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MASSES

Weekend: Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Spanish: Sunday: 6:00 p.m.
Daily: Monday - Friday 8:15 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSION: Friday 9:00 a.m. & Saturday 4:30 p.m.

NURSERY provided during the Sunday Masses.
Sue Underwood 540-0506

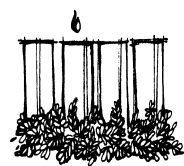
HOSPITALIZED, HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOME? Contact the office so a minister of Eucharist may visit.

MARRIAGE: Nashville Diocese requires a four-month preparation period.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: (in writing, fax, e-mail)
Due Monday noon

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

November 29 2009



BAPTISM: All parents should attend Baptism Preparation class before Baptism. Schedule with the parish office. **Class:** 2nd Monday, 7 PM. Sign up with the office for preparation class. Expectant mothers are welcome to participate in Baptism preparation. Questions:

Joan Danorovich 381-6939

SATURDAY NIGHT CHOIR: Practice at 4:15 p.m. to sing at Saturday, 5:30 Mass. Call Treva Held, 379-7428

TRADITIONAL CHOIR: Practice on Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; sing at Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass. Janet Thompson, 490-4751

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: Practice one hour before Mass to sing at Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass. Cathy Cook, 381-6192

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Jeanette Sparkman, Director (931) 381-6784 ext. 231
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Kathy Saye, Confirmation Coordinator ext. 230

RCIA-Adult: Janice Vinson 381-7977
Linda Knowles 490-4765

RCIA-Youth: Paula Board 987-0861

YOUTH GROUPS (CYO):

Paula Mangiaracina, Youth Coordinator (931) 379-7483

MARIAN GROUP: First Saturday, 4:55 p.m.
John Billingsley 388-3266

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: First Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
John Billingsley 388-3266

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS: Kay Reischman (931) 379-3182

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

THIS IS A TRUE STORY FROM THE JOURNAL OF A TAXI DRIVER

"I arrived at the address where someone had requested a taxi. I honked but no one came out. I honked again, nothing. So I walked to the door and knocked. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase.

The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware. 'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, and then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated'. 'Oh, you're such a good boy', she said.

When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?' 'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly. 'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice'. I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.'

I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. 'What route would you like me to take?' I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'. We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door.

The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. 'How much do I owe you?' she asked, reaching into her purse. 'Nothing,' I said 'You have to make a living,' she answered. 'There are other passengers,' I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. 'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.' I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light.

Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life. I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life".

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments.

LATIN NEWS (see page 4)

Coming Events
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Feast of Immaculate Conception (Tues., Dec. 8):

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass: 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Sat., Dec. 12):

5:30 PM Vigil Mass of Dec. 13 as usual

7:00 PM Guadalupe procession begins, Mass follows in Spanish; English-speaking community invited; reception in social hall afterward

Volunteer Appreciation (Sunday, Dec. 13) - Social Hall

9:00 AM Breakfast in your honor; *watch the mail.*

Christmas Concert (Sun., Dec. 13):

Concert - 1:30 PM - Worship Center

Meal hosted by Marian Group - 3:00 PM - Social Hall

Hispanic Advent Penance Service : Wed., December 16 (7 pm)

English Penance Service: Friday, December 18 (7 PM)

Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24):

4:30 PM Children's Mass (*note time*)

Children's Play: *'Bethlehem's Little Boy'*

7:00 PM Mass in Spanish

9:00 PM 'Midnight' Mass in English

11:59 PM Traditional Midnight Mass in Latin

1/2 of Christmas collection goes to Diocese of Nashville Missions

Christmas Day (Friday, December 25):

10:00 AM Mass in English

Stewardship is based on our need to give, not on the Church's need to receive. It is based upon the premise that all that we have and all we are comes from God and, as a way of thanking Him for all of our blessings, we return a portion of the treasure He has allotted to us. Please be generous in giving of yourself and please pray for the success of our **Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)** which now helps fund seminarian education. As in the past, funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal will also go toward marriage preparation counseling, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and more.

Why should we pledge? *Our BAA pledge is part of our Christian stewardship of treasure. Our motivation for giving is gratitude for all the blessings we have received from God. We must ask ourselves, what return should we make to the Lord? While we receive many requests for charitable gifts, our Church should be a priority consideration for our charitable support.*

But great moments often catch us unaware--beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one. People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel through your kindness and gentleness, not through negative destructive criticism.

May we look for the Lord daily these days of Advent.

Fr. Davis Chackaleckel, M.S.F.S.

Sunday, November 29th:

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Pre - 5).
Food Drive for Harvest Share ends today.
ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY— 9:15 AM—Library
CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE - 11:45 AM - Worsh. Ctr
MASS IN SPANISH—6:00 PM—Worship Center.

Monday, November 30th:

KARATE for CHRIST - 4:30 PM - Social Hall.
RCIA for ADULTS & YOUTH- 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, December 1st:

PARISH SUPPER - 6:30 PM - Social Hall.

Wednesday, December 2nd:

LADIES' SCRIPTURE GROUP - 7:00 PM - Library.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (gr. 6 - 10) - 6:30 PM.

Friday, December 4th:

ADORATION: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM - Chapel.
CONFESSION - 9:00 AM.
FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE - 7:00 PM.

Saturday, December 5th: **Rosary prayed before Mass.**
MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - 4:55 PM - Chapel.

Sunday, December 6th: **Rosary prayed before Mass.**
2ND COLLECTION: Building Maintenance
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K-5) - 9:00 AM.
ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY— 9:15 AM—Library.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Pre-School) - 10:30 AM.
YOUTH MASS - 10:30 AM.
CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE - 11:45 AM - Worsh. Ctr
JR. YOUTH & GLORY GROUP - Noon; social hall/208.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - 6:00 PM - Chapel.
MASS in SPANISH - 6:00 PM - Worship Center.



Food pantry food drive ends today. Thanks for your generosity!

The **ANGEL TREE** will be in the Narthex from Saturday, November 21 - Sunday, December 13. Please select an angel and return the gift with the angel tag attached. Return date is Sunday, December 13. Wrap only gifts for individual people; enclose the gift receipt if possible. Questions: 388-0084; 388-3803.



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PARISH SUPPER: Tues., Dec. 1, 6:30 PM - Social Hall. **Topic:** Squires' Program and "Keep Christ in Christmas" by Anthony Thomas and the Squires. **Bring a dish to share.**

You may put your **Christmas flowers** envelope in the collection basket any time; it is not a 2nd collection.

ST. CATHERINE BOOK FAIR Dec. 12-13 - Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus to benefit vocations. **A bake sale** will also take place.

FIL-AM CHRISTMAS PARTY - Saturday, Dec. 12 (6 PM) - UAW Hall, Spring Hill. Tickets: \$10/person; \$15/couple; \$20/family of 3; \$25/family of 4+. Proceeds go to build a house for the homeless, especially those affected by the back-to-back typhoons in the Philippines. Food & soft drinks provided. DJ dance after dinner. Call Fidel Pinote 931-380-1852; 931-334-4571.



On behalf of the Hispanic Catholic Community, you are cordially invited to the celebration of the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas, on Saturday, Dec. 12. The celebration begins at 7:00 PM with a procession in honor of her, followed by Holy Mass. Children will be making an offering of flowers to Our Lady. There will be a Mariachi serenade to her. The event will end with delicious Mexican food. Comments/questions: Fr. Louis (931-223-8216); Charles Mosquera (615-425-1116).

Hand-crafted Christmas cards from India will be available for sale today thru December 13th. Proceeds go for mission support.

YOU'RE INVITED

Parish Senior Citizens (age 55+) Monthly Luncheon
Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Theme: Christmas Holiday
 Lunch: 11:30 AM ~ Bingo: 1:00 PM;
 Bingo & door prizes (thanks to K of C)

There is no charge for lunch (donations accepted). Reservations required; sign up in the Narthex. If you must cancel your reservation, call Jean Schwinhamer (931-381-0158). **Attention Seniors:** Please cancel reservation by 4:00 PM Monday; otherwise we are charged for the reservation.



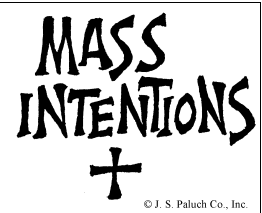
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presented by **ST. CATHERINE CHOIRS** and tentatively guest choirs - Sunday, Dec. 13 - 1:30 PM - Worship Center. A meal will be served afterward (approximately 3:00 PM) in the social hall by the Marian Prayer Group.

Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Catherine: Sunday, Dec. 20

2010 Catholic Extension Calendars should be arriving soon. We thank Oakes & Nichols Funeral Home for providing them.

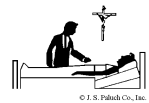
Monday	(11/30)	8:15 AM	† Janet Peters - Dr. Robert & Susan MacArthur
Tuesday	(12/1)	8:15 AM	† Dr. Ben Bacalzo - Phil & Fe' Stack
Wednesday	(12/2)	8:15 AM	Intentions of Michael & Dorothy Protz & Family - Michael Dudas
Thursday	(12/3)	8:15 AM	† Dr. Lloyd Perez - Ray & Kerri Seibold
Friday	(12/4)	8:15 AM	† Pattie Ruth Langa - Dr. Ambrose Langa
	<i>First Friday</i>		
Saturday	(12/5)	5:30 PM	† Patricia Carey Langa - Dr. Ambrose Langa
"	"	"	† Sidonia Olivier - Marion Olivier, Sr.
Sunday	(12/6)	8:00 AM	† Lorne O'Connor - Loving Sisters & Brother
"	"	"	† James & Ethel Sampson - Willie & Elouise Jones
"	"	10:30 AM	Members of the Parish



Weekday Mass intentions are needed. Call or stop by the office to make arrangements.

ASSIGNMENTS for NEXT WEEK

Saturday	- Dec. 5	<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>
	5:30 PM	Donald Nieman	Roland Desorcy	Mickey Massey
		Marty Baker	Kay Reischman : Gene McShane	Phillip Long : TBD
Sunday, Dec. 6	8:00 AM	Kristy Zink	Betsy Morrical	Dana Swift : Jada Holcomb
		Matthew Zink	Kevin Thompson : Mary Hamm	Nikki Bowen
	10:30 AM	Youth	Youth	Youth



The **Catholic Medical Association** is a national organization for all health care workers who want to practice within the framework of the moral teachings of the Church. To learn more about the recently created Nashville Guild, check out their website: www.nashvillecma.org

A Note from Father Hendricks regarding Latin Mass
 The next Latin Mass will be December 13 at 6:00 AM, the Third Sunday of Advent.
 You may contact me: clarejh@yahoo.com (subject line: Latin Mass)

Ministries planning activities at St. Catherine (short- or long-term) are requested to notify the office during the planning stage, and to be put on the schedule. This is especially important as we approach the holiday season. Do not assume your activity is 'a given'.



Pope Benedict XVI has awarded Deacon Bill Steltemeir, Chairman of EWTN, the Cross of Honor for Distinguished Service to the Church. Deacon Bill is the godfather of Savannah & Angel Billingsley of our parish. The "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" is the highest honor the Pope can bestow upon the laity and religious.

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday this week. **Adults:** Christine Bowers : Elizabeth Bowers : Ruth Brady : Joe Kuhl : Don Allman : Laura Campos : Nicole Rotchford : Christopher Zuniga : Edith Bennett : Reginald Murdock : Jeremy Myers : Dona Banks : William Cook, Jr. : Joe Schwab : Joan Eddins : Joseph Reusch : Jarod Gilles : Michael Keyser : Gloria Salcido : Jeanette Sparkman : Steven Van Dusen : John Carrizales : James Grimaud : Ambrose Langa : Kimberly Riley : Lu Winder
Youth: Nathan Reeves : Marina Lopez : Ethan Hotz : Corey Jenks : Thomas Velasco : Paulina Guerra : Kyle Sirak : Joshua Thomas : Nicholas Laffey

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy Coghlan : Shirley Walters : Will, Heather, & Chris Speiss : Donna McCulley : Megan Hunt : Jim Ebert : David & Jody Furtaw : Henrietta Ritchie : Polly Sullivan



MINUTES : : Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009

Attendees: C. Dugger, E. Jones, A. Thomas, A. Domm, C. Keller, P. Keller, Fr. Davis, J. MacMillan, D. Grajeda, L.Reed , A. Domm Guests: M. Gilles

Cindy Dugger opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes from the last meeting were kindly supplied by Clare Keller due to Jack MacMillan’s absence at last month’s meeting. They were accepted as submitted. There were no open actions to review.

There was a follow up discussion on the picnic. It was agreed that the individual notes provided by the various chairpersons of the event would be captured and kept in a single place. It was also agreed that next year’s chairperson should make certain that any recommendations in these are implemented for next year. Jennifer Hultgren will create a book to collect all of the picnic information. She will book the 4H center for the last Sunday in September for 2010 picnic. There was a motion (passed) to discuss where the next picnic should be held. Clare Keller will get quotes for tent rentals in preparation for this discussion to be held in February. Deacon Keller has submitted his thoughts in writing on future ideas for the picnic.

Jack MacMillan provided an update for the activities of the Ministry Review Committee. The eleven person committee has completed it’s preliminary work and have agreed the tools and protocols to be used for the assessments. An explanatory note from Father Davis was sent to all ministry leaders to advise them of the program and solicit their assistance. Five (5) two person teams have been formed to conduct the assessments with the ministry leaders. These assessments are now underway and are targeted to be completed by year end.

The committee to plan and produce the Annual Report for St. Catherine Parish is chaired by the Parish Council Chairperson. Participants include volunteers from the Parish Council and the Finance Board plus any other interested parishioners. Clare Keller, Ann Domm, and Cindy Dugger volunteered to assist with this year’s effort. Dalia Grajeda agreed to assist with securing input from the Hispanic Ministry. More volunteers are needed. A suggestion was made and agreed that copies of the last report will be given to all RCIA candidates. It was also suggested that the group secure other annual reports as guides for assisting in making our report better.

Anne Domm advised that some parishioners have requested additional seating in the Narthex. A discussion followed and it was agreed that we should look into this. Clare Keller will investigate possible solutions to the seating problem which will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Deacon Keller reported that most of the Emergency Action Plan assignments are established. For the safety of all parishioners, the Emergency Action Plan will be available in both English and Spanish. Additional precautions are needed for the operation of the nursery. Target to complete by March 1, 2010.

Deacon Keller has submitted a proposal for consideration relating to the services provided at St. Catherine funerals. This is in response to a request from Father Davis and is now under his review. There is no timeline for a decision on this proposal.

Deacon Keller reported that the Baptismal Preparation Ministry is in need of a male member to balance the needs for this effort.

Deacon Keller expressed disappointment in the falloff of participation in this year’s ‘Why Catholic’ program. It was suggested that a different effort is needed to support ongoing programs such as this to ensure larger participation.

Fr. Davis noted that Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held on Dec. 13 between masses. A certificate will be issued. Other ways of thanking the volunteers are progressing. Birthday cards are now being sent to parishioners.

Mike Gilles noted that the path along the back side of garden is over grown, making it difficult to bring trash is from the hall to the dumpster. The Knights of Columbus have agreed to take responsibility for trimming this area.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Father Davis.

Next Meeting: Tues, Jan. 12, 2010

BLESSING for your HOME ADVENT WREATH



Lord, our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all people, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us to salvation.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

First Sunday of Advent :: I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

