

The Holy Family— *December 26, 2010*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ABC 1 *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

Honor Your Father and Your Mother

Our first experience of family is dependence. As children we need the help of parents. As children we get lots of attention. We do not earn it. We just receive it because of who we are.

Then our eyes are opened. We recognize the sacrifice our parents have made. We see how they thought less of themselves in order to give us life. Our respect for them grows.

Today we remember the care that Mary and Joseph gave to Jesus. We recognize the sacrifice they made. We imagine the many ways they thought less of themselves to improve the life of the son entrusted to their care. Our respect for them grows too.

Sirach proclaims that those who honor their parents atone for their sins and keep themselves from evil. Their prayers reach God's ears. The benefits of satisfaction return to those who honor their fathers and mothers.

The Christmastime feast of the Holy Family celebrates the model of home life, but it also reminds us to honor our parents. Kindness to them will not be forgotten.

How will you honor your parents this coming year?
How will you keep their memory?

Readings For Next Sunday

January 1 & 2

1st Reading...Is 60:1-6

2nd Reading...Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel...Mt 2:1-12

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of December 27)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	10:00am	+J. Raque, E. Raque, M. R. Raque, S. Meyer
	4:30pm	+C. Raymond, A. Miles, J. Money, S. Riede
Sunday	10:00am	+N. Spolker, L. Schroeder, S. Tedder, H. Thiersch

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of December 27)

Monday	Noon	Lucille Fante Koshewa
Tuesday	Noon	Mary Louis Lynch
Wednesday	Noon	Dan Creed
Thursday	Noon	Mary Schrecker Heckel
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	10:00am & 4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Louis Gallitelli

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (January , 2011)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Pat Riggs, Salvatore Rappa, **Need 2**

10:00am...Dianna & Peter Pepe (cpts), Bob Kern, Pete Thomas, Mike Baron, George & Dana Thompson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(January 1 & 2) See next page for Jan 1 at 10am

4:30pm...Team C...Kathleen Gumbel, *Cpt.*, Kevin Raque, Bud Koshewa, Linda Knop, Carolyn Halvarson, Katie Monarch, Joe Blocker,

10:00am...Team D...Dolores Lally, *Cpt.*, Frank Lally, Mary Lou Craven, Pet Markwell, John Mudd, Joan Cissell

LECTORS

(January 1 & 2)

10:00am...Lisa Hartung & Horace Lynch

4:30pm...Mark Raque & Krissy Raque

10:00am....Doug Pohl & Bud Lally

GIFT BEARERS (January 1 & 2)

10:00am...To Be Contacted

4:30pm...To Be Contacted

10:00am...To Be Contacted

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for December 19.....Not available

Stewardship is an attitude. It is an attitude based on gratitude. It is a lifestyle that embodies the phrase that we say at every Mass, "It is right to give Him thanks and praise."

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Footprints Retreat: All high school youth are invited to attend a "footprints" retreat on Saturday, January 8th from 9 to 2 p.m. The retreat will be held at Crossroads downtown and will focus on ways to serve the community. The retreat is free. Please contact Nick Cummins for more info.

For more information about the Youth Ministry Program, please contact Nick Cummins at 458-2500 ext. 141 or nkcummins@bellsouth.net

New Year's Day Eucharistic Minister Schedule

New Year's Day—10:00 AM

Cindy Fogle, Dennis Cowhig, Bud & Dolores Lally, Joan Cissell, Sharon Roberts

The Schuhmann Center, located at 730 East Gray St. is in need of volunteers, especially volunteer fundraisers, new toys, donations of men's, women's and children's fall clothing, especially men's slacks and sweat shirts, personal care items, nonperishable food items, blankets and cars, trucks and vans. Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 11:45am. You may call the Schuhmann Center at 589-6696 and ask for Jim.



2011 Calendars are available in the back of church and may be picked up after all Masses.



New Beginnings, a support group for the widowed, separated and divorced, meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at Church of the Epiphany, 914 Old Harrods Creek Road.

Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, & 25 years of marriage in 2011 are invited to a Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz. Family members are also invited to this celebration on Saturday, February 12, at 5:30pm at Holy Family. Call your parish secretary to register. Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 1. (Mass for couples celebrating 30, 40, 50, 60 & 60+ years will be held on October 9, 2011).

MASS CANCELLATION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

For safety reasons, when Catholic Elementary school classes are canceled due to inclement weather (Monday - Friday), the noon Mass for that particular day is also canceled.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **Cravings**.

Honor Thy Children Safe Environment Training Program

The Archdiocese of Louisville is committed to ensuring that children and youth who worship, study or participate in church-sponsored activities can do so in the safest and most secure setting possible. In an effort to fulfill this commitment, all employees or volunteers who have regular contact with children or youth are required to participate in one of the Safe Environment Training Workshops. For more information go to www.archlou.org.

Please contact your parish organization or committee chair for details on providing proper documentation before volunteering to work with children or youth.

2010 SCHEDULE of WORKSHOPS

Date	Time	Location
01/12/11	6:30pm	St. Andrew Academy Parish Life Center



Parish Office Hours During the Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 24 at 11:30am and will reopen on Monday, January 3 at 8:30am. During this time, voicemails and the mail will be checked on a regular basis.

Men for Christ Vocation Discernment Retreat January 7-9, 2011 St. Meinrad Seminary

"God, what's my next step? Is it priesthood? Is it marriage? How can I know for sure?"

If you've asked yourself these questions, this retreat is for you! Join other men of the Archdiocese of Louisville for prayer, discernment, and inspiring talks from priests and seminarians. Even if you're not called to priesthood, this retreat will bring you closer to Jesus and help you experience his peace. Held at St. Meinrad Seminary. Begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 7 and concludes by 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 9. Registration cost is \$25. Must be 17 or older to attend. Don't miss this powerful, grace-filled weekend! True courage is answering when God calls! **Find more information and register online at** www.LouisvilleVocations.com/retreat.

Holiday Mass Schedule

New Year's Day 10:00am & 4:30pm

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Cynthia Burkhead, James Caudill, David Charmoli, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Cooper Eddy, Karl Kalbfleisch, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Jeanne Gravatte, Sue Harris, Anita Hertelendy, Dolores Heuser, Jennifer Hood, Scott Jacob, Rosemary Johnson, Ann Kelton, Damion Kline, Henry Krebs, A.C. Leonhardt, Tina Lomax, Charles Lucas, Andrew McKinley, Michael Meany, Tom Meyer, Diane O'Connell, Malinda O'Daniel, John J. Orthober, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Lydia Redman, Jean Reinstedler, Jim Schneider, Elfriede Smith, Carolyn Sweeney, Dorothy Thomas, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Joe Welch, Lillian Werkman, Sarah Westerfield, Dorothy Wimsatt,

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)