



# Many Hands. One Faith.

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

December 19th, 2010

## Gospel Reflection

### INTO OUR HOMES

Only a few days remain before the world will pause for the celebration of Christmas. Over the course of the past year we have been nourished at the table of God's word and feasted on the Gospel of Saint Luke. We have listened to parables, been summoned to take up our crosses and follow Christ, and been schooled in the way of discipleship. Since the beginning of Advent the Church has turned our attention to Matthew's Gospel. Today Matthew opens the doors of Saint Joseph's house, as well as his dreams, and tells the story of the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The final line of today's Gospel is worth noting: "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home" (Matthew 1:24). Today is a day to consider our devotion to and appreciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our faith lives. Today is a day for *us* to take her into our homes.

### PREPARING A PLACE FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH

Mary stands as a reminder that nothing is impossible with God. This young woman's life was thrown into confusion when the angel announced that she, although a virgin, would be the mother of God's Son. She is the one to whom we can look



when our lives are thrown into confusion. She gave herself over to the power of God. This did not mean that she would live her life free from fear and pain. We all know the rest of the story—how she would watch her son suffer and die. Mary is a source of comfort for all who have lost children. We can look to her for comfort in times of grief and pain. How fitting that we focus on the Virgin Mary on this final Sunday of Advent. When we open the doors of our hearts and welcome Mary into our lives, what we really do is prepare a place where the Lord is born to us again.

*Today's Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24*  
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## Mass Intentions for December 26, 2010

8:30 a.m.	OLMC	Jeramie Johnson, Carl Forman
10:30 a.m.	STM	William M. Pfeiffer, Helen Cecil
12:30 p.m.	OLMC	Evelyn Blanford, All of Our Parishioners

## Daily Readings

12/18 Sat	8:15 am	Jer 23:5-8	.....	Matt 1:18-25	.....	Lucille Mullins
Sun Vigil	4:00 pm	Isaiah 7:10-14	.....	Romans 1:1-7	.....	All of Our Parishioners, Daly Edlin
Sun Vigil	5:30 pm	Isaiah 7:10-14	.....	Romans 1:1-7	.....	Mr. & Mrs. Pete Good, Mike Riley, Brent Warner
12/19 Sun	8:30 am	Isaiah 7:10-14	.....	Romans 1:1-7	.....	Matt 1:18-24
	10:30 am	Isaiah 7:10-14	.....	Romans 1:1-7	.....	Matt 1:18-24
	12:30 pm	Isaiah 7:10-14	.....	Romans 1:1-7	.....	Matt 1:18-24
12/20 Mon	8:15 am	Isaiah 7:10-14	.....	Luke 1:26-38	.....	Timothy King
12/21 Tue	8:15 am	Sg 2:8-14	.....	Luke 1:39-45	.....	Alma Heck
12/22 Wed	8:15 am	1 Sm 1:24-28	.....	Luke 1:46-56	.....	Harry Dickman
12/23 Thur	8:15 am	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	.....	Luke 1:57-66	.....	Leroy Kastelhun
12/24 Fri	8:15 am	2 Sm 7:1-16	.....	Luke 1:67-79	.....	Bill Pontrich
	5:30 pm	Is 62:1-5	.....	Acts 13:16-17,22-25	.....	Matt 1:1-25
12/25 Sat	12:00 am	Is 9:1-6	.....	Titus 2:11-14	.....	Luke 2:1-14
	8:30 am	Is 52:7-10	.....	Hebrews 1:1-6	.....	John 1:1-18
	10:30 am	Is 52:7-10	.....	Hebrews 1:1-6	.....	John 1:1-18

## Intentions

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sun: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Tues: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice  
Thurs: St. John of Kanty  
Fri: The Vigil of Christmas  
Sat: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**FEAST OF FAITH**

**Gathering**

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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**GETTING EVEN**

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

~ Anonymous ~

**CHRISTMAS CHILDREN**

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

~ Charles Dickens ~

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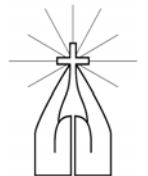
**Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions  
December, 2010**



**General:** That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help.

**Mission:** That the peoples of the earth may open their doors to Christ and to His Gospel of peace, brotherhood and justice.

**Parish FAQ's**



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# Four-Week Calendar of Upcoming Events

**CONFESSION**

**Saturday 4:45 p.m. (OLMC)**

**ROSARY RECITATION**

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

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

**4:00 p.m. (STM) 5:30 p.m. (OLMC)**

**SUNDAY MASS**




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

**10:30 a.m. (STM) 12:30 p.m. (OLMC)**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

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

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

|                  | Week of Dec. 19 —Dec. 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Week of Dec. 26 —Jan 1                                                                                                                                                       | Week of Jan. 2 —Jan 8                                                                                                                                                          | Week of Jan. 9 —Jan 15                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Angel Tree &amp; Heart Tree Gifts Due!</b><br>9:30 a.m. (OLMC) <br>Scripture Study<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Financial Peace<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Gamblers Anonymous  | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Financial Peace<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Gamblers Anonymous                                                         | <b>Hospitality Sunday</b><br>after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses<br>9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Financial Peace<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Gamblers Anonymous | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Financial Peace<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Gamblers Anonymous                                                                         |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Beginning of Christmas Break For SNA Students</b><br>6:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>TOPS Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 6:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>TOPS Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study                                                                                                      | <b>SNA Classes Resume</b><br>6:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>TOPS Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study                                                                           | 11:30 a.m. (STM)<br>Lunch Outing<br>12:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Golden Citizens Potluck<br>6:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>TOPS Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Scripture Study                                  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Over 50 Group<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>RCIA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Over 50 Group<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Pinochle Club<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>RCIA                                           | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Over 50 Group<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>2:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Altar Society Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>RCIA                                     | 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Over 50 Group<br>10:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>1:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Pinochle Club<br>6:20, 7:00, 7:40 p.m. (STM)<br>Parish Council Meetings<br>7:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>RCIA |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Al-Anon<br>8:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Al-Anon<br>8:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anon.                                                                            | 6:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Religious Ed<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Al-Anon<br>8:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anon.                                           | 6:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Quilters<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Religious Ed<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Al-Anon<br>8:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anon.                                                         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Parish Offices Closed</b><br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anonymous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Parish Offices Closed</b><br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anonymous                                                                                                      | 6:45 p.m. (STM)<br>RCIA For Children<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>7:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Prayer Meeting                                                          | 6:45 p.m. (STM)<br>RCIA For Children<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Worship Committee Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>7:30 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Prayer Meeting                        |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Parish Offices Closed</b><br>5:30 p.m. (STM)<br>Christmas Eve Mass<br>12:00 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Midnight Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Parish Offices Closed</b><br><b>New Years Eve</b>                                                                                                                         | 11:00 a.m. (STM)<br>Scripture Study<br>7:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Pinochle Club                                                                                                        | 11:00 a.m. (STM)<br>Scripture Study<br>5:00-9:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Fish Fry                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>“Merry Christmas”</b><br><b>Parish Offices Closed</b><br>8:30 a.m. (OLMC)<br>Christmas Mass<br>10:30 a.m. (STM)<br>Christmas Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>“Happy New Year”</b><br><b>Parish Offices Closed</b><br>4:00 p.m. (OLMC)<br>Holy Hour  | 3:00 p.m. (STM)<br>Monthly Raffle Drawing                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Weekly Message:

### En Theos — Enthusiasm For The Faith

*With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us "stay grounded" in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.*

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or re a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christad the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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### Hurting From A Divorce Or Separation?

Find hope and healing at the Journey of Hope 2011 Conference, March 4-6 in Atlanta GA. Guests include Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Vatican Analyst Fr. Thomas Williams, and EWTN host, Johnette Benkovic. Early registration discounts and scholarships available. Information and registration at [www.journeyofhopeconference.com](http://www.journeyofhopeconference.com).

## Tom's Meanderings

How many times have you seen *It's a Wonderful Life*? What's your favorite memory – ZuZu petals, the old drafty house, Clarence, Mr. Potter????? All of us have this wonderful life, a life that has touched countless people for good. Think of all your neighbors, relatives and friends whom you have touched -- remember that counter girl at Kroger to whom you said a kind word, or the co-worker you helped through a tough time. Look at the label in your shirt or blouse – where was it made? Who do you think made it? Who shipped it? Who sold it to you? All of these are people you've touched – most without even knowing about it. Why even the air we breathe right now has been exchanged on our planet for millions of years. Nothing we do doesn't have an effect, and maybe a very far-reaching effect. Where would this world, this community, this parish, your family be without you? Hard to imagine?

Now try to imagine a world where Jesus was never born. Over the centuries, even non-believers have said how much His life and teachings have meant. His was truly a "Wonderful Life." What would your life be like if He hadn't been born in that stable in Bethlehem, lived in that small middle eastern country, taught from hillside and seaside, suffered and died on the cross, and rose again? If our lives have touched so many, how has the way we touch lives been affected by being touched by the life of Jesus?

I've asked a lot of questions, and most of them have no short answers, or even answers at all. But take some time to think about them and maybe, just maybe, your life will look different and you will see a new face of Jesus.

***Come Lord Jesus!  
Come and be born(e) in our hearts.***

Blessed Christmas to all,

Tom



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**They shall call him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us".**

~ Matthew 1:23 ~

## Minister Schedule

**Friday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. Mass - STM**

**Friday, December 25, 12:00 a.m. Mass - OLMC**

**Saturday, December 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass - OLMC**

**Saturday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. Mass - STM**

**Liturgical Ministers have been scheduled by  
Ministry Coordinators for all of the  
2010 Christmas Mass Celebrations**

**Sunday, December 26, 8:30 a.m. Mass - OLMC**

**GREETERS** Debbie Tinker, Cheryl Wachtel  
**EUCH. MINISTERS** Lee Anne Devine, M. Jacks, Alan Lee,  
 Darleen Marr, Ashley Mosby, Kelly  
 J. Smith  
**LECTORS** Daniel Marlin, Dominic Schirmer  
**CANTOR** Mary Beth Zinsius  
**USHERS** Adam Donnelly, Joseph Hafner, Milton  
 Hafner, Jan Hardy  
**GIFT BEARERS** Brian Devine, Pat Lee  
**SERVERS** Jacob Devine, Simon Devine

**Sunday, December 26, 10:30 a.m. Mass - STM**

**GREETERS** Boston Brown, Declan Brown, Teri  
 Brown, Marge Hardin, Mary Van Meter  
**EUCH. MINISTERS** Angel Bell, Ron Bolton, Sr., Nancy Coyne,  
 Maria Buehner, Maureen Curran, Joan  
 Hans, William Hans, Mike Kramer, Susan  
 Lish, Marilyn Louden, Carol Mattingly,  
 Nancy Pfaadt, Donna Sansone, Aileen  
 Spies, Nancy Turner  
**LECTORS** Pat Adkisson, Serge Tehe  
**CANTOR** Chuck Buehner  
**USHERS** Ray Ballard, Debbie Clements, David  
 Duffy, Rob Haydon, Jerry Oechsli, John  
 Stoller  
**GIFT BEARERS** Dane Haydon, Bruce Kolb  
**SERVERS** Logan Borgelt, Anthony Tran

**Sunday, December 26, 12:30 p.m. Mass - OLMC**

**EUCH. MINISTERS** Christian Driskell, Dawn Duffy, Kelly  
 Fellonneau  
**LECTOR** Mary Jo Driskell, Tom Duffy  
**GIFT BEARERS** Angela Decker, Betty Lanham  
**USHERS** Johnny Fellonneau, Chris Kaufman, Chris  
 Milligan, Eric Reinstedler

## Financial Stewardship of Dec. 12, 2010

### St. Thomas More Parish:

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Contributions        | \$4,607.00   |
| Weekly Budget                    | \$5,192.00   |
| Year-To-Date Contributions       | \$115,564.57 |
| Year-To-Date Budget              | \$124,608.00 |
| Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall) | (\$9,043.43) |

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Contributions        | \$7,573.69   |
| Weekly Budget                    | \$8,089.00   |
| Year-To-Date Contributions       | \$180,555.56 |
| Year-To-Date Budget              | \$177,958.00 |
| Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall) | \$2,597.56   |

## VOCATION VIEW:

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 priest or religious. Isaiah 7:10-14



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### Is Home Care Right For Your Aging Parent?

**What is Home Care?** Home Care is generally defined as “non-medical support services” (not covered under Medicare). And while you, the caregiver, are aware of tasks that your mom or dad can no longer do, you feel that if they had minimal help in taking care of themselves and their home that they could remain in their home for a much longer period of time before needing more advanced care such as assisted living or a nursing home.

**What services can your parent expect to get from home care?** Home care agencies help with many activities that a person needs throughout the day. Services include:

- . Grocery shopping, meal planning and preparation.
- . Diet monitoring (usually not eating).
- . Light housekeeping, laundry, ironing and vacuuming.
- . Hygiene assistance, including bathing and dressing.
- . Medication and appointment reminders.
- . Coordinating services between family members and agencies.

**Home Care Agencies.** KIPDA serves low-income seniors, call 266-5571. To find listings of other Home Care Agencies in the area, go online and search: Home Care, Louisville, KY. In addition to a listing of local agencies, you should be able to find out the costs of such services.

#### “Prayer to St. John, Patron of Caregivers”

**Beloved St. John, from the cross Jesus entrusted to you the care of His Blessed Mother. Help me and all those taking care of a loved one who is sick, elderly, disabled or frail. Pray for us, that as we go about our many caregiving duties, we may never lose sight of that truth which Christ revealed to His disciples: “Whatever you did for one of these, you did it for Me.”**



#### St. Nicholas Academy

is having an open house / new student registration for kindergarten through 8th grade on Wednesday, January 19th. If you know anyone interested, please encourage them to stop by for a tour from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. For more information, please call 368-8506 or check out our website [www.sna-panthers.org](http://www.sna-panthers.org).

#### Pre-registration For The 2011-2012 School Year

is quickly approaching and will be held in January. The amount due at that time will be \$50 per child and \$100 per family.

#### Don't Forget These Fundraisers For Our School

Kroger Cards are available in the school office at a \$10.00 face value. Add more monies to the card at the Kroger customer service desk. A percentage of its usage benefits families and the school.

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Make your holidays stress free by using our SCRIPS fundraiser. This program helps parents save money toward their children's book bill (for next year) or their 8th grade trip and provides some money for the school as well. Families buy the gift cards at face value through school and the difference between the discounted price and the face value of the card creates earnings for both children and the school. **Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping us in this way.** For a more complete list of vendors We encourage you to go online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and open an account using St. Nicholas enrollment code: **BC653C8D7492**



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| Support year-to-date | \$17,230.00 | \$31,555.00 |

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

ROMANS 12-5

"God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.... so that no human being might boast before God." I Corinthians 1:28-29

Stewardship entails our hidden as well as our obvious talents. God works through us not only in our assets, but also in our weaknesses. Consider volunteering your time & talent for something you have never tried before.

## 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 Tues., December 21st at 7:30 PM at **Mary Queen of Peace** (Brick house behind church) 4205 Cane Run Rd. For information, call Family Ministries at 636-0296.

## For Your Prayers

### HOSPITALIZED/REHAB

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Nicki Kleinhelter, Florence Lanham

#### St. Thomas More Parish

Marcie Atkinson



### NURSING/ASSISTED LIVING & RETIREMENT HOMES

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Alice Hagan, William McKinney, Millie Dickman

#### St. Thomas More Parish

Shirley Allen, Cecilia Ballard, Martha "Helen" Bennett, Virginia Burckel, Margaret Cissell, Betty Farnsley, Mary Fowler, Carl Hass, Agnes Howard, Lucy Maguire, Mary Randol, Francis Sermersheim, Mary Agnita Thomas, Aileen Woerner

### HOMEBOUND

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Don Bowman, Lois Jarvis, Mary Mader, Kevin Rudolph, J. Cowen Stone

#### St. Thomas More Parish

Marie Erickson, Martha Martin, John Mudd, Den-

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## RECOVERING AT HOME

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Bill Kulp, Lucille Orthober, Jo Ann Saunders

### St. Thomas More Parish

Anna Ash, Marcie Atkinson, James Ballard, Leo Ballard, Philip Ballard, Mary Brown, Joe Dooley, Anna Gulick, Tom Gumm, Marge Hardin, Sue Hickey, John Hourigan, Velma Howard, Mary Ann James, Ray & Kitty Kress, Dave Laemmle, Pauline Lyle, Ruth Mattingly, Charlie McCullium, Charles Nadorff, Ray Poggenborg, Warren Poole, Melynda Rowlett, Norbert Saksefski, Richard Schlangen, Leanne Spayd, Steven Spayd, Janet Tharp, Ann Marie Verwest, Steven Williams, Denise Wood and Richard Yates.

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

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

## A Note Of Thanks:

To everyone at STM who helped the Leon J. Spayd Family on November 5th, 2010 (Memorial Mass) and all our lives!

Thank you so much for helping our Dad's Memorial Mass and luncheon be so welcoming & beautiful & comforting to all of our family and friends. You truly made a difficult time be a day of rejoicing while we came together at St. Thomas More.

Sincerely, Kathy Kiper & Family



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## Coming Together in Faith

### Notes From Tom Morton:

**Mission Thought** — The Spirit lives in us, come to the Parish Mission in January and here how much the Spirit is in your life. Jan 30-Feb 3. Passionist Father Bernie Weber will lead our Mission, both morning and evening sessions.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**— we'll be starting another 13 week program in January. Sign-up today.

**Guiding Good Choices** – this 5 session class for parents and grandparents to help children make good choices. We will begin in January. Sign-up today.

**Adults Who Haven't Been Confirmed** – we will be having sessions beginning in January with the aim of being Confirmed in March at the Cathedral. Call me now to register.

**Bible In A Year** – we won't be doing that this year, but if you want a system to use check [www.oneyearbibleonline.com](http://www.oneyearbibleonline.com). A few people have commented that they followed the weekly readings in the bulletin... Congratulations! Don't you feel great!

**Lighthouse CD Of The Week: The True Meaning of Christmas** - Archbishop J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

**Family Table Talk:** If your voice had to sound like the voice of a cartoon/animated character from a TV show or movie, whose voice would you choose for your own?

**Question of the Week:** What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work?

**Help-Help-Help** – Does your cell phone have a camera? Can you send pictures from your phone to an email address? Take pictures of parish events and send them to me at [SouthendCatholic@hotmail.com](mailto:SouthendCatholic@hotmail.com) I'll put them on our OLMC-STM Facebook Page.

#### WEBSITE OF THE WEEK:

Are you a blogger? Maybe you would like to journal online in dialogue with others. Take a look at [www.catholic-forum.com](http://www.catholic-forum.com) where you can blog or chat.

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



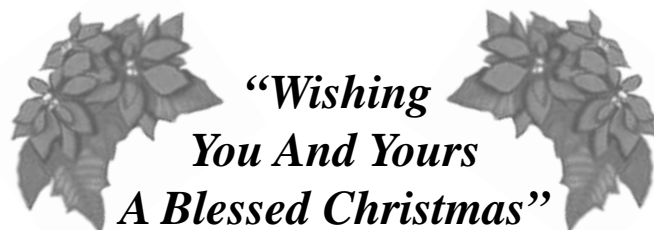


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### 2010 Christmas Mass Schedule

**December 24th 5:30 PM STM**  
**December 25th Midnight OLMC**  
**December 25th 8:30 AM OLMC**  
**December 25th 10:30 AM STM**

**Please Note: There is an 8:15 AM Mass at OLMC on Friday, December 24th!**

#### The Record Will Publish

the First Bridal Issue of 2011 on Jan. 27, 2011. If you are planning your wedding between Jan 27, 2011 and July 27, 2011 and would like your announcement in The Record, fill out and send in the form currently appearing in the paper. You may also go on-line at [archlou.org/therecord/bridalannouncements](http://archlou.org/therecord/bridalannouncements) and complete your form via the internet. For additional information contact Rachel Rauh by email: [rrouh@archlou.org](mailto:rrouh@archlou.org). or call at 471-2125. Deadline is Friday, Jan. 7, 2011 at 10:00 AM.



#### Now More Than Ever,

we must unite as Christians to make our voices heard in the community. Since the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, more than over 47 million babies have died. On January 22, 2011, Right To Life of Louisville will again sponsor a pro-life message in the state wide edition of the Courier Journal. As always, the ad will be in good taste and list the names of those who respect life. The bigger the response, the bigger the impact of the ad. We will be soliciting names during the weekends of January 1st & 2nd, and January 8th & 9th after Masses. A requested donation of \$5.00 is asked per line/per family name to help cover the expense of the ad. Please take this opportunity to place your name on the signature form and make a stand for The Right To Life.



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**Bulletin Deadline: Saturday 12:00 p.m.**

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 **Advent**

## 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 | 4:00 p.m.  | STM  |
| Saturday Vigil | 5:30 p.m.  | OLMC |
| Sunday         | 8:30 a.m.  | OLMC |
|                | 10:30 a.m. | STM  |
|                | 12:30 p.m. | OLMC |

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

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|-------------------|-----------|------|
| 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 |                |      |

### Penance (confession)

Saturday, 4:45 p.m., or by appointment (OLMC)

### Anointing of the Sick

Available twice a year or by request

### Marriage

Minimum 6-month preparation with priest or deacon

### Holy Orders

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