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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday 7:15 a.m. Sat. 7:30 a.m.
Sept. – May, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Weekend, Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Weekend, Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day, Evening 6:30 p.m.
Holy Day, Day 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (*unless noted*)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Anytime upon request.

BAPTISM

Sunday after 4th Tuesday
Call Rectory to make arrangements.

WEDDINGS

No date should be set without consulting the Pastor. Call for an appointment at least six months in advance.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Please register by calling the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 98; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: Saint John Neumann, bishop
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 100; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: Blessed André Bessette, religious
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: Saint Raymond of Peñafort, priest
1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 2; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 72; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 72; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Lord, *Every nation on earth* will adore you.

The solemnity of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God. The word “epiphany” itself means “to appear” and is often used in reference to the appearance of God. The Church celebrates on this day both the coming of God in Christ and the coming of God in Christ into the lives of Christians.

Last year we looked at the Gospel reading of the arrival of the magi to witness the newborn king (Matthew 2:1-12). Today we reflect on the first reading, which speaks about the effects of God's coming into our own lives. This reading is from a section of the book of Isaiah that scholars call Third Isaiah. Third Isaiah was written when the Jewish people returned from exile in Babylon in the sixth century B.C. Life back home was very difficult, and the prophet writes to give them hope about what God can and will do for them.

Isaiah speaks in poetry, with radical images to counter the spiritual shortsightedness caused by the people's disappointments. These images will provide them with a new perspective that opens their spirits to be able to receive confidently what God's coming means for them. So he appeals to their imaginations to suggest the richness of God for them. It is like light in the midst of darkness (Isaiah 66:1-2). This light will enlighten them regarding how to live. Isaiah says that the people themselves will become this light so that others will use them as examples of how to live (60:3). God comes for the transformation of people, and transformation spreads as more and more see what enlightened living looks like.

Finally, Isaiah writes about God's presence to them in terms resonant with the deepest desires of our hearts: God's coming will create family togetherness and family blessings.

In the light of God's epiphany in Jesus Christ we realize that these blessings are fully realized in the next life. The Isaiah reading informs us, however, of how God is already at work in some ways even now to achieve these ends.

Commentaries by Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R

ST. JOSEPH BINGO St. Joseph Bingo is held in St. Ann's School Cafeteria every Monday night. Doors open 5:30 P.M. Preliminary games begin at 7:00 P.M.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, January 3rd

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Tuesday, January 5th

11:30 a.m. Rosary Society Lunch at Riley's

Wednesday, January 6th

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, January 7th

6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Saturday, January 9th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, January 10th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

January Luncheon - The Rosary Society will have their January Luncheon at Riley's Restaurant on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 11:30 A. M. It is located in Springdale on Route 4. If you need a ride, please call Mary Jo at 863-1700. Hope to see you there.

MAX & ERMA'S FUNDRAISER: A date has been set, so mark your calendars. St. Ann's day at Max & Erma's will be Wednesday, January 13th for lunch, dinner & carryout sales. We receive a check for 20% of your total bill when you present the flyer we will be inserting in the bulletin the Sunday before. Please make copies and pass them on the family and friends. If you have a St. Ann Kroger Card, you can purchase Max & Erma's Certificates at Kroger using your St. Ann's Kroger card and St. Ann's will make another 4%. Last year we did very well with this fundraiser. Hope to see you there!

Attention: All Teenagers - All Single Men/Women!

Have you ever considered a religious vocation? Join us for our 3rd Annual Vocation Panel on Sunday evening, January 10, 2010 from 7-9pm. Come hear the vocation stories of Tom Fr. McCarthy, Deacon Tim Ralston (to be ordained in May 2010), 1st year seminary Chris Geiger from St. Susanna Parish, along with 2 nuns from the Dominicans and the Little Sisters of the Poor, and 2 lay consecrated women. We will also have refreshments and a Q & A session. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how you can hear God's will in your life!



Please welcome into our parish these children baptized at St. Ann Church on November 1, 2009.

Brody Fiehrer, child of Christopher and Renee Fiehrer

Mason Hershner, child of Scott and Tonya Hershner

James Saurber, child of Brandon and Kristina Saurber

Trey Williams, child of Curtis and Ronda Williams

Ivy Robbins, child of Charles and Staci Robbins



Saturday, January 2nd The Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Robert Hogan (Paul Fenzl)

Sunday, January 3rd The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Vera Sackenheim (Lois Baumann)
10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Monday, January 4th St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:15 a.m. Leo & Luella Wenzel – Birthday Remembrance (Karen)

Tuesday, January 5th St. John Neumann

7:15 a.m. Katherine & Edward Fenzl (Paul)

Wednesday, January 6th Christmas Weekday

7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Christie Horsley

Thursday, January 7th Christmas Weekday

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, January 8th Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Janice Ruhl – Anniversary (Family)

Saturday, January 9th Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Rose McAbee

5:00 p.m. Tom Pottenger (Family)

Sunday, January 10th Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

10:30 a.m. Baby Goldschmidt (Grandma & Grandpa Goldschmidt)

St. Ann Financial Stewardship *Thank you!*

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
12/20/2009	\$ 7,746.24
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 289,728.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 235,223.08
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 2,622.00
ABITIBI	\$ 18.10



Fr. Mondiek will be exposing the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar from 8 a.m. until Benediction at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Please consider visiting the Lord for an hour.

- We appreciate your continued support of the St. Ann Grocery / Gift Card fund raiser. *We even deliver!*
- Donate your inactive cell phones, **no** chargers or accessories. Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Respect Life Committee. Boxes for used phones are at all the church doors. *Thank you!*
- We continue to sell LaRosa Buddy Cards....call the parish office at 863-4963 for yours (\$10).

RUMPKE RECYCLING Don't forget to use our blue Rumpke CAN Recycling Container in the parking lot. This is for **aluminum cans only**. Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Roots and Wings (formerly Grant in Aid) School Tuition Assistance program. Rumpke is partnering with Busch Gardens / Sea World and this is free to our School / Parish. With your support we will be eligible for quarterly rewards along with proceeds from the aluminum cans.