

St. Ambrose Parish

DECEMBER 20, 2009
BEEHIVE

Teach the Children the Real Meaning of Christmas

Late one Christmas Eve, I sank back, tired but content, into my easy chair. The kids were in bed, the gifts were wrapped, the milk and cookies waited by the fireplace for Santa. As I sat back admiring the tree with its decorations, I couldn't help feeling that something important was missing. It wasn't long before the tiny twinkling tree lights lulled me to sleep.

I don't know how long I slept, but all of a sudden I knew that I wasn't alone. I opened my eyes, and you can imagine my surprise when I saw Santa Claus himself standing next to my Christmas tree. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot just as the poem described him, but he was not the "jolly old elf" of Christmas legend. The man who stood before me looked sad and disappointed, and there were tears in his eyes.

"Santa, what's wrong?" I asked, "Why are you crying?" "It's the children," Santa replied sadly. "But Santa, the children love you," I said. "Oh, I know they love me, and they love the gifts I bring them," Santa said, "but the children of today seem to have somehow missed out on the true spirit of Christmas. It's not their fault. It's just that the adults, many of them not having been taught themselves, have forgotten to teach the children." "Teach them what?" I asked.

Santa's kind old face became soft, more gentle. His eyes began to shine with something more than tears. He spoke softly. "Teach the children the true meaning of Christmas.



Teach them that the part of Christmas we can see, hear, and touch is much more than meets the eye. Teach them the symbolism behind the customs and traditions of Christmas which we now observe. Teach them what it is they truly represent."

Santa reached into his bag and pulled out a tiny fir tree and set it on my mantle. "Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree, which remains green all year round, depicts the everlasting hope of mankind. Its needles point heavenward as a reminder that mankind's thoughts should turn heavenward as well."

Santa reached into his bag again and pulled out a shiny star and placed it at the top of the small tree. "The star was the heavenly sign of promise. God promised a Savior for the world and the star was the sign of the fulfillment of that promise on the night that Jesus Christ was born. Teach the children that God always fulfills His promises, and that wise men still seek Him."

Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a bell. "Teach the children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of a bell, it should bring people to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return."

Santa placed a candle on the mantle and lit it. The soft glow from its one tiny flame brightened the room. "The glow of the candle represents how people can show their

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thanks for the gift of God's son that Christmas Eve long ago. Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness. Teach the children to follow in Christ's footsteps...to go about doing good. Teach them to let their light so shine before people that all may see it and glorify God. This is what is symbolized when the twinkle lights shine on the tree like hundreds of bright, shining candles, each of them representing one of God's precious children, their light shining for all to see."

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a candy cane and hung it on the tree. "Teach the children that the candy cane represents the shepherd's crook. The crook on the shepherd's staff helps bring back strayed sheep from the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper."

Santa brought out a beautiful wreath made of fresh, fragrant greenery tied with a bright red bow. "Teach the children that the wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection.

He reached in again and pulled out a holly leaf. Teach the children the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly berries represent blood shed by Him.

He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. Teach the children that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace and good will.'

Next he pulled out a gift from the bag and said, "Teach the children that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. Teach the children that the wise men bowed before the holy babe and presented Him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We should give gifts in the same spirit as the wise men."

Santa looked at all these things and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the children the true meaning of Christmas, and not to put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One who is, and I bow down and worship Him, our Lord, our God."

(Author Unknown)



A Prayerful Study and Reflection on the Gospel of Saint Luke

Scripture is God's unique revelation. When we open the Gospel of Luke, we open our hearts to a dialogue with God. Plan to join us on the following Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 11:00 in the ARK:

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| January 10 | Introduction to Cycle C, the Gospel of Luke |
| January 17 | Luke: A Writer Unparalleled |
| January 24 | Luke: A Distinctive Sunday Lectionary Profile |
| January 31 | The Parables of Luke |
| February 7 | Food in the Gospel of Luke |
| February 14 | The Eucharist in Luke's Gospel |

Pregnancy Aid Giving Tree

We welcome again our annual Pregnancy Aid Giving Tree in the back of church. This Giving Tree outreach program benefits the local Pregnancy Aid Society. Take a snowflake from the tree as a pledge, reminder, and gift tag to bring back with a present for a newborn at Christmas mass.

The Pregnancy Aid Society has a new wish list for this year. Some past favorites are no longer needed, but many new requests have taken their place. Current needs include: Baby clothing (0-6 mos.), sleepers, blankets, bibs, undershirts (especially one-piece snap-style), bath accessories, baby toiletries, diapers, wipes, strollers, breast-feeding accessories and informative support books, "You and Your Baby" type support books, new or gently used "Pack 'n Plays", and Pack 'n Play-sized crib sheets. Note: Please do not bring full-sized crib sheets!

The major collection of these items takes place at our Christmas Eve Children's liturgy, but gifts may be brought in as early as this weekend, or at any of our Christmas masses.

Items brought in at Christmastime are part of an inventory from which Pregnancy Aid draws all year long. There are few better ways to give a birthday present to Jesus than through this Pregnancy Aid project.

New Year's Eve Overnight Retreat

Ring in the New Year at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center! A holy, spirit-filled, overnight retreat of prayer, reflection and celebration can help you and your spouse begin 2010 with a heart full of thanks for the past and hope for what is ahead.

Call Marcia Guerra at (313) 535-9563 ext. 202 to make your reservation. The Retreat Center is located on Schoolcraft Road just off I-96.

All Things Considered

Advent is drawing to a close: Christmas is near. The liturgy today focuses on the Virgin Mary, whose free acceptance of God's will for her prepared the way for the Messiah.

On this Sunday, so close to Christmas, we focus on Mary. Isn't it remarkable that God allowed his plan for the salvation of his people to depend on the decision of a young person?

And this week, we'll be focusing in on the youngsters of the parish. There's a very popular Christmas program in the ARK today that brings out the talents of our first grade students.

Then, there is the Children's Liturgy on Christmas Eve, which will produce more children than anyone could ever imagine. At that liturgy, the children of our parish will help us see the miracle of Christ's birth with fresh eyes.

"Whatever else be lost among the years, Let us keep Christmas still a shining thing: Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears, Let us hold close one day, remembering Its poignant meaning for the hearts of men. Let us get back our child-like faith again". – Grace Noll Crowell.

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Please take a reflective moment between now and the end of the year to review the amount of financial support you have given our parish over the past twelve months. Like most churches and nonprofit agencies, St. Ambrose depends upon a sizeable portion of revenue coming in during the month of December.

Many parishioners deliberately wait until year's end to assess their financial position and then use Christmas as a special time to make a gift to the church in order to lessen their federal and state income taxes. Others use this

end-of-year time to make up for contributions that were missed in past months.

An additional incentive for making a special gift to the parish at year-end is a bonus – whatever is collected and marked as "Christmas" is exempt from the normal Archdiocesan assessment. This means that your Christmas gift is worth 6% more to us. Every dollar is applied to our operating budget.

Note that we keep the financial books for 2009 open only until New Year's Eve. All gifts made and dated by that time are tax deductible for this year.

Statements for envelope revenue generally are mailed by our office by the end of January. Statements for the St. Ambrose building campaign, the ARC, also come from our office. Statements for the Catholic Services Appeal, come from the Archdiocese directly, so you will not find it in the documentation you will receive from us.

These are difficult and challenging times for us all. So I want you to know that I am particularly grateful to those who sacrifice for the parish not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. There is no St. Ambrose Parish without you.

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Attendance at our weekend liturgies has been running high for the past few weeks now. That leads me to predict that our normally crowded holiday masses will be even more so this year. The one liturgy that needs your cooperation the most is the Christmas Eve 4:00 Children's Mass.

Now, I know that this is prime time for families with children as well as seniors. Unfortunately, it's difficult to find room for everyone who wants to be there at 4:00. So, I ask that if you are not bringing young children with you, that you please try to shift your mass attendance time to one of the other

Christmas liturgies. There are three other choices: Midnight and 8:30 and 11:15 on Christmas Day.

Remember the three cardinal rules for attendance at our 4:00 Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy:

1. You must bring a child. (*Size small preferred.*)

2. You should bring a bell to ring. (*All kinds of bells are good. You can download an app on your iPhone for that ... when you shake the phone it jingles like a sleigh bell.*)

3. You should bring a gift for the Pregnancy Aid Society. (*Think practical here. Everything you donate will be used by a newborn who will come into our neighborhood during the new year. Many of these babies will be born into single parent homes and/or into dire poverty. Let them know that we welcome their new life with the same joy that we welcomed the birth of the Lord himself.*)

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Barely three years after becoming an auxiliary bishop of Detroit at age 45, **BISHOP DANIEL FLORES** is

headed home to Texas' border country. This past week, the Holy Father named him as the bishop of Brownsville – the Rio Grande Valley Church that's nearly tripled in size since 1980 (and doubled since 1990), its Catholic population now standing just short of a million.

That makes Bishop Flores the second youngest bishop in the U.S. to lead a diocese. And Brownsville's Catholic population is also young – half under age 25.

Ordained a priest in 1988, Bishop Flores became the first Hispanic prelate ever to serve in Detroit. While here, he helped establish the Office of Hispanic Catholics. You may remember that he visited St. Ambrose two



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years ago for our confirmation liturgy.

With this move, that leaves **ARCHBISHOP VIGNERON** with just one auxiliary bishop, **BISHOP FRANK REISS**. In recent years, a number of Detroit priests/auxiliary bishops have been given a diocese of their own, including some names you will remember: **ALEX BRUNETT** (Seattle), **JOHN NIENSTEDT** (St. Paul and Minneapolis), **LEONARD BLAIR** (Toledo), **WALTER HURLEY** (Grand Rapids), **EARL BOYEA** (Lansing), **DALE MELCZEK** (Gary), **JOHN QUINN** (Winona) and **ARCHBISHOP VIGNERON** himself.

It demonstrates the depth of talent that can be found in the Detroit presbyterate. That's quite a "farm club" we've got going here!



If you or someone you know is unemployed, then you'll want to attend the Eastside Transition Center which meets here in the ARK this Monday morning at 7:30. Just before Christmas, the topic, appropriately enough, is a hopeful one: "Success Stories". Our director, **SARAH SHARP** has seven people coming in to talk about their experiences of looking for and finding a job in this market. There will be a panel discussion and an opportunity for casual conversation and networking too. Coming will be **DAN O'CONNELL**, director of Operations for Goodman Networks; **DAN ROMA**, CFO of National Coney Island; **ROGER HULL**, Manager of Major Donors for WRCJ; **JIM LeBLANC**, Associate Engineer for DTE; **TERRY COLLINS**, Manager/Supplier Quality for Remington Arms; **BRIAN SHARP** of the Grosse Pointe Schools and **DAVID JACKSON**, Executive Sales Manager at Siemens.

There will be a panel discussion and an opportunity for more casual conversation and networking. While the official meeting ends at 8:30 A.M., many in the group hang around a little longer. Wouldn't it be great if all those who are unemployed or underemployed got the gift of a job this holiday!

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Health Care Reform



plans that include abortion."

As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U.S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case for genuine health care reform that will protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

- On November 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed major health care reform that reaffirms the essential, longstanding and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortion coverage.

- On November 19 the Senate introduced the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" which does **not** reflect current longstanding federal policies which reject abortion funding and mandates and support conscience protection in health care. It is critical that the Senate adopt the Nelson-Hatch-Casey Amendment to ensure that Americans are not forced to pay for the destruction of unborn children as part of needed health care reform.

- The Senate must address other essential moral priorities: protecting conscience rights; making health coverage more affordable and accessible for those in need; and ensuring that immigrants do not lose or will not be denied health care coverage needed for the good of their families and the health of society.

ACTION: Contact Senate and House Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- **To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to www.usccb.org/action.**
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call **SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW** at 313-961-4330, or send an email to her at senator@stabenow.senate.gov. And also call **SENATOR CARL LEVIN** at 313-961-4330 or an email to him at senator@levin.senate.gov.

MESSAGE—SENATE: "Please support the Nelson-Hatch-Casey Amendment to uphold longstanding policies against abortion funding, and please protect conscience rights in health care reform. Health care must be made more affordable and accessible to those in need, and immigrants must not lose or be denied health care coverage."

MESSAGE—HOUSE: "I am pleased that the House-passed health care reform bill maintains the longstanding policy against federal funding of abortion. Please work to ensure that this essential provision is included in any final bill sent to the President."

WHEN: The Senate schedule is uncertain. **Act today! Thank you!**

Cardinal George concluded: "While we deplore the Senate's refusal to adopt the Nelson-Hatch-Casey amendment, we remain hopeful that the protections overwhelmingly passed by the House will be incorporated into needed reform legislation. Failure to exclude abortion funding will turn allies into adversaries and require us and others to oppose this bill because it abandons both principle and precedent."

For more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' position on authentic health care reform, visit: www.usccb.org/healthcare.

The Buzz

My special prayer this week is that the joy and peace of the Lord's coming and presence will be with you and yours at Christmas. And may you get everything you want, and may the Spirit make you want everything you truly need!



Speaking of Christmas, what do you really know about the story of the birth of Jesus? A fun yet very enriching spiritual exercise for **adults only** at this time of year is to pause from the hectic season for a moment or two and relax with the Bible. The person embarking on this exercise is required to do two things: one is to make sure that your faith is firm and secure, and the other is to approach the reading of the stories with such attention to detail as though you have never heard them before.

Now, a repeat of the caution: this is only for you if you want something deeper and more challenging/demanding from the story than what cute crèche scenes have to offer. And don't get me wrong – I like stables with statues and all the warm feelings and memories that go along with them. (Although, for many years I have been searching unsuccessfully for a crèche where the main characters look more Semitic than Nordic!)

OK, you've been cautioned. If prepared, read on. If your prayer and enjoyment of the season would be upset, stop here, jump past the rest of this segment, and continue on to the rest of today's *BUZZ*.

The exercise is this: find the stories about the birth of Jesus in each of the Gospels of the Bible. (If exploring the Scriptures is new to you, relax and enjoy the discoveries you will make very quickly.) Next, place fingers or bookmarks at the beginning of each of these stories. If you are doing this with one or more other people, you can assign individuals or teams to represent each Gospel's story.

Then start. Compare the stories detail by detail, character by character, action by action, dialogue by dialogue. Notice what's there and what isn't there in each. See patterns; find emphases. Be challenged; grow deeper in the Lord's life. (Call me at 822-1248 if you get stuck or upset.)

The Christmas story from our childhood is wonderful. The adult Christmas stories from Scripture are crucial. It's great to have the gift of them all. Thank you, Emmanuel!



Winter officially begins tomorrow, Monday afternoon the 21st, at 12:47 pm EST. Not that December hasn't been warning us of its approach after a seemingly mild November! It's sort of like Advent and the coming of Christ at Christmas: we already experience His presence, and the Jesus of Christmas (or even the One we meet at our death or the end of the world) is not disconnected from the One we have already met. That's why every day has both some Advent and Christmas in it. He is here; yet He always still is coming to us. And in communion with Emmanuel, we have to keep on bringing His warmth to a very chilly world. That's our best gift to others at this season or any other.



If you or someone you know is looking for the gift of faith, or has just begun to receive it and wants to grow and develop it (even return to it) . . . the R.C.I.A. process at St. Ambrose may just be what you're shopping for this season. There are no strings nor fees attached to this easygoing and personally tailored opportunity. It is never too early or late in life to check this out if the Lord has caught your attention and interest in some way. Call me anytime at 313-822-1248 for more no-obligation information.

Wesołych Świąt, Bożego Narodzenia i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku,
Chuck Dropiewski

Marcellina's Book Club



In Angel Time, Anne Rice returns to the mesmerizing storytelling that has captivated readers for more than three decades in a tale of unceasing suspense set in time past – a

metaphysical thriller about angels and assassins. Angelically inspiring. Devilishly clever.

Our book club will meet Wednesday, January 13, 2010 in the ARK. The discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the St. Ambrose Catholic Community Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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Sacramental Celebrations

Masses: The Lord's Day –

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Baptism: Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.

Penance: As announced and by appointment.

Marriage: Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.

Funeral: Normally celebrated within one week of the deceased's passing.

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Feast of the Holy Family December 26th and December 27th

4:00 p.m. - Saturday - Celebrant: Fr. Wurm **Lector:** Laura Zajac
Eucharistic Ministers: Maria & Adam Borkowski, Mary Howard, Maggie Jackson,
Mary & Ray Oberly, Julia Rose O'Hara
Altar Servers: Lucas Benz, Patrick Jackson

8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Wurm **Deacon:** Michael Cummins
Lector: Karlos Haynes **Eucharistic Ministers:** Judy & Bob Jogan,
Bernadette Pieczynski, Judy & Al Ramberger, Chloe Srebernak, Chris Walsh
Altar Servers: Freddie & Joshua Haynes

11:15 a.m. Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Deacon:** Michael Cummins
Lector: Carter Billiu **Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Brocklehurst, Doris Fleming,
Jeri & Bob Krueger, Sue & Roger Playwin, Jan Ramsey
Altar Servers: Conor Garvey, Anna Jarboe, Samantha Morley

Your Envelope ... Speaks the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of \$8,200.00
On December 13, 2009
in envelopes we received \$7,250.00
in loose collection \$579.91
in electronic donations \$670.00
in children's envelopes..... \$23.26
for a total of..... \$8,523.17
Over for the week by \$323.17
Number of envelopes mailed 800
Number of envelopes used 206
ARC debt reduction receipts..... \$17,140.00
Fuel..... \$233.00

Our Sick

Pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized: Grace Weise, Rose White, Toni Manseau, Daniel Bonior, Anthony Hicks, Roma Affelt, Mary Jo Parker, Mary Bernadine Green, Yvonne Smith, Mary Segner, Janet Lazor, Fabian Tryjankowski, Daniel O'Callaghan, Helen Maras, Terry Pfaendner, Sophie Haas, Kerry Wilhite, Kay Balas, Joyce Martin, Stanley Remus, Mike McComsey, Bernice Phillips, Rose Castellani, Steve Lagae, James Sweeney, Audrey McLean, Faith Smith, Judi Quatraine, Maurice Paoletti, Freddie Haynes, Jr., Anne Blake, Marion McComsey, Hugh Grannum, Bernard Lazor, Cindy Drost-Urbiel, Lynn Kiley, Douglas Beaupre, Joseph Caligiuri, Joe Puhly, Erin O'Connor, Miguel Davila, Kathy Peterson, Mary Wherry, Amanda Westfall, Bill Rice, Pete Corsiglia, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, Carl Petzold Colette Gilewicz, Charles Ebner, Sylvia Landuyt, Steve Bush and Lois Grogan.

In Memory

A funeral liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Pelc on Friday, December 18th, for **Barbara Cherghezan-Annunzi**, age 75.

Barbara lived in the area for many years with her husband, John Cherg hazen and raised their family. After his death, she later married Robert Annunzi. Barbara loved her Detroit Tigers. She loved to travel. But most of all, she loved her family.

Barb was predeceased by her husbands, Robert Annunzi and John Cherg hazen. She is survived by her children, George (Nicole), Marianne, Marie, Mike and Michelle Kussurelis. Also surviving are sisters, Betty, Marie and Darlene. She will be missed by her 6 grandchildren and the rest of her family and friends. Please remember Barbara in your prayers.

Opłatek

Opłatek, or the Christmas wafer, is a Central European Roman Catholic Christmas tradition celebrated in Polish, Slovak, Lithuanian and Italian families during Wigilia (Christmas Eve Vigil). The unleavened wafers are usually rectangular in shape and embossed with Christmas related religious images.

If you and your family observe this custom, packets of these are available from the rectory during the week, or you may see Chuck Dropiewski after one of the weekend masses.

Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, December 21

St. Peter Cansius, priest & doctor
8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Eileen Greenia
Bonnie Toole

Wednesday, December 23

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

Thursday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 p.m. - Mass - Children's Liturgy
11:30 p.m. - Christmas Concert

Friday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord

12:00 a.m. - Mass - Midnight Mass
8:30 a.m. - Mass - For all the People
11:15 a.m. - Mass - For all the People

Saturday, December 26

St. Stephen, first martyr

4:00 p.m. - Mass - For all the People
Sunday, December 27

The Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 a.m. - Mass - For all the People
11:15 a.m. - Mass - For all the People

Scriptures for the 4th Week of Advent & Christmas

Monday, December 21

- Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a
- Lk 1: 39-45

Tuesday, December 22

- 1 Sm 1: 24-28 • Lk 1: 46-56

Wednesday, December 23

- Mal 3: 1-4 • Lk 1: 57-66

Thursday, December 24 (Vigil)

- Is 62: 1-5 • Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25
- Mt 1: 1-25 or 1: 18-25

Friday, December 25

(Midnight) • Is 9: 1-6

- Ti 2: 11-14

- Lk 2: 1-14

(Dawn) • Is 62: 11-12

- Ti 3: 4-7

- Lk 2: 15-20

(Day) • Is 52: 7-10

- Heb 1: 1-6

- Jn 1: 1-18 or 1: 1-5, 9-14

Saturday, December 26

- Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59
- Ps 31: 3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc
- Mt 10: 17-22

Sunday, December 27

- Sir 3: 12-17
- Col 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17
- Lk 2: 41-52

The Christmas Season at St. Ambrose

VIGIL OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Thursday, December 24, 2009
CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 4:00 P.M.

FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Friday, December 25, 2009
Concert at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12:00 A.M.
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AT 8:30 A.M.
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AT 11:15 A.M.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 26, 2009
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 27, 2009
MASSES AT 8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
Thursday, December 31, 2009
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Friday, January 1, 2010
MASS AT 10:00 A.M.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 2, 2010
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 3, 2010
MASSES AT 8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Saturday, January 9, 2010
MASS AT 4:00 P.M. – Confirmation
Sunday, January 10, 2010
MASSES AT 8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

ETC. - Eastside Take Control

The career networking group begun at St. Paul Catholic Church is now in partnership with St. Ambrose, Christ Church - Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and Grace Community Church in order to provide even more information, resources, support and networking opportunities to those in career transition.

The new group is called ETC – Eastside Take Control – an Ecumenical Career Networking Group serving the Eastside community. The meetings, which are free of charge and open to the community, will be held Monday mornings from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. and will rotate between four area churches as follows:

- 1st Monday of each month - Grace Community - The Cafe
- 2nd Monday of each month - St. Paul - Church Assembly Room
- 3rd Monday of each month - St. Ambrose - The ARK
- 4th Monday of each month - Christ Church - The Undercroft

Each one-hour meeting provides updates on group activities, information on a specific job-search related topic as well as time to network. Come join this new group and start your week off on the right foot! No reservations are needed. Please share this with anyone you know in need of support. For more information, please contact Sarah Sharp at (248) 219-5720 or sarahsharp521@gmail.com.

ETC. Schedule

The following are the topics for the upcoming ETC meetings

Meetings run from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

December 21 - St. Ambrose

- Success Stories

December 28 - Christ Church

- Spirituality's Role in the Job Search

January 4 - Grace Community

- Emerging Careers in a Changing Economy

January 11 - St. Paul

- Assessment Tools for Job Seekers

January 18 - St. Ambrose

- Managing Money on a Tight Budget

January 25 - Christ Church

- Behavioral Interviewing Strategies