



# Many Hands. One Faith.

First Sunday Of Advent

November 30, 2008

## Gospel Reflection

### THE WAITING GAME

Every Sunday, after the Lord's Prayer, we hear the words of an Advent prayer: "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." In Latin, these words are *Exspectantes beatam spem et adventum Salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi*. We see our own words "expectant" and "advent" in them. Another way to say this might be "We are expectant, in joyful hope, at the advent of our Savior, Jesus Christ." Mothers and fathers know that being expectant, while it is a time of joyful hope, is not always an easy time. It is a mistake for us to think that our waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Christ can be a passive, uninvolved time. Quite the contrary! Like expectant parents, we must constantly be working to make sure everything is ready for the important arrival! As Isaiah prays to the coming Lord: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" (Isaiah 64:4).

### WATCHING, NOT WAITING

In the Gospel, Jesus moves us from passive waiting to the attitude of waiting in its active form—watchfulness. It is



possible, when we are merely waiting, to occupy ourselves with other things. What Jesus tells us today is that we must be occupied with the work of the master; we must be alert, we must be met by him upon his return doing right and being mindful of him in our ways. Paul consoles us that this vigilant watchfulness need not tire us out, for Christ himself has enriched us and strengthened us to remain firm in our expectation, our joyful hope. It is in this way that we wait and watch for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, when he is revealed to us in glory.

*Today's Readings: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37*

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## Mass Intentions for December 7, 2008

5:30 p.m.	OLMC	Sylvia Cloyd,, Jean Ryan
8:30 a.m.	OLMC	Walter Harris
10:30 a.m.	STM	Magdalena Nguyen, Ed Gootee, All Of Our Parishioners
12:30 p.m.	STM	All Of Our Parishioners

## Daily Readings

Saturday Vigil, Nov. 29..	Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7 ..	1 Cor 1:3-9.....	Mark 13:33-37 .....	Louise Gregory, William Schaffer
Sunday, November 30				
8:30 a.m. ....	Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7 ..	1 Cor 1:3-9.....	Mark 13:33-37 .....	Bob & Lillian Fitzgibbon, All Parishioners
10:30 a.m. ....	Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7 ..	1 Cor 1:3-9.....	Mark 13:33-37 .....	Jake Nix, Helen Cecil, Jean Pofflex
12:30 p.m. ....	Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7 ..	1 Cor 1:3-9.....	Mark 13:33-37 .....	All Of Our Parishioners
Monday, December 1.....	Is 2:1-5.....	Matthew 8:5-11.....		Agnes Theineman
Tuesday, December 2 .....	Is 11:1-10.....	Luke 10:21-24.....		All The Sick And Homebound of OLMC
Wednesday, Dec. 3 .....	Is 25:6-10a.....	Matthew 15:29-37.....		Jeramie Johnson
Thursday, December 4 ...	Is 26:1-6.....	Matthew 7:21,24-27... ..		All The Sick And Homebound of STM
Friday, December 5 .....	Is 29:17-24.....	Matthew 9:27-31.....		Bill O'Brien
Saturday, December 6.....	Is 30:19-21, 23-26....	Matthew 9:35 -10:1-8 .....		All Of Our Parishioners

## Intentions

You are invited to attend one of our Masses next Sunday, December 7th, at either 8:30 AM at Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel or 10:30 AM at St. Thomas More where our presider will be Archbishop Joseph Kurtz. These Masses will mark the Archbishop's initial visits to both parishes.

At the 10:30 AM Mass, in special recognition, he will present the charter for our newly formed Monsignor McKune Council of The Knights Of Columbus. With this special celebration in mind, members of our Knights and members of their families will act as Liturgical ministers at both of these Masses.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served at a reception following the 8:30 AM Mass. Light refreshments will be served in the PLC following the 10:30 Mass. Everyone is invited to attend!



## Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions December 2008

### GENERAL:

That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.



### MISSION:

That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world..



## Bicentennial Moments

On December 10, 1937, the Diocese of Louisville was elevated to an Archdiocese by the papal bull *Quo Christifidelium*. Louisville became a metropolitan see with jurisdiction over the Dioceses of Covington, Nashville, and the new diocese of Owensboro. Today the Archdiocese has jurisdiction over three dioceses in Kentucky (Covington, Lexington, and Owensboro) and three in Tennessee (Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville).

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## Four-Week Calendar of Upcoming Events

**CONFESSION**

**Saturday 4:30 p.m. (OLMC)**

**ROSARY RECITATION**

**Mon. - Sat. after 8:15 Mass (OLMC)**

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

**5:30 p.m. (OLMC)**

**SUNDAY MASS**

**8:30 a.m. (OLMC)**

**10:30 a.m. (STM)**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)**

**Friday, 11:00 a.m. (STM)**

	Week of Nov. 30 – Dec. 6	Week of Dec. 7 – Dec. 13	Week of Dec. 14 – Dec. 20	Week of Dec. 21 – Dec. 27
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous	<b>8:30 a.m. (OLMC) &amp; 10:30 a.m. (STM)</b> <b>Masses Celebrated With The Archbishop</b> 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM)	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting	11:30 a.m. (STM) STM Lunch Outing 12:30 p.m. (OLMC) Golden Citizens Potluck 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting	6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting	<b>Beginning of Christmas Break For SNA Students</b> 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) First Reconciliation 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 6:00 p.m. (STM) Parish Council 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) St. Vincent DePaul Mtg. 7:00 p.m. (STM) Rel. Ed & Adult Faith 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.	6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) Rel. Ed & Adult Faith 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.	6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) Penance Service 7:00 p.m. (STM) Rel. Ed & Adult Faith 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. (OLMC) Knights of Columbus 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.	<b>Parish Offices Closed</b> 5:30 p.m. (STM) Christmas Mass 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon. 12:00 a.m. (OLMC) Christmas Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:30 p.m. (STM) Children's RCIA 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Mass of The Air Taping	12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:30 p.m. (STM) Children's RCIA 7:00 p.m. (STM) Worship Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting	12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:30 p.m. (STM) Children's RCIA 7:00 p.m. (STM) Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting	<b>Parish Offices Closed</b> 8:30 a.m. (OLMC) Christmas Mass 10:30 a.m. (STM) Christmas Mass 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous  <b>"Merry Christmas"</b>
<b>Friday</b>	11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study	11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study	11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study	<b>Parish Offices Closed</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m. (STM) Breakfast With Santa 9:00 a.m. (OLMC) Hour Of Prayer 4:00 p.m. (OLMC) Holy Hour <b>6:00 p.m. (SNA)</b> <b>December Gala</b>	3:00 p.m. (STM) Monthly Raffle Drawing		

## Weekly Message:

### En Theos — Enthusiasm For The Faith

#### *How are Jesus and discipleship portrayed in Mark, the Gospel used in Lectionary Year B which begins this Sunday?*

Mark's community understood Jesus as one sent from God to battle the forces of evil. After his baptism, Jesus, driven to the desert, confronts and defeats the evil one. Upon his return, Jesus sets out to defeat the evil powers by curing the sick, driving out demons, and restoring people to their families and communities. The powers of evil strike back at Jesus, creating controversy, rejection, and opposition that ultimately lead to Jesus' death.

Jesus calls disciples, teaching them what discipleship entails. Mark's Jesus clearly conveys that discipleship entails hardships, persecution, rejection, suffering and even the possibility of death. The disciples find it difficult to comprehend who Jesus is and what following him demands. Mark pictures the disciples as slow to understand and hesitant to carry out the demands of discipleship.

Mark's Gospel presents blind Bartimaeus as the model of discipleship. In Mark 10:46-52, Bartimaeus shouts to Jesus to have pity of him. While the disciples turn him away, Jesus requests that Bartimaeus be brought to him. Jesus inquires what Bartimaeus wants, who responds, "Master, I want to see." Jesus cures him immediately, and Bartimaeus follows Jesus on the road of discipleship.

According to Mark, Bartimaeus models what true discipleship entails, namely our continual striving to see and understand who Jesus is and our desire to follow him no matter where it leads.

Reflect on how you will strive to see, understand and follow Jesus during this new year of grace.

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## A Child Is Born

Here we are beginning Advent, the season of waiting to celebrate Jesus' birth. Our family celebrated an arrival this past week. Katy's and my grandson, Nathan Samuel Morton, was born to our son Sam and his wife Kate on November 17. All the waiting and worrying and anticipation for his arrival has now become a waiting to hold him, a worrying about every cry, and the anticipation of what's next. The miracle of it all and the joy involved certainly takes over our minds and hearts. What a mystery! What a joy!

This arrival brings to mind a poem by Anthony de Mello SJ. Here are a few lines I have paraphrased. Try putting your name or a loved one's where I have put "Nathan":

### "The Advent"

The events of history were controlled for Nathan's coming to this world no less than for the coming of the Savior. The time had to be ripe, the place just right, the circumstances ready, before Nathan could be born.

God chose the parents of his Son and endowed them with the personality they needed for the child that would be born. I speak to God about that he chose to be Nathan's parents...the kind of human beings they have to be if Nathan is to become what God meant him to be.

The Christ child comes, like every other child, to give the world a message. What message has Nathan come to give?...

Finally, I recall the song the angels sang when Christ was born. The sang of the peace and joy that give God glory. Have I heard the song the angels sang when Nathan was born?

I see with joy what has been done through Nathan to make the world a better place and I join those angels in the song they sang to celebrate his birth.

Thanks for reading.

Let's keep praying for one another,  
Tom Morton, DRE

### Love

A home's temperature is best maintained by warm hearts, not cold words. Work on the thermostat at your home tonight. Find an opportunity to heat things up with a warm comment and loving actions. So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

## Minister Schedule

### Saturday, December 6, 5:30 p.m. Mass - OLMC

GREETERS	Bradley Wegman, Lynn Wegman, Mary Van Meter
EUCH. MINISTERS	Maureen Curran, Mary Dorner, David Kellerman, Debbie Kennedy, Marleen Pipes, Aileen Spies,
LECTORS	Mary Lanning, Nancy Price
CANTOR	Melanie Komp
USHERS	Bob Baker, Larry Clark, Bruce Hines, Steve Wegman
GIFT BEARERS	Billy Basham, Karly Basham
SERVERS	Mallory Kellerman, Shea Martin Shelby Carter

### Sunday, December 7, 8:30 a.m. Mass - OLMC

GREETERS	Tim Grady, Lisa Grady
EUCH. MINISTERS	Deacon Mike, Deacon Terry, Alan Lee, Pat Lee, Marie Blumeier, Don Blumeier,
LECTORS	Alfred Bosemer, Bruce Hines
CANTOR	Melanie Komp
USHERS	J.R.Huffman, Damon Bayens, Mil- ton Hafner, Greg Davis
GIFT BEARERS	Joe May, Hillary Bickett, T.J.Grady
SERVERS	Information Not Available

### Sunday, December 7, 10:30 a.m. Mass - STM

GREETERS	Ward Edwards, Milton Hafner, Toni Shepherd, Lori Shepherd, Hannah Crask, Benida Crask
EUCH. MINISTERS	Deacon Mike, Deacon Terry, John Reinstedler, Carol Reinstedler, Ron Bolton, Bonnie Tolbert, Tim Hardy, Butch Feller, Nancy Coyne, Bobbie Jansing, Mary Clay, Al Fiorucci, Joe Hafner
LECTORS	Chuck Buehner, Tim Clay
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USHERS	David Duffy, Jan Hardy, Fred Bauer, Mike Coyne, Jerry Oechsli
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### St. Thomas More Parish:

Last Week's Contributions	\$2,802.50
Weekly Budget	\$5,136.15
Year-To-Date Contributions	\$91,659.18
Year-To-Date Budget	\$109,012.12
Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall)	(\$17,352.94)

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

Last Week's Contributions	\$8,234.50
Weekly Budget	\$9,615.39
Year-To-Date Contributions	\$178,992.00
Year-To-Date Budget	\$202,258.68
Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall)	(\$23,266.68)

### VOCATION VIEW:

At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised. (Mark 13:33-37)



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## Our Many Hands

### The "PANTHER" ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Athletic Association was created in 2005 through the cooperation of four parishes in the South End of Louisville.

Although administered by Saint Nicholas Academy, the Athletic Association provides opportunities for athletic involvement for children in any of the four parishes. To be eligible, children must be either enrolled in Saint Nicholas Academy or another Catholic grade school without a sports program, or attending the Regional Religious Education Program.

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## The Senior Connection

**Web Site Updates  
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**CouponChief.com** is a website that helps visitors find coupons that can be used at a variety of stores.

[www.BenefitsCheckup.org](http://www.BenefitsCheckup.org). The National Council on Aging and Eye Care America have joined together to bring seniors eye and vision care. All you need do is visit their website and fill out a questionnaire, you will then receive a report listing the programs that you qualify for-- many of which have no-out-of-pocket costs.

[www.laslou.org](http://www.laslou.org) **Foreclosure Prevention Project.** The Louisville Bar Association gave \$25,000 to the Legal Aid Society's Foreclosure Prevention Project. The project helps low-income individuals who are facing foreclosure.

[www.hometohomeservices.com](http://www.hometohomeservices.com) **Home to Home** offers seniors help (at no cost) in finding retirement homes, assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

[www.seniorpharmacysolutions.com](http://www.seniorpharmacysolutions.com) **Senior Pharmacy Solutions Medication Therapy Management Services** helps the elderly manage their medication intake and possibly reduce the number of prescriptions they currently take. You can also call 425.8642.

**Giving Tree Concierge for Seniors** offers companionship and support to seniors whether they are at home or in a facility. The new business provides several services including light housekeeping, helping with errands, and personal shopper duties. Call 417-2128.

**The Memory Store.org** is an online store that sells products, information, and services related to brain fitness and



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## "OLD TIME CHRISTMAS" *2nd Annual December Gala*



The Gala will be held next Saturday, December 6th, honoring the feast of St. Nicholas. This event will help us raise funds for our Endowment which provides tuition assistance for our families.

**Capital Prize Chances are still available at \$10.00 each for a chance to win \$10,000.00!!**

**Event tickets are available for purchase for \$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple!**

Each ticket includes music, dancing, silent and live auction and two drinks.

For more information please contact the school at 368-8506!



### Monthly Support to St. Nicholas Academy

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Support for October	\$4,407.00	\$9,267.00
Support year-to-date	\$17,628.00	\$37,068.00



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# WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

ROMANS 12-5

"You do not know when the master of the house is coming.... Do.... not let the master come suddenly and catch you asleep. What I say to you, I say to all: Be on guard!" Mark 13:35-37

The good steward is always expected to have the affairs of the master in order at all times. There is no time for complacency. Stewardship of time entails readiness to serve others and vigilance in that service.

## On With Life

A Catholic support group for the widowed, meets on the first Monday and third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 1st, 2008, 7:30 PM at St. Pius X Sarto House (use middle door), 3521 Goldsmith Lane. For more information, call Family Ministries at (502) 636-0296.

## For Your Prayers

### HOSPITALIZED

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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### NURSING HOMES

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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### HOMEBOUND

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Don Bowman, Millie Dickman, Harry Dickman, Kevin Rudolph and J.Cowan Stone

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Please notify the office if you know someone who needs to be on or **OFF** our lists.

## PARISH CONDOLENCES

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of the father of Beth Presler, grandfather of Emily and Amanda. May he rest in peace.



### St. Thomas More Parish

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Jennifer Marie "Jenni" Casper who passed away this week. Also remember in prayer her family and friends. May the peace of Christ be with them all.

*Please remember in your prayers all those who suffer with illness of mind, body or spirit.*

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## Coming Together in Faith

### Notes From Tom Morton:

**Our Religious Ed sessions will continue this week.**

#### Tuesday Evening, 7:00 PM at STM Church

FIRST RECONCILIATION. Please pray for these children and their families as they are introduced to this healing Sacrament.

#### Wednesday Evenings 7:00—8:15 PM

RELIGIOUS ED for K-8 (CCD) meet in church first.

**CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG:** Wednesday, December 10, 1:00 PM, St Thomas More Cafeteria.

Bring a snack to share and whatever singing voice God has given you.

**WEBSITE OF THE WEEK:** Catholic Connection - [www.archlou.org/ezine](http://www.archlou.org/ezine)

**You can contact Tom at the Religious Formation Center by calling 366-1463 or e-mail [SouthendCatholic@hotmail.com](mailto:SouthendCatholic@hotmail.com)**

#### A Mass of Hope

**Catholic Charities & Immaculate Conception Church** are sponsoring a **Mass of Hope for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child through accident, illness, miscarriage, murder, suicide, abortion, stillbirth, premature birth, adoption, infertility or any other reason.** The service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 502 N. Fifth Street, La Grange, KY, on Thursday, December 4th, at 7:00 PM. This gathering is to show support and love to the children's parents, grandparents, siblings and others affected by the death. For more information, call Cathy Palmer-Ball at Catholic Charities at 637-9786 or Mary Jean Gandolfo at Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 502-222-0255.

#### Christmas Children's Choir

A children's choir is forming to sing for the 5:30 Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be held at 11:30 (following 10:30 Mass) at STM beginning next weekend (11/30). To participate, children must be old enough to read.

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The Christmas planning meeting will be held this Wednesday December 3rd, at 6:30 PM in the adult center at OLMC.

#### The Heart Tree

The weekend of Dec. 6 & 7 the St. Vincent de Paul members will be in the OLMC gathering area before/after mass with the "Heart Tree". If you know of someone needy and would like to add them to the "Heart Tree" please give their name and phone number to the St. Vincent DePaul members in the gathering area. If you would like to select the name of a needy person this Holiday season, please stop by and choose a name off the tree. We will have the information on families in our community who have asked for help available for selection the weekend of Dec. 6 & 7 and 13 & 14. Your gifts can be returned to OLMC gathering area by Saturday Dec. 20th. We will be giving the gifts to the selected families on Sunday, Dec. 21st after the 8:30 a.m. mass. Everyone is invited to participate. Let's reach out and help those in our community who are having a difficult time this Holiday season.



#### Breakfast With Santa...

will be held next Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon in the STM cafeteria. The menu includes: Pancakes, bacon or sausage, hash browns, milk, coffee, and juice. Cost: Adults \$3.00 and children \$1.50.



**\*\*Donations will be accepted toward the cost of the photographs with Santa.\*\***

*"Gratitude takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to the praise of the goodness of God."*

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SUSAN JOHNSON

### The Project Hope Angel Tree:

Due to communication problems our Angel Tree has only a few Angels this weekend. We will, however have more next week. "Project Hope" envelopes are available on the tree for anyone that would prefer to make a monetary donation than take an "Angel" or we also have our covered boxes at each exit for donations if that is easier for you. We will use donated funds to help other charities and families in our area.



Thank you for your generosity & God Bless,  
Deacon Mike

### The Altar Society Christmas Party

Will be held this Tuesday, December 2nd at 2:00 PM in the PLC. If you wish, bring a gift to exchange (\$5.00 value) with your name inside. Bring treats to share, - hors d'oeuvres, sweets, etc.. We will play games and sing Christmas Carols! Come join the festivities!!

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the First Bridal Issue of 2009 on January 29, 2009. If you are planning your wedding between January 29, 2009 and July 29, 2009 and would like your announcement in The Record, fill out and send in the coupon currently appearing in the paper. You may also go on-line at [archlou.org/the\\_record](http://archlou.org/the_record) and complete your form via the internet. For additional information contact Kathy Augustine at 471-2120 or by email: [kat@archlou.org](mailto:kat@archlou.org). Deadline is Friday, January 9, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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## HELP US CREATE OUR STRATEGIC PLAN — ONLINE!

Archbishop Kurtz has recently announced that we will begin the process of revising the Archdiocese of Louisville Strategic Plan. The plan will identify the priorities to be addressed by the archdiocesan agencies over the next five years and will be a resource for parishes in developing their own local plans.

We are having more than a dozen listening sessions around the Archdiocese. We also are inviting parishioners to give us their feedback online on our web page. These surveys will be available until December 4th. The instructions are easy to follow, and the surveys won't take long to complete. Please go to [www.archlou.org/strategicplanning](http://www.archlou.org/strategicplanning).



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## Sacraments

### Baptism (preparation required)

MONTHLY INFANT BAPTISM

1st Sunday of the month during Mass (Fr.)  
2nd Sunday of the month after Mass (Deacon)

ANNUAL ADULT BAPTISM

Through RICA at the Easter Vigil

### Confirmation (preparation required)

Annual celebration

### Eucharist

Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.	OLMC
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	OLMC
	10:30 a.m.	STM
	12:30 p.m.	STM

Holy Days	8:15 a.m.	OLMC
	Noon	STM
	7:00 p.m.	STM

Weekday (Mon-Sat)	8:15 a.m.	OLMC
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Exposition & Benediction	4:00-5:00 p.m.	OLMC
1st Saturday of the Month		

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Saturday, 4:30 p.m., or by appointment (OLMC)

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