



Monday, December 21, 2009

- 7:00 Joan Behnen +
- 11:00 Rita Marie Fuller +

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

- 7:00 All Souls Remembrance
- 11:00 Norma Murphy +
- 5:30 Martha Ut Thi Nguyen +

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

- 7:00 Redemptorist Foundation
- 11:00 Rosemarie Hickey +

Thursday, December 24, 2009

- 4:00 No Intention
- 6:00 No Intention
- Midnight No Intention

Friday, December 25, 2009

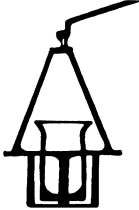
- 8:00 No Intention
- 10:00 No Intention

Saturday, December 26, 2009

- 8:00 Mary Ellen Beck +
- 5:00 Bob Kilker +

Sunday, December 27, 2009

- 7:30 People of the Parish
- 9:30 Living & Deceased J R Browne Family
- 11:30 John Heiman +
- 5:00 Consuelo Ayala + & Larry Brummet +



The Sanctuary Candle

Is lit in memory of

Sean Fitzgerald +

Baptisms

Please contact a priest at least one month prior to baptism. Call the rectory for class times. 816.561.3771.

Marriages

Please contact a priest at least nine months prior to anticipated wedding date.

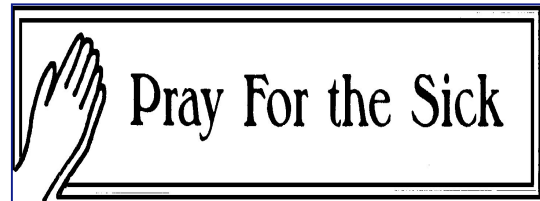
Registration

If you are not currently registered and wish to join Redemptorist Parish, we invite you to register in the Rectory.

Bulletin

Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted to the parish secretary in writing or you can e-mail: Eileen@redemptoristparishkc.org

Redemptorist Chapel Masses



Bob Shirkey, Sr. Mary Joseph Bregin, Isabella Weaver, Susan Smith Vandergriff, Florence Heskitt, David Harsh, Paddi Browne Sullivan, Gloria Pizzichino, Tom Ryan, Frankie Janacaro, Evangelina Arana, Marie Wadley, Denise Heckman, Mark Lally, Helen Lombardo, Mary Jane Koehler, Margaret Armendariz, Sean Higgenbothom, Dominic Palacio, David Johnson, Lisa Saint, Lorraine Birmingham, Thomas McGee, Bob Weber, Dr. Suzanne Corrigan, Esther McMurray, Shirley Aube, George Armendariz, Rosemary Barr, Lawna Barr, John Molicoat, Elizabeth Medina, Carlos Ruiz, Roberto Ruiz, Damian Rodriguez-Bargas, & Louis Villegas

Please notify the parish office at 816.561.3771 when loved ones have returned from military duty and/or recovered from an illness so we may recognize the event with joy and thanksgiving.



Please pray for all the brave, young men and women serving in the Armed Forces

Frank Cabrera, Steve Galli, Richard Herrera, Brian Jansen, Corey Johnson, Michael Kissinger, Jerry Murphy, Andrew Quintero, Jimmy Stanley, Bryan Swenson, Edgar Tobias, Ben T Edwards, Mark Ludwig, Louis Villegas, Tony & Mary Pittala, & Anthony Basurto

Pastor's Comments

Dear Parishioners,

There is an old saying that I like a lot and it goes like this, "for those who do not have faith no explanation is possible, for those that do have faith no explanation is necessary." I have used that saying many times in my life. I have had people come to me, and say no matter what I say to this person about a part of our belief in God or what the Catholic Church might say about something, I just can't get this person to agree with me. Well, chances are this person does not have faith. There probably isn't more that you can say and you will save yourself a lot of antacids if you don't even try.

There is no logical way to explain the fact that Mary got pregnant by the Holy Spirit and not by a man. No matter how hard you try to explain this to someone logically, if the person does not believe in God your words will not bare any fruit. Either you have faith or you don't. If someone does not believe you about your faith, rather than be mad be sad. It is sad to think of a person going through life without God.

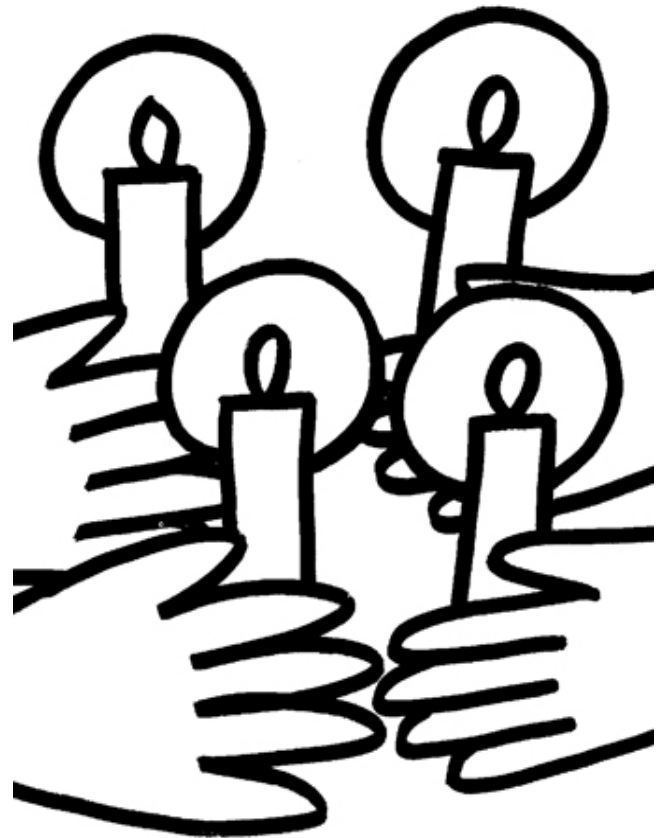
Our readings today are about having faith. Micah is imploring the people to change their ways or God is going to punish them, but he also promises the Messiah is going to come. Do the people believe him? The Israelites eventually become enslaved and it is only their faith in the coming Messiah that keeps them going. In the gospel, both Elizabeth and Mary have tremendous faith. They let go of reality for awhile and put all of their trust and confidence in God. Elizabeth is way past the age of being a mother. In our age we might say she is about 60. There is no way she could be pregnant. Mary becomes pregnant through the grace of God. Is this possible? No relations with a man and yet she is pregnant. There is no way that you could logically try to explain this to someone who does not believe. I certainly thank God for my faith. We should thank God everyday for it. I do not believe we are entitled to it. It is a gift from God, and it shouldn't just be swept under the rug.

It is really nice to see that God doesn't just make promises, he keeps them. It took awhile, but the Messiah eventually came. Every year we have another opportunity to welcome the Babe into our

world; every year we are reminded that the Son of God did take on human flesh. It is a wonderful time of year because we become more fully alive. The coming of Jesus again at Christmas does something to people. It changes them. It makes us more alert to others. We are willing to stay up until early morning coming from Midnight Mass. Any other time it wouldn't make sense. We come together as family and enjoy one another's company. With faith all things are possible.

I want to thank all involved in helping to put our Icon Mission together. It was small in number, but all who attended it were filled with much love for Mary. I especially want to thank the Altar and Rosary Society. Time and again recently I have called upon them to help me out with a project and they have always done a good job. They are one group I can rely on and I am looking for others to join in. This is one group that is alive and active at Redemptorist. We could use others.

Have a great week,
Fr. Steve



Parish News

In this Year of The Priest the St Alphonsus Statue will be taken home this weekend with Maria Basurto at the 9:30am Mass.



This month we highlight the life of **Fr. Jack Willett**

Please check out the bulletin board and the pictures in the room by the coffee and donuts. When you see Father Willett, be sure to Thank him for his priesthood. Pray for all Priests

Dec. Budget (per week) \$16,670.71
That is per month total of \$66,682.82
December 14, 2009

Budgeted	\$33,341.42
Collected	\$24,365.29

Year to Date:

Budget	\$266,106.04
Collected	\$262,813.07

Sunday December 14, 2009

Last weeks collection:

Weekly Envelopes	\$8,517.77
Weekly Plate	\$3,911.56

Total: \$12,429.33

Religious Retirement	\$1,739.00
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Christmas Decorating Schedule:

We need many helping hands to assist us in making our Church beautiful for the Christmas Season.

Call April at 816.305.4440

Sunday, December 20 at 6:30—9pm.

Monday, December 21 at 3—6pm

Tuesday, December 22 at 1:00 pm

We look forward to your generous help.

Altar Rosary Society

The ARS gratefully acknowledges the beautiful voices of our choir who serenaded us at our annual Christmas Party this last Sunday. We encourage more men and young people to join the ARS, our membership is growing. The work we do for our church is rewarding as is the companionship of members.

Merry Christmas to all parishioners.

In Memory of:

Bernard Collins, Eternal rest grant unto him Oh Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him.

Christmas Schedule—Please Note:

- **4pm Mass—Christmas Cantata (begins 3:15)**
- **6pm Mass—Small Adult Choir**
- **Spencer Huston pianist**
- **Midnight Mass—Full Choir with Chamber Orchestra (begins 11:15)**
- **Christmas Day 8:00am Mass—Cantor**
- **10:00 am Mass— Small Adult Choir**

New Year Schedule:

5:00 pm Mass—New Year's Eve Mass

8:00 am—10:00 am—New Year's Day Masses

Advent Series

On the **Monday** evenings during **Advent**, Fr. Terry McCloskey will be offering a series of reflections and discussion on the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke. **7:00 pm in the Banquet Hall.** Last Session Monday, December 21.

Rectory Office Christmas Schedule

The rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24th at noon. The office will be closed the full day of Friday, December 25th

New Year Schedule:

The rectory office will be closed on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1st.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE WELCOME—Parishioners who moved far away but join us at Christmas! And we welcome all our loyal and true members whose faithful love and support sustains us. We welcome too, all travelers, visitors and old friends among us. May our gatherings these days gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are, after all, one people of God who have been redeemed By— **THE LIGHT OF CHRIST!**

Boy Scouts "Breakfast with Santa" & Bake Sale

A fundraiser for the Boy Scouts, **December, 20, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Banquet Hall.** Breakfast is Adults \$5 and Children \$4. Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit cup, juice and Coffee.

CORRECTION:

Our Christmas card has incorrect times for the Christmas/New Year schedule. Please refer to the Schedule at the top of this page for the correct times for Masses.

Redemptorist Center News

Redemptorist Social Services Center
"Preventing a temporary crisis from becoming a permanent tragedy"

FOOD FOOD EVERYWHERE

Just when you think it can't get any better, the girls of Notre Dame de Sion High School prove you wrong! Every year in November they do a food drive for the Center that is a tremendous help with our holiday distribution. Last year's all time collection of 9 tons took us well into the summer! The students really went all out this year and collected 17 ¼ tons of food!!! The Center thanks Fran Koehler, Dean of Students, for coordinating the food drive, and to all of the Sion students who worked so hard to help us feed the hungry. With the escalating number of individuals and families in need of food, this donation couldn't have come at a better time. For the first time in a long time our pantry shelves are filled and we thank the girls of Notre Dame de Sion for making it happen!

A very huge thanks goes to the muscles and strong backs of the people who helped deliver, unload, sort and box 17 tons of food! Sion's maintenance men were a tremendous help and said they didn't know this was in their job description! The Center's indispensable right hand man, John Smith and his crew of mighty helpers-Mel Metzinger, John Behr and Jim Orth- picked up and unloaded food, and worked two weeks just on sorting and boxing! You are the greatest and we couldn't have done it without you!

Tax-Free IRA Gifts Allowed Only until December 31, 2009

Did you know that federal law still allows tax-free charitable distributions from your IRA? Charitable taxpayers who are 70 and 1/2 or older can direct "qualified charitable distributions" from their fund administrator directly to the charities of their choice, including one's own Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Our Lady of the Angels School, or The Redemptorist Social Service Center.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Thank you to all 645 of you who participated in the parish council election. Special thanks to all candidates who ran for the election. The new members are: Pat McDonald and Betty Szafranski. Congratulations and welcome to the Council.

What's New With Our Seniors?

Regular Weekly Events

Quilters - The Quilters Group meets every Monday at 10:00am in the Senior Center.

Computer Lab - The Computer Lab is open on Mondays and Tuesday starting at 1:00pm.

Pokeno - Do you like to play Pokeno? Join us every Thursday at 11:00am in the Senior Center. A hot lunch is provided at 12 noon. Free of charge.

Bingo - Bingo Players meet every Thursday at 1:00pm.

Upcoming Outings on Wednesdays

Wednesday, December 30 Laura Pieper has a collection of almost 2000 Santa dolls which she displays in her Overland Park home. Laura has invited us to visit the display. Reservations a must .Call Br John at 816.931.9942 We will have lunch at Ryan's Buffet at 75th and Nieman Street.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010

Tuesday, January 5 We will view the Plaza Christmas lights from our good friend John Gordon's office. Refreshments will be served. Bus leaves the Center at 4:30pm. Reservations are needed for this event.

Wednesday, January 13 We will visit the Nelson - Atkins Museum of Art. The bus will leave the Center at 10:30am. Please sign up for this event in our event calendar booklet located at the Center, this is FREE! Lunch at a local restaurant.

Wednesday, January 27 Shopping at Wal-Mart. We will leave the Center at 10:30 am. Reservations are needed—please sign up in the reservation book.

Wednesday, February 17 New Theatre Restaurant for the performance of "**Cactus Flower**" starring Loretta Swift from the hit television show M*A*S*H. Tickets on sale NOW \$30 each. Only fifteen (15) tickets available for this performance. Please contact Brother John at the Redemptorist Senior Center 816.931.9942

Please Note: When it snows and the Public Schools are closed, The Redemptorist Senior Center will also be closed. We will also be closed IF we experience icy roads, very cold temperatures and dangerous wind chills.

Welcome New Parishioner:

Scott Kingwill, and Thomas A McDonald

Facility Calendar of Events

December/January 2010

In the Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 12:30 Baptism	21 7-9p Choir	22 5:30 Mass/ Novena	23	24 Masses: 4:00 pm 6:00 pm Midnight	25 Masses: 8:00 am 10:00 am	26
27 12:30p Baptism	28	29 5:30 Mass/ Novena	30 6:30p Rehearsal	31 Mass: 5:30pm 7p Wedding	1 Masses: 8:00am 10:00 am	2

December/January 2010

In the Hall/Gym

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 7-2pm Boy Scouts Break- fast with Santa	21 4-7p CR BB 7p Advent Se- ries	22 4-7p CR BB 7p CCD 7p RCIA	23 5:30-7p OLA BB 6:p Boy Scouts 7-10p Gym	24 4-7p CR BB	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 8-12p CR BB
27	28 4-7p CR BB	29 4-7p CR BB 7p CCD	30 4-7p CR BB 6:p Boy Scouts 7-10p Gym	31 4-7p CR BB	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2

December/January 2010

In the Senior Center

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 8:30a AA Meeting 4-6:30p Lay Dominicans	21 5:30p AA Meeting	22 7p K of C	23	24 5:30p AA Meeting	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27 8:30a AA Meeting	28 5:30p AA Meeting	29	30	31 5:30p AA Meeting	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 9-12p MI

CONNECT!

Uniting Word & World.....

In the Gospel, Elizabeth describes the child in her womb as leaping for joy. When is the last time you had such a moment in your life? Was it a new job? A new love? A winning lottery ticket? A new child? Leaping for joy is an apt expression to describe the uplifting experience that comes from unexpected good fortune. But God's blessing is not luck. It is the fulfillment of the promise made to His people to be with them. The Child, whose birth we will celebrate in a few days, came to dwell among us taking on every aspect of our humanity, save sin, so that we might come to share in divine life. The birth of Jesus is nothing less than our own divinization, the promise that God's life is ours, and can never be taken from us. Now that's something worth leaping about.

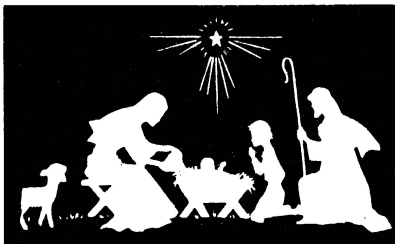
Other Opportunities for Growth

Solemnity of Mary Mass

Please join St Therese Church for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass, January 1, 5814 Euclid, Kansas City, at 10:00am. This Mass restores the St Therese tradition of using the First Mass of the New Year to honor Kansas City Police Officers who died in the line of duty. Please contact Father Ernie Davis, 816.444.5406 for further information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His Son to redeem us. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in MO. is February 12-14, 2010 in Branson MO. Registration is recommended. For information visit our website at: <http://wwme4youandme.org/> or contact Shawn & Stephanie Souders at 816.903.1988.



Liturgical Roles

12-19/20	Lectors	E. Ministers
5:00pm	Mary Finn Kendra Brigham	Rachel Avila Susan & David Vandergriff Rosemary Kilker
7:30am	Tim Cook Leon Sequeria	Br John Matthys David & Rebekah Perron Glenda McDaniel
9:30am	Betty Szafranski Linnea Williams	Amy Basurto Neal Volz Yolanda Quintero John Lopez Jane Mathews Kristi Bauer
11:30am	Denise Briones Michelle Paynter	Richard Aguilar Tom Brunahan Cynthia Clark Campbell John Rayos
5:00pm	Dan Shea Regina Polok	Nichole Jansen Virgil Burke Kathleen Fenton Mark Reichle

12-26/27	Lectors	E. Ministers
5:00pm	Sara Meis Sara Mosbacher	Sr. Vickie Perkins Pat Larison Carol & Debbie Capra
7:30am	Sherry Burns Mel Metzinger	Eileen Franke Sharon Florez Br Charles Long Evelyn Acosta
9:30am	Kristi Bauer Jim Bair	Elizabeth Brown Carl & Judy Brenneman Teresa Bohon Betty Szafranski Monica Polacio
11:30am	Pat McDonald Jeff Kaylor	Lori O'Brien Richard Aguilar Jean Stoverink John Rayos
5:00pm	Nicki Salido Kathleen Fenton	Susan McDaniel Kelly Schwalbe Nancy Miller Nichole Jansen