

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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The Rectory Office is open

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

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MASSES:

Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Eves of Holy Days: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Holy Days: 8:00 am; 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:45 to 4:45 pm. **First Fridays:** Before the 8:00 am Mass.

Eves of Holy Days: Before the Vigil Mass.

BAPTISMS: By Appointment. Call the Rectory at least 10 days in advance. Administered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE
 PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
 SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)
 CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR
 RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
 RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY
 LEGION OF MARY
 MEN'S CLUB & USHERS
 PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST
 LECTOR / EUCHARISTIC MINISTER COORDINATORS
 COMMUNITY GROUP
 ALTAR SERVERS
 CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)
 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
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NOTE: All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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ALTAR SERVERS

Jan. 3	5:00	Sweeney/Parker
Jan. 4	8:00	Lund/Stonick
	9:30	Bebek/Mondconduit
	11:00	Oberhaus/Meyer
	12:30	Guerin/Separa

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this weekend are donated in memory of Isaltina Brasil on her birthday, by her son, David, and daughter, Ann.

Altar flowers the weekend of December 13/14 were donated in memory of Bruce Gould, by his daughters, Jackie Kuhl and Kelly Sullivan.

LECTORS—EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Jan. 3	5:00	Boessow/Stutz—Team 4
Jan. 4	8:00	Dominguez/Mehler—Team 4
	9:30	Gibb/Sullivan—Team 2
	11:00	Wolf/Villa-McDowell—Team 2
	12:30	Reus/Armstrong—Team 1



THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Calvin Carlson, Harry Fehner, Xavier ...Dybbro, Leo Poissant, Marie Therese Arslan, Sandra Shadden, Josephine Ronan, Patricia Schuck, Alan Arslan, Mark Lott, Matthew Frank Arslan, Edward Kulik, Peggy Kinkella, Sarah Fries, Maureen Murray, Gloria White, Ray Esquivel, Carol McEachen, Betty Gill, Tess Fitch, Catherine Thompson, Michele Arslan, Diane Marie Walker, Jerry Ganz, Bob Kacsuta, Max Milton, David and Betty Hatch, Henrick Peterson, Oneida Casares, Carl Klein, John Burson, LaVae Ransom, Michael Fehner, Clark Boyd and Josephine Bilsley.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 28, 2008

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you
have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

-Luke 2:30-31

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS

Mary Jane Tribula, *for Mary Tribula, Grace Poissot, and
Pauline Weinle.*

Marilyn Boyle, *in memory of her husband, Hugh Boyle.*

Virginia Wiltz, *in memory of Don F. Wiltz.*

Larry and Carol Burnight

Padraig and Moira Carney

Richard Mosely, *in memory of Al and Margaret Mosely
Dr. Joe Voglund*

A **special thank** you to Todd's Christmas Trees (on Ximeno) for donating the bale of straw that was blessed for our home mangers, and to Rainbows in the Market Place for the extra attention given to our Christmas poinsettias and church arrangements.

Our Parish Christmas Manger is in the Vestibule of the Church.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, January 2nd, Exposition and Confessions before the 8:00am Mass, with the Social Hour following Mass in the Hall. **Centering Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at 7:30pm in the Church. All are welcome. Come and enjoy the beauty of silence with Our Lord.

CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)

In Church on Monday, December 29th, at 7pm. For 2009, Centering Prayer will be in the Church every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7pm, and each First Friday at 7:30pm.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL—monthly meeting, January 5th, 12 noon in the Jubilee Room.

COLLECTIONS

Ordinary Income: December 14/15 \$10,660.00

Religious Retirement Fund: \$ 5,782.00

THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS

Besides the opening celebration of Christmas on December 25th, there are some very beautiful feasts that take place during this season, which help us to reflect in a deeper way the meaning of Christmas. The Feast of the Holy Family is a time that allows us to reflect on families, on husbands and wives, on children, on broken families, on the pain of marital problems that plague our society. On New Year's Day we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary. This day honors Mary and so continues the Church's reflection on the meaning of the Lord's coming in the Incarnation. The Feast of the Epiphany is a feast filled with brightness and light. It celebrates the marvelous signs of the majesty of the Incarnation: Christ showed the Magi the star they were to follow. The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus brings to a close the celebration of the Christmas Season. Like the closing Sunday of Advent and the final Sunday of the Easter Cycle, this feast celebrates the gift of the spirit. In a very real sense, it both recapitulates the season it concludes and brings us to the threshold of the next.

ADVENT BULLETINS

Special Advent/Christmas bulletins entitled "Welcome Yule" are available in the Vestibule throughout this holy season.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

3rd Jerry Donaldson and Beth Bruske

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME—Beginning Thurs., March 5th, 7pm, in the Jubilee Room, we will offer a 5-week series "Catholics Returning Home" for non-participating Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. For more information, call: Ted or Kathleen Flood (562)434-3163.

