

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 12, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

+Gloria Lux

(Rosemary Linhart)

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

+Julia Baker

(The Alexander Family)

Thursday, January 15, 2009

+Margaret Hall

(Earl Hall)

Friday, January 16, 2009

Betty Pliska

(Frances Wenner)

Saturday, January 17, 2009

5:00 PM-+Lyle Linhart

(Rosemary Linhart)

Sunday, January 18, 2009

8:30 AM-+Gloria Lux

(Rosemary Linhart)

10:30 AM-People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 11, 2009

9:00 AM- Faith Formation

11:30 AM-Jr. High mtg.-P.C.

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

10:00 AM-Altar Guild mtg.-S.R.

7:00 PM-KOC mtg.-S.R.

7:00 PM-Choir

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

7:00 PM-RCIA-S.R.

Thursday, January 15, 2009

7:00 PM-Prayer Grp.-S.R.

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4



Baptism Class for infants will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Pre-registration is required, please contact Carolyn at the Parish Center to register. Baptisms will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the 5:00 PM Mass.

FROM FR. JOHN:

Y ARE WE SO CLUELESS?

"I know where I came from and I know where I am going: you know neither one or the other" John 8:14

Back in the day, back in my college days, I considered myself a good person but in many ways I was lost and lonely. I was looking for more meaning and love in my life. I knew that there had to be more to life than what I was seeing or experiencing. I had a superficial understanding of myself. I really did not know who I was or where I was going. I guess you could say I was having an identity crisis. The Holy Spirit, however, was moving in my heart and others around me to help me understand who I was. The Holy Spirit was doing what the Holy Spirit always does for us - moving us to a deeper understanding of our identity, showing us who we are.

It was at this point in my life that I transferred colleges. I decided to take a risk and transfer to this small, Catholic college back East that was known for being excited about God. At this point in my life I was pretty much the center of the universe and had made little room for God. However, the faculty, staff and students at The Franciscan University, both knowingly and unknowingly, challenged me to seek my identity in God. I frame their challenge to me with the Gospel story when Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Well, that was the question of all questions in my life at that point. Today, it is still the question of all questions for me. By far this is the most important question we must seek to answer in our lives. As we grow in understanding of who Jesus is, we will know more certainly who we are and where we are going.

God does not want us to be clueless or questioning as to who we are and where we are going. We are His! We belong to God. We can live forever in His love. But each of us has to seek this understanding personally. It will not just happen for us if we just go with the flow.

There is a grand canyon of difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing how Jesus loves us personally. And in the light of his love we come to know who we are! I really did not know who I was some two decades ago. I have sought Jesus hard through prayer, relationships and service daily for over the past two decades and that has made all the difference. I now know who I am and where I am going. I am loved and I believe am going to heaven.

Who do you say Jesus is? What if we replaced every minute we watch of TV with seeking Jesus in personal and family prayer? It is not against the law. I guarantee you we would not be having the huge identity crisis we have today. We would all know we are loved and that love would define our existence.

Know where you came from, who you are and where you are going.

+Fr. John

Youth Group Schedule:

Jan 11: Jr Hi Mtg
PC 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
Jan 18: Jr Hi Mtg
PC 11:30 AM –1:00 PM
HS Mtg
Soc. Rm. 7:00-8:30 PM
Jan 31-Feb 1: Souperbowl of Caring
after each Mass

Los Embajadores 2009 June 28-July 6

The Mexico service immersion trip is an incredible opportunity for high school & college age students (16 and older) to serve the poor, experience another culture and to grow in their faith. An informational meeting for teens & parents will be held January 25th at Noon in Rm 6. Questions call Janet 503- 761-8710.

Bible Study: Winter Bible Study will be starting soon. Join in and take a closer look at the cross of Jesus using the study "The Tragic and Triumphant Cross". The 10-week study begins the week of January 25th. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or contact Janet at 503-761-8710.

Super Bowl Feast Sunday February 1st

Watch the **BIG** game on the **BIG** screen in the social room on February 1st. Purchase your tickets from one of the Knights of Columbus after Mass. Space is limited and the food is spectacular.

Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul Society

There has been no slow down in our business and we have not laid-off any volunteers. Thanks to you our parishioners, we have been able to keep up with so many requests for food. We have also been able to help many in our area with some help for rent and utilities. The Thanksgiving food and money collections gave us a big boost for the holidays and a good beginning for the New Year.

Care Ministry

The Prayer Chain will meet Tuesday, January 20th from 9:00-10ish in the Social Room of the Church. Anyone from the parish is invited to attend and join us as we pray for those who are ill and have requested prayer support. We will continue our book The Art of Affirmation. If you are new to the parish and would like to join us, please come, we share books well. There will be refreshments following the meeting.

WOWS Lunch: This is a social activity open to all widows, widowers and those who are single for any reason. We will enjoy a 1:00 PM lunch on January 27th at Francis Xavier Restaurant on 181st. We can car pool. My car can hold 3 or 4 more people. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x105 by Monday the 26th.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick will take place at the 8:30 AM Mass on February 1st. Come and be honored for your service.

From the Altar Guild:

Because of the success of our annual Christmas Bazaar/Bake Sale, we are proud to inform you that we made a profit of \$1,793.00. We divided this money amongst the following charities for our Christmas giving:

Sno-Cap,
St. Vincent de Paul
Human Solutions on 82nd.

We were able to do this because of your great support and generosity. Our thanks go out to all who made it possible for this Christian giving.

Back to Prayer Night:

We would like to invite all of you to join us on **Thursday, January 29th at 7:00 PM.** The evening will begin in the church with our special guest speaker - Sharon Standley.

Come be moved by the Holy Spirit!
Refreshments and friendly conversation will follow immediately afterwards in the Social Room.



LOOP'S

(Ladies of our Parish)

2nd Annual Luncheon Tea

Tickets on sale in January

Cost: \$ 18.00/ea

(Assistance available if needed)

Time: 1:30 pm

Saturday

February 21, 2009

**Mark your calendars:
Bring your grandmothers, mothers,
daughters, aunts, sisters and
girlfriends.**

**Our social room will be transformed
into an atmosphere filled with fun.**

**Together we will share delicious
food, a wonderful speaker, several
flavors of tea and abundant
fellowship. Ticket prices, times, and
more information will be in future
bulletin announcements.**

Thank you!! To the following Knights of Columbus men who turned out on a rainy afternoon to help us move to a new location. We were overwhelmed to see a caravan of trucks and 16 Knights with strong backs show up at our front door. **Thanks to:** Tony De Fazio, Larry Loumena, Tony Jensen, Jacob Jensen, Verne Whaley, Bob Anderson, Buz Siefert, Lynn Lawer, Joe Bowen, Jim Boyce, Randy Burmester, Gregg Bronsema, Scott Rathbone, John Wren and Rian Caldwell. We seriously couldn't have done the move without you. You were so appreciated! We are blessed!
The Clayton Family

Coffee and Donuts are served in the Social Room after the morning Masses. We are looking for volunteers to host the coffee hours. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up during the Coffee & Donut hour.