

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means, "Let us rejoice!" In the second reading today we hear: "*Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!*" We are to rejoice always! How is this possible? When we are people who pray and give thanks, then we will more naturally be people that rejoice—because we focus on God and we get to enter into His presence. We need to pray for the grace to live life in such a way!

The Lord has ransomed us from bondage and death, and we can meet all things with joy; and when we do meet all things with joy, then sorrow and mourning will flee. This is something that we always need to keep in mind—that we are to meet all things with joy, knowing that somehow Jesus has ransomed us and will turn all things into good!

I also want to invite EVERYONE who is involved in any ministry of our parish, or volunteers in any way, to please come to the Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 10th at 6:00 PM in the Community Center. We are going to have a great time. This is an adult-only celebration, and it will be catered again by Luigi. Know, once again, that this will be paid for from the funds that my CDs and book raised this past year, so you are not paying for your own party. I am just so thankful to God for all that you do to keep this parish doing His will. You have learned the true lesson that, "It is in giving that we receive." Please make sure that you fill out the RSVP and drop it in the basket or mail it, or bring it to the rectory as soon as possible! We need to have a very accurate count.

Christmas shopping always drives me crazy every year, and this year I have done most of my Christmas shopping for my family online. If you have not found out about "My wish list" on Amazon.com you need to use it – it has saved me lots of stress! I have told my family members to just go to that website, and then go through anything on that or any other website and just click it to "My wish list" and it automatically puts what they want on their wish list at amazon.com. Then all I have to do is go to the Amazon website and type in their name, and it shows me everything they want. It is great! I did the same thing for them, and it helps them also – now if I could only get my mother to do it – I would really have a stress-free Christmas!

As we get ever closer to Christmas, let us remember to keep focused on what is most important – JESUS! Let us continue to pray for each other. Remember I love you – God Bless+++

In His Love,
Fr. Larry

FOLLOW THE STAR TOUR featuring Tennessee Backporch and Sam Hyman will take place right here in our beautiful church NEXT Thursday, December 17th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 per person, with half of the proceeds staying here at our parish. Don't miss the beautiful evening of music to get you into the Christmas spirit! Tickets are available after Mass and in the parish office!

THE SAINT JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP will again be going to the March for Life this year with the Diocese. There will be a prayer service on January 21st at Saint Mark's Catholic Center, and then we will take buses down to Washington, D.C. Adults and Youth, age fifteen years old and older are encouraged to join their parish in standing up against the evils of abortion. Sign-ups will be in the back of the church. The cost is \$60.00 per person, however there will be some fundraisers to lessen the cost. If you would like more information you can e-mail Alex at Alex@stjoesbol.org.

THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE OPEN IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL: Sunday 12 AM, 1 AM, 3 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM and 5 PM; Monday 6 PM and 11 PM; Tuesday 1 AM, 3 AM, 5 AM and 3 PM; Wednesday 1 PM, 10 PM and 11 PM; Thursday 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 8 AM and 11 PM; Friday 12 AM, 2 AM, and 12 PM, 2 PM & 6 PM; Saturday 12 AM, 3 AM, 5 AM and 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM, and 11 PM. We are also still in need of a Division Coordinator for the hours from 6 PM to 11 PM; and Hour Coordinators for 1 AM & 2 PM Call Sherry at 864-0283 or Ruthann at 868-0308.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY'S next Selected Study, *The Bible and The Mass*, will explore what the Bible teaches us about the Mass as we look at the ultimate meaning of the Eucharistic sacrifice. Explore with us how through the Liturgy of Eucharist we offer ourselves back to God as we were taught to do in the Bible! Beginning 1-14-10 through 2-25-10 at St. Joseph/BOL Parish with day & evening sessions being offered. Childcare available. Contact Dawn Schaaf 835-8110. Registration deadline December 28th!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU: Our Thanksgiving Collection netted \$1,760.28 for the education of the orphans at St. Anthony Orphanage in India, thanks to your generosity. In addition, The Reason For Our Hope Foundation donated \$10,000.00 again this year for their needs. Let's continue to pray for our "brothers and sisters" at St. Anthony Orphanage!

CHURCH CANDLES: The money for the first 26 Church candles has been donated – thank you to all who are remembering deceased loved ones and living family and friends. We now have 24 more candles available for you to "donate" – 14 candles for the candelabras and 10 candles to insert in the fixtures on the side walls of the church. Please offer your donation of \$100.00 in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Call the parish office with your request.

PENANCE SERVICE: Our annual Advent Penance Service will be held on Monday, December 21st, beginning at 7:00 PM in the church. Seven priests – Father Larry, Father Wright, Father Dennis Martin, Father Robert Levis, Father Edward Krause, Father Nick Rouch, and Father John Detisch – will be available to hear confessions and get us prepared for Christmas.

CHURCH CLEANING & CHURCH DECORATING: The “Shining Spirits” will be cleaning the church on Saturday, December 19th, beginning at 8:30 AM. We need many volunteers to help, so that we can be finished by 10:00 AM. We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20th, beginning right after the 11:00 AM Mass. We need YOUR help! Please sign the list for volunteers in the vestibule of the church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes to make donations for Christmas flowers are on the table in the back of the church. Your donation can be made in memory of a deceased loved one, in honor of living family members and friends, or just because you want to donate for the beautiful poinsettias! Mark the envelope with your intention and place in the collection basket at Mass.

LOST AND FOUND: We are holding several articles of clothing and two of Father Larry’s books, which were left at the Oktoberfest weekend. If you think any of these things may be yours, call the parish office by Friday, December 18th. After that date, we will donate the articles to the Clothing Store and give the books to someone needy.

AND SPEAKING OF OKTOBERFEST...: We are missing many, many Oktoberfest aprons that were used by our volunteers. Please return them so that we don’t have to “start over” next year. We will not yell at you; we will be happy that our aprons have been brought “home!”

THIRTY-ONE CLUB: The following parishioners will be offering Mass for vocations during this week: December 13th – Timothy Berrier; December 14th – Mary L. Murphy; December 15th – Nancy Murray; December 16th – Chris Brzozowski; December 17th – Dorothy M. Knoll; December 18th – Sandy Shouse; December 19th – Barbara Schlosser.

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA AND HOLY HOUR: Our St. Joseph Novena & Holy Hour is back on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the church. Please note that there will be NO Novena & Holy Hour on Wednesdays, December 23rd and 30th, due to the Christmas and New Year schedules. All are welcome! Come worship the Lord!

Masses For the Week

- Saturday (12/12) *Anticipated Mass for Sunday***
5:15 PM + Joseph Trucco (Chris Kowalski)
- Sunday (12/13) *Third Sunday of Advent***
8:30 AM + Mary Ellen Erhart (Birthday Girls)
11:00 AM + Living & Deceased of the Parish
- Monday (12/14) *John of the Cross, priest & doctor***
7:00 AM + John Kress (Dolores Dombkowski)
11:30 AM + Nicky Howard (Barb)
- Tuesday (12/15) *Advent Weekday***
7:00 AM + Kevin Imler (Melissa Allen)
11:30 AM + Msgr. Conrad Kraus (Family)
- Wednesday (12/16) *Advent Weekday***
7:00 AM + For All Deceased Priests, Deacons & Religious Who Served at St. Joseph’s
11:30 AM + Louise & Art Whiteman (Family)
- Thursday (12/17) *Late Advent Weekday***
7:00 AM + Alice Knoll (Rick & Dolores Tome)
11:30 AM + Tina Basile (Cheryl Konzel)
- Friday (12/18) *Late Advent Weekday***
7:00 AM + Alice Knoll (Denise & Susan White)
11:30 AM + Donald Smith (Gerry Ryan)
- Saturday (12/19) *Anticipated Mass for Sunday***
5:15 PM + Deceased of the Wilkinson Family (Dee & Dave)
- Sunday (12/20) *Fourth Sunday of Advent***
8:30 AM + James Hoffman (Family)
11:00 AM + Living & Deceased of the Parish

Week December 6, 2009

Offertory	\$ 4875.01
Stewardship	\$ 684.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1000.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 8542.00

Weekend December 19th & 20th

- Saturday, December 19th 5:15 PM Fr. Larry**
- Sunday, December 20th 8:30 AM Fr. Wright**
- 11:00AM Fr. Larry**

If you have a special prayer intention for the month of December, please call Lillian Tonelli at 825-8540 or Chris Smith at 459-2236.