

St. Catherine Catholic Church

3019 Bayce Lane • Columbia, Tennessee 38401

Rev. Davis Chackaleckel, M.S.F.S. - Pastor

Mr. Price Keller, Deacon

PARISH OFFICE

Phone: (931) 388-3803
Fax: (931) 381-8837
Website: stcatherinecc.org
Hours: Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

“Fr. Davis” Chackaleckel: stcathpastor@bellsouth.net; ext. 221
Deacon Price Keller: pricekeller@bellsouth.net; ext. 223
Fr. Louis E. Rojas, S.A.C. [Hispanic] 931-223-8216
Ricci Burkins, Bookkeeper: ricciburkins@bellsouth.net ext 222
Jeri Thompson, Secretary: jthompson224@bellsouth.net x 224
Dee Konz, Secretary/Receptionist: dkonz@bellsouth.net x 225

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.

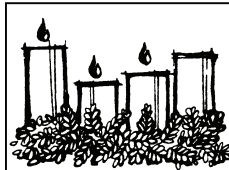
CONFESSION: Friday 9:00 a.m. & Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 13, 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

email: jeanettesparkman@bellsouth.net

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

Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest wears rose vestments to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus, as our Savior. The theme of the third Sunday of Advent is *rejoicing in hope*. Advent is a time for joy, not because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but because God is already in our midst. Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain or trouble, but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls. In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah says, "Shout for joy, O Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel." Zephaniah made this prophetic proclamation at the height of the Jewish exile when things appeared hopeless and unbearable. The instruction is repeated in the response to the Psalm, "Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." St. Paul echoes the same message of joy in the second reading from Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice... The Lord is in your midst... Fear not... be not discouraged... The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all..." Paul was in prison when he made this appeal for rejoicing. In the gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as wholehearted commitment to God's way by doing His will.

"Bloom where you are planted," St. Francis De Sales used to say. We are expected to become transformational agents where we are. But if the work environment is such that we are unable to deal honestly and fairly with other people, we should probably find a new job. No wonder, John's stirring message created a restless yearning for God in the hearts of the crowd, prompting them to ask the eager question, "What should we do?" People from every walk of life thronged to him. While some no doubt came out of curiosity, others were clearly motivated by religious fervor, and sought John's advice about the direction their lives should take. So he had a message for each group of listeners.

Parents, teachers and public servants are also Christ's precursors, carrying out the mission of bringing to Christ those entrusted to their care. Parents are expected to instill in their children a true Christian spirit and an appreciation for Christian values by their own lives and behavior. Teachers, too, have to play the role of John the Baptist. A Christian teacher must be always aware of being Christian in the presence of students, whatever the subject being taught, so that his or her Christian personality may leave a lasting impression on his or her students. All public servants are to remember that they are God's instruments, and that they are to lead the people they serve to the feet of Jesus, so that they may know Him personally as Savior, Lord and Brother. A nurse is not to hold back compassion from those deemed "not worthy." A teacher is to teach with enthusiasm and love. A salesperson is not to present the product as more valuable than it is, nor to overcharge people for products or services. Leaders are not to hold themselves above others. Anyone who has more of anything than he or she needs should share it.

"In Advent, Christians relive a dual impulse of the spirit: on the one hand, they raise their eyes towards the final destination of their pilgrimage through history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, remembering with emotion his birth in Bethlehem, they kneel before the Crib." - Pope Benedict XVI

Father Davis Chackaleckel, M.S.F.S.

A Note from Father Hendricks regarding Latin Mass

Latin Mass - Dec. 13 at 6:00 AM, the Third Sunday of Advent.

Other December Masses:

Christmas Midnight Mass (Dec. 24 at 11:59 PM)

Sunday Within the Octave - December 27 at 4:00 PM

Contact me: clarejh@yahoo.com (subject line: Latin Mass)

**Coming
Events**
© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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. **Thank you!**

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

English Advent 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

Today, Sunday, Dec. 13, is "Pledge Sunday" for the 2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA). All of us need to offer our hearts and hands to our parish and Diocese as together we continue to build God's Kingdom. Your gifts are essential to the ongoing vitality of the Diocese as we strive to serve the needs of our local community and together reach greater heights of Christian service. With your help we can ensure that our growing number of seminarians will continue in their journey toward the diocesan priesthood and that other worthy diocesan pastoral services are funded!

How do we make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal? Please complete the pledge card that has been mailed to your home (also available at church) and return it to the parish today. Extra pledge cards are available here. You will receive envelopes with which to make your monthly BAA pledge contribution directly from the diocese with your monthly statement. You will also receive BAA envelopes in your monthly envelope packets.

If you need assistance or know a church member who needs assistance this Christmas season, please contact Father Davis (ext. 221) or Ricci (ext. 222) in the office. Information will be kept confidential.

Sunday, December 13th: **Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge Sunday**
2ND COLLECTION: Retired Religious
BOOK FAIR & BAKE SALE to benefit religious vocations
LATIN MASS - 6:00 AM.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K- 5): 9:00 AM.
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST - 9 AM.
ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY— 9:15 AM—Library.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Pre-school): 10:30 AM.
CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE - 11:45 AM - Worsh. Ctr
MASS IN SPANISH—6:00 PM—Worship Center.

Monday, December 14th:
KARATE for CHRIST - 4:30 PM - Social Hall.
BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS for those enrolled - 7:00 PM - Library. Call the office to enroll.
K of C OFFICERS - 7:00 PM in #204 (1 week early).
RCIA for ADULTS & YOUTH- 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, December 16th:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (gr. 6 - 10) - 6:30 PM.
LADIES' SCRIPTURE GROUP - 7:00 PM - Library.
HISPANIC PENANCE SERVICE - 7:00 PM.
K of C BUSINESS MEETING - 7:00 PM - Social Hall. (1 week early)

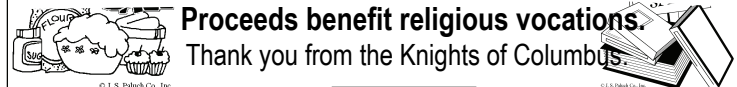
Friday, December 18th:
ADORATION: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM - Chapel.
CONFESSION - 9:00 AM.
ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE (English) - 7:00 PM.
 Eight priests will be present to give the Lord's forgiveness.

Saturday, December 19th:
BREAKFAST with SANTA - 9:00 AM - Social Hall.
 Sign up in the Narthex if your child plans to attend.
K of C 3RD & 4TH DEGREE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL - 6:30 PM - Social Hall.

Sunday, December 20th:
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K-5) - 9:00 AM.
ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY— 9:15 AM—Library.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Pre-School) - 10:30 AM.
CHRISTMAS Dress Rehearsal - 11:45 AM - Worsh. Ctr
FIL/AM GROUP - Noon - Library.
MASS in SPANISH - 6:00 PM - Worship Center.
CHRISTMAS PLAY (Spanish) - 7:00 PM.

Religious face rising costs. Data submitted to the National Retirement office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women & men religious, age 70+, has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to this collection provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious, and give generously to today's second collection. www.retiredreligious.org

BAKE SALE & BOOK FAIR TODAY!!



Proceeds benefit religious vocations. Thank you from the Knights of Columbus.

The **ANGEL TREE** will be in the Narthex through Sunday, December 13. Return the gift with the angel tag attached. **Return date is today, December 13.** Wrap only gifts for individual people; enclose the gift receipt if possible. Questions: 388-0084; 388-3803.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
Friday, December 18 - 7:00 PM

BREAKFAST with SANTA, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - Saturday, December 19, 9:00 AM - Social Hall for children. Enjoy a pancake breakfast, a visit with Santa, and take home a gift. Sign up in Narthex to aid in planning.

Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Catherine: Sunday, December 20th from 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM. **It is important that you reserve an appointment time** as the Red Cross honors appointment times before 'walk-ins'. Sign up in the Narthex. Donations drop drastically between Thanksgiving & Christmas. **Type 'O's are especially needed** as well as **double red cells**. Give the best gift of all--the gift of life!

December is St. Catherine's month to cook at **The People's Table**. Assistant cooks are needed @Friday. **Note:** Volunteers are especially needed for Tues., Dec. 22---this is a new time instead of Christmas Day. Sign up in Narthex.

There are new light switches in the social hall that turn on lights for certain areas only. Refer to the diagram & use only the lights needed. This is in an effort to reduce electric costs.

Christmas Concert presented by **ST. CATHERINE CHOIRS** and tentatively guest choirs - Sunday, Dec.13th. **CANCELLED**



MARTHA MINISTRY is in need of one or more volunteers to assist in clean-up of the classrooms after Religious Education classes. The clean-up times are during normal office hours (8A-4P, Monday-Friday; or on Saturday with prior arrangements). The duties include dry sweeping floors, wiping tables, & emptying wastebaskets.

Contact Kevin Thompson (931-626-9590).

Monday	(12/14)	8:15 AM	† Harry Thompson - Janet Thompson
Tuesday	(12/15)	8:15 AM	† Rachel Lynn Rutherford (3rd Anniv) - Dan & Marcia Rutherford
Wednesday	(12/16)	8:15 AM	† Eddie Meinck - Meinck Family
Thursday	(12/17)	8:15 AM	† Nepomencna Lewandowski - William & Beverly Beard
Friday	(12/18)	8:15 AM	† Mamie Szymborski - Family
Saturday	(12/19)	5:30 PM	† Janet Peters - Randy, Jeanette & Drew Sparkman
Sunday	(12/20)	8:00 AM	† Billy Holt - Frances Holt
“	“		† Lorraine Jones & Betty Mack - Willie & Elouise Jones
“		10:30 AM	Members of the Parish



ASSIGNMENTS for NEXT WEEK

Saturday, December 19	Lectors:	Eucharistic Ministers:	Altar Servers:
5:30 PM	TBA	Deacon Keller	Alice Sherman
	Terry Seay	Kay Reischman : Randy Sparkman	Phillip Long : Nikki Bowen
Sunday, Dec. 20 8:00 AM	Lynn Reed	Deacon Keller	April Ackley
	Scott Matta	Mary Hamm : Betsy Morrical	Jacob Hilgert : Kendra Douglas
10:30 AM	Stephen Hultgren	Deacon Keller : Maria Kis	Helenka Kis
	Diby Kouadio	Anthony Thomas, II : Fidel Pinote	Sam Fitzgerald
		Donald & Janet Cormier : Leda Sorci	Mary Grossheim



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

Donors must deliver or mail (& postmark) checks on or by December 31, 2009 in order to claim a **charitable contribution** deduction for 2009. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2010 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2009 even if the check is predated to 2009 or was actually written in 2009. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2009 will be deductible in 2009 even though they are not received by a church until 2010.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Stanley Harms : Patricia Oberle : Larry Roe : Shirley Walters : Megan Hunt : Jim Ebert : Polly Sullivan : Karen Woodall : Debra Raia : Diane Rosenberg : Samuel Hickman : Mark Stanley :

PRAY for the REPOSE of the SOUL of: **David Hatley**, brother of Martha Saino
Steven Cedillo, son of Joe & JoAnn Cedillo

Welcome to St. Catherine: Christina Sorge : Nicolle Head

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES :
December 27th issue: deadline is noon on Thursday, December 17th
January 3rd issue: deadline is 3:00 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd

Weekly Offering

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Last Sunday: \$9,252.32

Building Maintenance: \$2,210.00

of Families: 703

Sales, fundraiser, or any activity conducted at St. Catherine by any individual, family, group, etc. must be approved--and scheduled--through the office.

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'.

Preparing the Way of the Lord

An Advent Quiz

1. Who said "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour"?
2. Why did the child leap in Elizabeth's womb?
3. What was the name of that child?
4. What name did the neighbors want to give Elizabeth's son?
5. Why did they want that name?
6. Who was the Roman Emperor who decreed a census should be taken?
7. Complete the sentence: "Today in the town of David a saviour..."
8. To whom did the angel speak that sentence?
9. Who said "My soul magnifies the Lord"?
10. To whom was it said?
11. Which of the 4 Gospels gives details about the shepherds at Bethlehem?
12. Which of the Gospels tells us about the wise men?
13. Who was the King who interviewed the wise men?
14. Which of the Gospels begins: "A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham"?
15. Who was the father of Joseph?
16. Which great Prophet is quoted with the words: "A virgin will conceive..."?
17. Which of the Gospels gives us that quotation? *Answers below*

Answers: (1) The angel Gabriel; (2) Mary the Mother of Jesus greeted Elizabeth; (3) John the Baptist; (4) Zechariah; (5) It was his father's name; (6) Caesar Augustus; (7) Has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord; (8) The shepherds; (9) The virgin Mary; (10) to Elizabeth her cousin; (11) According to Luke; (12) According to Matthew; (13) Herod; (14) According to Matthew; (15) Jacob; (16) Isaiah; (17) According to Matthew



Thanks to everyone--those who purchased, and those who helped see--for the success of the Christmas card sale supporting the African and Indian missions. - St. Catherine Ladies Group

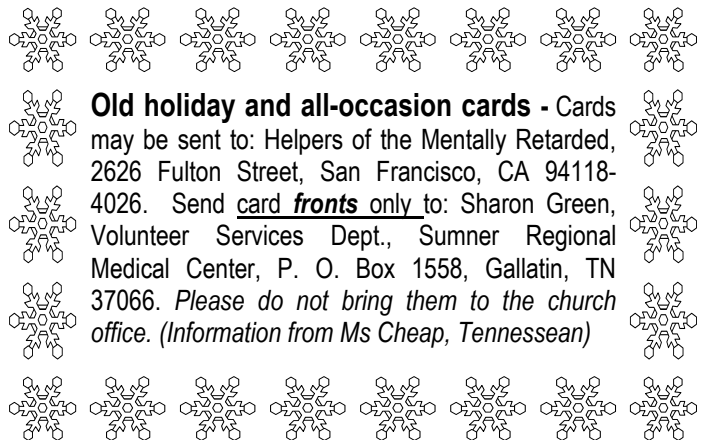
Non-profit medical clinic grand re-opening ~ Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 9:00 AM - Noon, 180 Bear Creek Pike, Columbia, TN. Free health screenings, information, refreshments. As a non-profit & federally qualified health center, they accept those who are uninsured basing their fee on income. Most people can be seen for \$40. Various insurance plans and TennCare & Medicare/Medicaid also accepted.

LIVING FAITH BOOKS for January - March are available in the office. Quantities are limited; pick up a copy soon.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

***May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.***

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127



Old holiday and all-occasion cards - Cards

may be sent to: Helpers of the Mentally Retarded, 2626 Fulton Street, San Francisco, CA 94118-4026. Send card fronts only to: Sharon Green, Volunteer Services Dept., Sumner Regional Medical Center, P. O. Box 1558, Gallatin, TN 37066. *Please do not bring them to the church office. (Information from Ms Cheap, Tennessean)*

STRENGTH and COURAGE : : Prayer infuses the weak with strength and fainthearted with courage. - Anonymous

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday this week. Adults: Israel Lopez : Barbara Masano : Steve Nordmeyer : Rodney Schaller : Charles Weathers : Mary Hopkins : Melicia Laroco : Kevin Pinote : Richard Gehrke : Donald Nieman : Patricia Platt : Kate Ruddy : Leeanna Underwood : Donna VanRosenberg : Cheryl Edlin : Robert Etten : Theresa Wenzel : Michael Carey : Tammy Carey : Julianna Edmonds : Jon Paul Hilgert : Selina Newton : Patricia Oberle : Erin Staub : Mary Ann Edgin : Gilbert Gant : Victor Hernandez : Angela Martin : Betsy Morrical : Tony Vallejos : Esther Vazquez : Joe Cedillo : Steven Glynn : Pearl Lumpkins : Traci Maurice : Zachary Miarka : Kevin Thompson

Youth: Lythia Ramirez : Dean Walkowiak : Ellen Nyhus : Matthew Hinds : Autumn Hotz : Emily Maquiling : Precinda Mendes : Haylee Reisen

Man--a creature who buys football tickets three months in advance and waits until December 24 to do his Christmas shopping.

If you want to hear people say :  why not visit a church instead of a store?