

## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2009

Readings: Micah 5:1-14a: Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45



### SATURDAY – December 19<sup>th</sup>

**5:30 p.m.** Theodore Will, Thelma Ubelhor, Shelby Davis,  
John Hill, Bill Hahn, Eileen Metz,  
Frank A. Papariella (*Bertha A. Frakes/1975*)  
(*Brenda Stewart/2000*)

### SUNDAY – December 20<sup>th</sup>

**7:30 a.m.** Florence & Oscar Douglas, Rose & Ralph Wade,  
Gerry Mangin, John Steiner, Patricia Dietsch,  
Wilburn/Helena/Junior Shelton, Mark McGuire  
(*Mildred Hordynski/2007*)

**10:30 a.m.** FOR THE PARISH

### MONDAY – December 21<sup>st</sup>

*Died this date (E. Florence Kaiser/1985)*

### TUESDAY – December 22<sup>nd</sup>

**7:40 a.m.** Clem Will, Robert & Gilbert Burke, Rita Collignon,  
Frank Papariella, Lela & Edsel Thornburg

### WEDNESDAY – December 23<sup>th</sup>

**7:40 a.m.** Amelia Wargel, Frank Papariella, Pat Dietsch,  
Jerry Lamb, (*Julia Zieglmeier/1999*)

### CHRISTMAS EVE – December 24<sup>th</sup>

**4:00 p.m.** Music (Youth Choir)  
**4:30 p.m.** NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
**9:30 p.m.** Music (Adult Choir)  
**10:00 p.m.** CHRISTMAS VIGIL – For the  
Parish and all Remembered with  
Flower Money

### CHRISTMAS DAY – December 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 a.m.** For the Parish and all Remembered with Flower  
Money

### SATURDAY – December 26<sup>th</sup>

**5:30 p.m.** FOR THE PARISH

### SUNDAY – December 27<sup>th</sup>

**7:30 a.m.** Mary H. Wargel, Dorothy Eisterhold, Patricia  
Dietsch, Delores Schapker (*Darwin Michel/1999*)  
**10:30 a.m.** Mark McGuire, Richard P. Greer, Murl & Ruth  
Mosbey

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP. . .

WEEKLY REQUIREMENT	\$ 16,981.00
LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION	15,392.00
"YEAR TO DATE" VARIANCE	-\$32,154.18

### HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed beginning at noon on December 23 thru  
December 27, and noon December 30 thru January 3. For parish  
emergencies, please call the 477-5405.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**December 20** – Paul Ballard, Tyler Bear, Elise Deeg, Michael  
Hansen, Adalyn Holt, Ann Meritt, Alexander Murrell,  
Brenton Schulte, Keith Sermersheim, Lori Tenbarga,  
Morris Thomas, Bob Titzer

**December 21** – Reese Hall, Ruthann Hall, Todd Hardesty,  
Adam Henry, Marilyn Lamb, Joan Spalding.

**December 22** – Stephanie Hansen, Margaret Helms, Marilyn  
Robertson, Alexis Runau, Whitney Werner

**December 23** – Joanne Donahue, John Nixon

**December 24** – JoAnn Alexander, Mark Beyer, Mike Folz,  
Elaine Hall, Mikhaila Hamilton, Kathleen Libbert, Bill  
Mullican, Ron Pohl

**December 25** – Phyllis Addison, Maryann Brown, Matthew Kapp,  
David Ubelhor

**December 26** – Mark Johnson, Miranda Kieffer, Patricia  
Meagher, Marion Mills, Mark Schuler, Kathy Stieler

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

### SUNDAY

**RCIA** – 8:15 a.m. – Room 100

**Pre-School** – 10:30 a.m. – Room 116

**Social Support** – noon – 4:00 p.m.

**Bingo – Crew 4** – Sheryl Holtz's Crew

### MONDAY

**Children's Christmas Choir Practice** – 3:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY

**Quilting** – 8:00 a.m. – Conference Room

**Bingo – Crew C** – Joe Brown's Crew

### WEDNESDAY

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON TODAY**

**Choir Practice** – 7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

### FRIDAY

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

### SATURDAY

**Rosary – 6:00 a.m. – Chapel**

### NEXT SUNDAY

**NO RCIA**

**NO Pre-School**

**Prayer Service for Holy Innocents** – 5:00 p.m. - Church

### NEW YEAR'S MASSES

**Thursday – December 31 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Friday – January 1, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.**

*May each of you have a Blessed & Merry  
Christmas!!!!*

*. . . . Deacon Ed*

*. . . . Father Attila*

*and the entire parish staff!!!!*



### LITURGICAL PRAYER

#### Baptismal Fonts

With Vatican II, we once again began to look at baptism as a Sacrament to be celebrated in the midst of the assembly, that is, in the context of the whole community. For practical purposes the baptismal font was placed up front so the assembly could see the action. However, newer church buildings are being constructed with the font near the entrance, and within sight of the assembly, so that the symbolism of coming into the Church through the waters of baptism is once again evident.



At the same time, with the font at the entrance to the church, it makes the many small fonts unnecessary, and allows us to bless ourselves with the water from the font, a closer connection to our own baptism. Each time we bless ourselves this way, it can be a conscious renewal of our baptismal commitment and an affirmation of our right and duty to worship as part of the Body of Christ called by God into an assembled people.

### FATHER STEVE'S CORNER

Dear Church of Good Shepherd:

I was able to attend the "Christ be our Light" healing service at Good Shepherd last week with your brothers and sisters. Hearts were touched; tears and pain were shared; we rejoiced in thanksgiving for the people of Good Shepherd, Deacon Ed, and Father Attila. Hoping for the coming of the Lord, we wait and watch patiently together. Deacon Ed and Father Attila wait and watch for what will be coming next in their ministry with the people of God. The people of Good Shepherd watch and pray for a new pastoral leader who will unite them as one.

At the prayer service, many parishioners prayed and spoke of their waiting and watching for healing in the parish community. As a gifted community, we rejoiced in song that we can come together, name our wounds and hurts, own our darkness and failings, and welcome the light of Advent. We continued to pray for lay leadership in the parish and the uniting of old and new parishioners around the one Altar of the Lord.

More prayer and similar gatherings were called for in the future. Also, the Strategic Planning Committee met last week to continue to focus our attention on bettering the whole parish. May the peace of the season be with you.

Reverend Stephen P. Lintzenich

### HEALTH MINISTRY

St. Mary's Digital Mobile Mammogram Unit will be at Good Shepherd on February 3. Routine mammograms will be offered by appointment and a doctor's order is not needed. The results will be sent to you and your physician within 3-5 days. Call Kristi Wahl, Parish Nurse, at 477-5405 to schedule your appointment or with questions. Please note the following:

1. It must be a year and one day since your last mammogram (most insurance companies won't cover it if it has been less than a year).
2. No diagnostic mammograms will be done (if you have a lump or breast problems, you must go to the Breast Center).
3. The age for a baseline mammogram is 35-40 years old.
4. Your insurance or Medicare will be billed. Verify that St. Mary's is a provider with your insurance.
5. There are grants available thru the Susan B. Komen Foundation if you have no insurance.

### REMEMBERING THE HOLY INNOCENTS

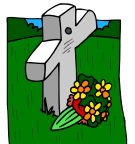
We will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents with a prayer service on Sunday, December 27, at 5:00 p.m. If you have experienced the death of any age child or the loss of a pregnancy, this is a special time during the Christmas season for you to commemorate his or her life. This is also a time for all of us to remember the children who have died through abortion, famine and abuse. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE PROGRAM  
THANKS TO THE YOUTH MINISTRY AND FAITH  
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR ORGANIZING  
THE ANNUAL GIVING TREE PROGRAM. Watch the  
January Newsletter for pictures. The generosity of Good Shepherd  
families was gratifying to see.



### SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO . . . . .

LISA KOCH and family  
on the death of her father  
TOM SHETLER, SR.  
May he rest in peace.



OZANAM FAMILY SHELTER is a spin off project of St. Vincent de Paul and houses families who are in a financial crisis. The financial crisis has now reached the shelter itself. If the shelter cannot find much needed donations by January, 2010, the shelter board may be asked to consider cost-cutting measures, including closing residential rooms and staff. If you can offer any financial assistance to this great need, please contact Deacon Kevin Bach, 100 Read Street, Evansville, IN 47710 or call Deacon Bach at 422-2214.

The Vanderburgh County Right to Life's annual bus trip to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C. will depart Evansville on the evening of Wednesday, January 20 and return on Sunday, January 24. For additional information, please go to [www.evansvilleforlife](http://www.evansvilleforlife) or call 474-3195.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY,  
JANUARY 4, 2010.

COMPASSION IS DIFFICULT TO GIVE AWAY BECAUSE IT  
KEEPS COMING BACK.

TRADITION LOTTERY TICKETS – It's time to purchase your 2010 annual lottery ticket sponsored by the Memorial and Mater Dei High Schools Friends and Alumni Associations. Tickets are \$100 each with \$13,000 given away each month. You have 48 chances to win during the year. Forms are available on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call the high school alumni associations or the parish office.



NEW YEAR'S DAY BINGO – SPREAD THE WORD – There will be a New Year's Day bingo - doors open at 11:00 a.m., warm ups beginning at noon with regular bingo starting at 1:00 p.m.