

The Epiphany of the Lord Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, January 2 - Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors

4:00 PM - Richard Kois - *Dan & Elaine Jastredowski*

Sunday, January 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 AM - Theresa Peresie - *Donna Cousins*

7:00 PM - Members of the Parish

Monday, January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

12:10 PM Mass - Dr. James B. Reilly - *Lois Crossland*

Tuesday, January 5 - Saint John Neumann, bishop

8:00 AM Mass - Cesare DiSimo - *Jim & Marcella Martin*

Wednesday, January 6 - Blessed André Bessette, religious

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, January 7 - Saint Raymond of Peñafort, priest

5:30 PM - Mary Jane Scerbo - *Bill & Tammy Hamilton*

Friday, January 8

12:10 PM - Jack Houser - *Coleen & Bob Bowser*

Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM - William Reed - *Diane Brown*

Sunday, January 10- The Baptism of the Lord

10:00 AM - Mary Jezewski - *Mary Beth*

(Baptism during Mass)

7:00 PM - Members of the Parish

Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"Ready, Set, Go!"

You can't call the travel agent to set up the LAST trip you'll take, but you can plan ahead for your final arrangements. Why not join Fr. Willie and a panel of STMUP parishioners on Sunday, January 10, 2010 immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass to discuss Catholic funeral rituals and funeral pre-planning.

There will be a question and answer period and an informative planning booklet will be provided. To register call Sandy Fritz at 724.463.7377 or email sandyfritz@verizon.net.

MASS AT SCI PINE GROVE

Once a month STMUP parishioners join Catholic inmates for Mass at the local prison. Those attending meet in the lobby of the prison at 11:45 AM with Mass being held at 12:30 PM. The next opportunity for this ministry will be on Sunday, January 24.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Lynne Jones by January 14 at 724.463.2277, ext. 115

St. Bernard Parish Liturgy Schedule Week of January 4, 2010

Monday, January 4	7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday, January 5	7:30 AM Mass and 12 Noon - 7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, January 6	9:30 AM Mass
Thursday, January 7	7:30 AM Mass
Friday, January 8	7:30 AM Mass
Saturday, January 9	7:30 AM Mass 8:30 - 10:00 AM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation
Sunday, January 10	7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Masses

FROM THE PASTOR

The Guiding Light

This weekend we celebrate "The Guiding Light"- not the "Soap Opera" radio and television series that ran for 72 years, but the star that was the guiding force for the Magi as they sought the newborn king.

This great feast recalls that extraordinary light of the nighttime sky that beckoned the Wise Men to follow its course to Jesus, the Christ. It reminds us that the Lord came for all nations, tongues and generations and that the prophecies of old were now fulfilled. The Feast of the Epiphany continues to give new hope to a world longing for redemption.

May this celebration bring joy to us as we begin a new calendar year and strive with renewed hearts to bring the message of Jesus to those around us by what we say and do.

All are invited to celebrate the Christmas Season with our parish family immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass this weekend at our 4th annual Epiphany Party & Covered Dish Brunch .

May we rejoice together, share a delicious meal, sing together and recall the Magi's wondrous journey! *Fr. Willie*

TCTH Capital Campaign Update

As we continue to generate support for the *Today's Challenge - Tomorrow's Hope* Capital & Endowment Campaign of the Diocese of Greensburg, we are happy to announce that to date, 44% of our parish households have made campaign pledges totaling (at the time of publication of this bulletin) \$746,658. This amount represents 74% of our parish goal and is amazing sign of enthusiasm and stewardship! Our average pledge of \$2,928.07 is a strong statement of the commitment of our parish to the Mission and Ministry we share.

We ask those who have not had the chance to make a pledge to do so as soon as possible, and for all to continue to pray for our success to continue to flourish! May God bless us in our efforts!

A Note of Thanks

With heartfelt gratitude I extend my thanks to all who remembered me with Christmas cards, holiday greetings, gifts, baked goods and especially prayers. Your kind words and support mean so much!

My 5th Christmas (hard to believe) at STMUP has indeed been a wonderful blessing for me both as priest and pastor!

May the infant Jesus smile upon you and your loved ones in 2010 and shower one and all abundantly with grace and peace! Fr. Willie

A Prayer of Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name.

Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen

PARISH NOTES

Save the Date

Our 3rd annual *St. Thomas More Community Day* at IUP is scheduled to coincide with the 7:30 PM Men's Basketball game on Saturday, February 13, 2010.

Free tickets will be available for parishioners, IUP students and friends of the parish. During the game's half-time festivities, our 2010 St. Thomas More Community Leadership Award will be presented.

Refreshments will be available before the game. Watch the bulletin for details and for news on our 2010 honoree(s).

Plan to attend this fun, family event and celebrate the wonderful gift of leadership demonstrated here at STMUP!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS**Baptism Preparation for Parents**

Parents and expectant parents who desire baptism for their child need to attend a preparation class prior to scheduling their child's baptism. The next Baptism Preparation session is scheduled for February 21, 2010.

Please call Patty DeBiasio at 724.463.2277 ext. 116 for details and additional information.

Virtus Training

VIRTUS training is mandated by the Diocese of Greensburg for anyone who works with children and youth who are under 18 years of age. IF YOU HAVE NOT ATTENDED VIRTUS IN THE PAST and you work or volunteer in roles or ministries where you come in contact with children or youth, please call 724-552-2507 to register for ONE of these sessions.

- + Monday, Jan. 4 - 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Church of the Resurrection, Clymer Site
- + Monday, Jan. 4 - 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Church of the Resurrection, Clymer Site
- + Monday, Jan. 4 - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Church of the Resurrection, Glen Campbell Site
- + Saturday, Jan. 23 - 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon
St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana

2010 Faith Formation Sessions for Children and Youth

Welcome back! All Faith Formation Sessions will resume during the week of January 4, 2010 including JYM and SYM on Sunday, January 10, 2010.

SCHOOL NEWS**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast - Coming Soon**

St. Thomas More University Parish will again host a "Pancake and Sausage Breakfast" in the Lounge to benefit the St. Bernard Regional School on Sunday, January 31, 2010 immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass.

We have a number of families who are parishioners of STMUP who opt to have their children participate in this formal Catholic Educational setting. We support them in this decision and applaud all who have prayerfully discerned to have their children and teens be a part of any of our Faith Formation programs that strive to enhance the faith of our youth and build the Kingdom here in Indiana.

Come enjoy a great breakfast of pancakes and sausage and help support our regional Catholic School!

OUT AND ABOUT**March for Life**

Please reserve Friday, January 22, 2010 on your calendar and plan to join us for the annual March for life in Washington, D.C. Buses will leave the CMA Church parking lot at 6:00 AM and return by 11:00 PM. Fare is \$20 for adults, \$15.00 for children with scholarships available for those needing them.

For reservations, or to donate money toward scholarships, please call Ray Micco at 724.463.0779 or Elinor Carson at 724.463.9418. Let us all pray that the gift of human life is respected from "womb to tomb."

Bible Study - Acts of the Apostles

St. Bernard Parish will offer a Bible study program on the Acts of the Apostles in January, 2010. There will be two sessions - a session at 9:00 AM and a session at 6:30 PM. The starting date has not yet been determined.

If you would like more information, please contact the St. Bernard Parish Office at 724.465.2210.

2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration

All youth of the Diocese of Greensburg, grades 9-12, are invited to attend the 2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration on Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 12:30-9:00 PM. The event will take place at Greensburg Central Catholic High School and will include Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg.

Cost for the event is \$15.00 and includes dinner, snack & T-shirt. Registration forms are available at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youthministry.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH**Sunday, January 3**

Liturgy of the Word with children during the 10:00 AM Mass

Join us in the Lounge after Mass and celebrate our 4th Annual Epiphany Party & Covered Dish Brunch.

JYM & SYM - No Session

Monday, January 4

9:00 - 11:00 AM - Coalition for Equity [Cardinal Newman Room]

5:45 - 7:45 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:45 - 7:45 PM - CGS Level II [St. Cecilia Room]

5:45 - 7:45 PM - *We Believe* [Cardinal Newman Room & Library]

Wednesday, January 6

12 Noon - 1:00 PM - Mom's in Touch

12:30 - 2:30 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:15 - 7:15 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:15 - 7:15 PM - CGS Level II [St. Cecilia Room]

Thursday, January 7

9:30 - 11:30 AM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

4:15 - 6:15 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

Sunday, January 10

Liturgy of the Word with children during the 10:00 AM Mass

Brown Bag Sunday Collection - Benefits Eastern Orthodox Foundation

Join us in the Lounge after Mass for coffee and donuts

11:15 AM - *Now and At the Hour of our Death* Information Session [Cardinal Newman Room]

6:15 - 8:15 PM - JYM & SYM [Cardinal Newman, Library & Kitchen]

Just a reminder that YOU can be a sponsor for
Donation for Donuts!

Contact Cindy at 724.463.2277, ext. 113 for details.

OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 20, 2009

Adult: \$ 6,355.00 Children: \$13.00 Loose: \$ 1,001.00

Utilities Envelope: \$ 50.00 Catholic Accent: \$ 14.00

Christmas Flowers: \$ 86.00

PledgeConnect: \$ 880.00

Total Regular Weekly Collection: \$ 8,399.00

Christmas: \$ 655.00

Children & Family Services: \$ 20.00

Emergency Assistance Fund: \$ 20.00

Envelopes Issued: 604 Envelopes Returned: (47%)

PledgeConnect Enrollment: 32 Households

Today's Challenge ~ Tomorrow's Hope Campaign Update

Current Pledge / Gift Total: \$746,658 (74% of Parish "Dream" Goal)
(Total reflects the amount at the time of bulletin publication.)

255 Pledges = 44% Participation Rate

We are STILL moving forward in pursuing our goal!

Thanks to ALL who have helped generate great success so far!