmas party today is one way we as a parish celebrate each other and our parish family.

If you have not turned in your *Legacy for Our Mission* capital campaign card yet, please do so as soon as possible. The total we announced at Mass today is the total to date. For us to meet our campaign goals, we will need the participation of the entire parish. Thanks again to all who have worked on the campaign and all who have turned in their campaign cards.

Finally, this Wednesday the **Adventuresome Group** will **celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by their annual Christmas luncheon and party.** We want to invite and encourage our seniors to attend. Please see the bulletin for more information regarding the festivities.

For your convenience on **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> I will be hearing confessions after the 5:30 pm Mass until 7pm.**

Have a great week.

fr. bob

**ATTENTION ALL EXPECTANT PARENTS** – There will be a special blessing for all expectant parents at Masses on the weekend of December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH**  
**(Eighth grade through twelfth grade)**

CONFIRMATION

Session 5, originally scheduled for 12/11/05 will not be held. New date will be announced later.

**Youth Choir will practice in Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 7pm until 8:30pm in church. Please join us and bring a friend.**

**GIVING TREES**

If you did not bring your gift to Mass this weekend, please drop it at the parish center sometime on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Members of Saint Vincent de Paul society will sort the gifts on that evening, and will need to try to supplement for any gifts that have not been returned.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Please join the RCIA class at their annual Christmas and Caroling Party on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Center. We begin the evening caroling around the neighborhood. It is a fun filled evening. Bring a covered

dish to share, a flashlight for caroling and dress warm! If you have any questions contact Lisa at the Parish Center.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 12 – DEC 18, 2005**

- 12 Dec Monday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Intentions of Bud and Dorothy Moody by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
- 13 Dec Tuesday –**  
8:30 am Aunt Mary Schluttenhofer by Brian Schluttenhoffer  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 14 Dec Wednesday –**  
11:00 am Adventurousome Group Mass - Rosie Clegg by Leona Marlett  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 15 Dec Thursday –**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
1:30 pm **Greentree:** Mildred Gilliland by The Family  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 16 Dec Friday**  
8:30 am Communion Service
- 17 Dec Saturday**  
8:30 am Deceased members of the Hagerty Family by Dottie Spalding  
5:00 pm **Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Helen Land by Dorothy Land
- 18 Dec Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:30 am Larry Wisthoff by Ruth Wisthoff  
10:30 am Deceased Memebers of the Bauman & Clifford Families by Ruth Clifford  
6:00 pm For the People

**THE WEEK AHEAD**  
**IN OUR PARISH**

**Dec 12 – Dec 18, 2005**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Monday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	9:30 am	Mission Sewing-
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Church & St Patrick	11:00 am	Adventurousome Group Christmas Mass & Party
	St. Therese & Holy Family	6:30 pm	PTO Board
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
	Duffy Hall	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	St Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	Church	7:00 pm	School Christmas Play
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Scout Room	3 - 5 pm	Girl Scouts
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
	Duffy Hall	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Middle School Dance
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Mens' Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	St. Therese	8:30 am	Nursery up to 4 years
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts
	St Therese	7:15 pm - 9:00 pm	Bereavement Support Group

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**The Adventurousome Group Christmas Party  
Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

We will begin with Mass at 11 am followed by lunch and festivities in the Parish Center. Please bring a "White Elephant" gift to exchange. RSVP to the Parish Center so we will know how much food to prepare.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE  
YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,400.00
Collection of December 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$	13,933.25
Electronic Contribution 11/29 to 12/5	\$	1,877.50
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	308,200.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	306,456.69
Year to Date	\$	-1,743.31

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Home Improvement Fund**

September Contributions	\$	1,997.00
October Contributions	\$	1,692.25
November Contributions	\$	1,493.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,082.00

**Capital Campaign News**

Pledge cards were mailed to all who have not yet returned theirs. Please return them as soon as possible.



**Parents on the RISE**

Even with two small children at home, Tricia Allstatt does it all for Little Flower. She is a room parent, coordinates food for teacher days, is always here for recess duty, serves on the PTO, and does Children's Liturgy on Sundays. Tricia and Eric have been leaders in using SCRIP as well. We all have a million things to do at home, and there are always a million things to be done at Little Flower. Tricia somehow gets it all done. Thank you, Tricia, for all that you do.

**Wednesday, December 14**  
Combo class to Noble Center

**Thursday, December 15**

Christmas program, grades 1-5 at 7:00 pm in the church

**Monday, December 19**

Band to State Museum to perform as part of Holiday Sounds Program

Teacher web pages should once again be back up and current. Thank you to John Eastes and Karen Wagner for their hard work in solving the problems.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve-Saturday, December 24 - 3:30 PM,  
5:30 PM, and 10:00 PM.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 - 9:00 AM  
**NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Regular Weekend Schedule

Anticipation Mass-Saturday, December 31-5:00PM  
Sunday, January 1-8:30AM, 10:30AM and 6:00PM

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 7 - 5:00PM  
Sunday, January 8- 8:30 AM, 10:30AM and 6:00PM

**PARISH CENTER SCHEDULE**

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 23, MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 31 AND MONDAY JANUARY 2.



**HELP  
Needed**

We need volunteers to help decorate the Church for Christmas. Join us Thursday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. A light supper will be provided in the parish center.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS**



**Readings for this, the Third Sunday of Advent**

1 <sup>st</sup> reading	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel	John 1:6-8; 19-28

The third week of Advent is a transition week because now the readings focus more on Jesus' first coming. As we move through Advent, more lights appear on the Advent wreath - a sign to each one of us that in this little child Jesus, God did become human and ultimately the light of the world. God wants to have a relationship with each one of us. This is a good week to examine where God is in our life.

**Questions to ponder**

How important is prayer in your life?  
How is God a part of your daily life? Are there other ways you might include God in your daily life?

**Readings for next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

1 <sup>st</sup> reading	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
2 <sup>nd</sup> reading	Romans 16:25-27
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38

