



**January 1, 2012 — Mary, Mother of God  
— Happy New Year!!**



**I pray and thank you for your many gifts, thoughts, and prayers. May God bless each of you in the New Year.**

I will be gone from January 1st to the 21st on vacation. Father Jerry Thury will be covering the weekend Masses. Adoration will begin with a Communion Service on Thursday morning and end with a Communion Service on Friday morning. Adoration will be in the chapel all day long. — Fr. Michael R. Schneider, Pastor

**Prayer for the New Year**

Dear Lord,

At the beginning of this New Year, I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings. You created the world with all its eternal patterns. Winter begins in frost and ends in Spring's thaw. Spring begins in new, green life ending in Summer's heat. Summer begins in sunshine and ends in Autumn's breezes. And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again. As another year ends and begins in our lives, help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles. When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy, help me take delight in the life I've received from you. Remind me that I will one day pass from this world and enter a new life like those who've gone before me.

Amen



Holy Spirit Parish congratulates **George and Jean Conroy** as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Wednesday, January 4. May God's love continue to bless your marriage.

I would like to express my gratitude to all who supported me in my grief with grateful and kind words and aided my mom with prayers of comfort flowing from hearts filled with faith. You have been a great comfort for me. May you have a Blessed New Year!

— Fr Andrew Swietochowski



**Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, January 21, for our Annual Parish Dinner in the Parish Hall. Call the Parish office at 996-7424 to register. More details to follow!!**

The KC's hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas, and we wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



The Knights of Columbus monthly breakfast is next **Sunday, January 8th** serving from 8:30 to 11:30am at the KC Hall. Menu: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Cost: Family \$15.00; Adults, \$5.00. Everyone is welcome!!

**The Edge** (youth group for grades 7-12) is gathering next Sunday, January 8, from 6:30-8:00pm. We are visiting the Franciscan Convent. Please provide your own transportation. Refreshments will be provided. This event is FREE. Go to [www.ffmitchell.com](http://www.ffmitchell.com) for the permission form and information or call or text Nicole Fuhrer at 999-5026.

Holy Spirit Church website: [www.holyspiritmitchell.com](http://www.holyspiritmitchell.com)

**Parish News**

- Jan 1 - Jan 21: Fr Mike on vacation
- Jan 2 – Feb 10: Holy Spirit Parish delivers “Meals on Wheels”
- Tue, Jan 3: School Resumes!!  
Rosary/Bible Study, 10:15am, HS Conference Room
- Wed, Jan 4: Faith Formation Classes, 5:15-8:00pm
- Thu, Jan 5: Marian Movement, 7:00pm  
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00pm  
RCIA, 7:00pm, Holy Family Nazareth Room
- Fri, Jan 6: School Mass 9:00am in the Holy Spirit Church
- Sat, Jan 7: Catholic United Financial Estate Planning  
following Mass at 6:30 pm in our Parish Hall
- Sun, Jan 8: KC Breakfast, 8:30-11:30am, KC Hall  
Children's Choir, 11am Mass  
Pre-Marriage III, 1:30-4:30pm, JPH Art/Science Room
- Mon, Jan 9: HS Altar Society meeting, 7:00pm, Conference Room  
KC Business meeting, 7:30pm, steaks at 6pm



Holy Spirit Extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Ginger Braden**, grandmother of Jamie Robinson, and **Lois Wermers**, sister-in-law of Alice Lichter, of our Parish family. May you find comfort knowing they are in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

Additional memorials for the Christmas flowers were received in loving memory of parents, **Charles and Carmela Krall** and grandparents, **Leonard & Kardina Krall, Greg & Kathy Shroyer and Family.**



Thank you to all from our Parish who have volunteered to deliver “Meals on Wheels” for this year! Hope our weather is good!! The routes start tomorrow, January 2, all from Avera Queen of Peace Hospital.

**A FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**

will be held at Holy Spirit Gathering Area on Saturday, January 7, 2012, at 6:30 pm following Mass. **Find out:** Who needs an estate plan? What assets need protection? How do I make my wishes known? Sponsored by Catholic United Financial. Coffee and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Butch Byers at 605-665-4756.

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1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fund Drive Update: 3.61% cards returned, 22.86% of goal met. The MFCE has 4 named endowment established to help support our goals. A named endowment is a beautiful way to pass on your legacy of love and faith for many years, even after you're gone from this earthly life. It is also a wonderful way to honor those who have gone before us, who have had an impact on our own faith-filled lives. A named endowment can be established with a gift of \$5,000.00 made over a period of 5 years. It can also be started with a bequest in your will. If you have questions, feel free to call or stop by my office anytime. I love to visit with our parishioners!

**New Year's Day is centered in the hope of the fresh starts that Christ offers each of us every day.**

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**John Paul II School News**  
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John Paul II School returns from our Christmas vacation on Tuesday, January 3! Our school and staff hope that your holidays were filled with family, faith, and relaxation!

John Paul II students are busy selling their carnival raffle tickets! How would you like an Apple iPad with Wi-Fi, A LG 32 inch LED TV or even \$300 in grocery and Gas Scrip? Buy your chance for \$1.00 and you could win one of these great prizes! Please help support this raffle as these funds and the money raised at our school carnival on Sunday, January 29, will be used to continue to enhance our school library as well as our interactive whiteboard technology! Please call the office if you have any questions or would like to purchase chances for these great prizes!

John Paul II's Virtue for January will be "responsibility". Our students will practice this virtue and learn its special values throughout the month.

Just a reminder to please turn in your Coborn's receipts as soon as possible as they do expire and remember to save Box Tops for Education symbols, Kemp's Land 'O Lake milk caps, Campbell's Soup UPC symbols, and County Fair stamps. These items can be brought to the school or placed in the boxes at the entrances of Holy Family and Holy Spirit Churches.

**Faith Formation News**

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**Gr. K-12 Faith Formation:**

Classes as usual Wednesday, Jan. 4.

**RCIA:**

Class this Thursday, Jan. 5, in the Holy Family Nazareth Room.

**Pre-Marriage Class:**

The January Pre-Marriage Session 3 will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, January 8, due to the New Year's Holiday. The class will run from 1:30 to 4:30 PM in the John Paul II Art/Science Room.

**DEBT REDUCTION— Goal: \$300,000.00**

Parishioners who have made a pledge: 169 (26%)  
 Total of pledges to date: \$195,948.75  
 Total of pledges paid to date: \$108,349.92  
 May our Heavenly Father continue to bless our parish with His gracious gifts

**The Financial Peace University for Families by Dave Ramsey** (which also includes single individuals, engaged couples, or teenagers with parents who may want to attend) will be offered again beginning Tuesday, January 10, for 13 weeks from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Call Carl and Sarah Beckstrom at 999-7122 if interested. Cost of the class will be \$100.

**Weekday Liturgies:**

**Mon, January 2: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
 R-1 John 2:22-28 G-John 1:19-28  
**Tue, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
 R-1 John 2: 29—3:6 G-John 1: 29-34  
**Wed, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
 R-1 John 3:7-10 G-John 1:35-42  
**Thu, January 5: St. John Neumann**  
 R-1 John 3:11-21 G-John 1:43-51  
**Fri, January 6: St. Andre Bessette**  
 R-1 John 5:5-13 G-Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38  
**Sat, January 7: St. Raymond of Penyafort**  
 R-1 John 5:14-21 G-John 2:1-11  
**Sun, January 8: The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 R-Isaiah 60:1-6 R-Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 G-Mark 2:1-12

Fr. Charles Duman has daily Mass at **10:30 AM** in the Avera Brady Home Chapel.

**INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

While Fr. Mike on vacation, weekday Masses celebrated at Brady Home

**Mon, Jan 2:** Jerome Kessler + (Brady Home)  
**Tues, Jan 3:** Jerry Schwalm + (Brady Home)  
**Wed, Jan 4:** For Vocations (Brady Home)  
**Thurs, Jan 5:** John & Bev Bruce + (Brady Home)



7:30 AM Communion Service HS Chapel  
**24 Hr Eucharistic Adoration Thurs 8:00am-Fri 7:30am**  
 No Confessions this evening

**Fri, Jan 6:** Marianne Scheid + (Brady Home)  
 7:30 AM Communion Service HS Chapel  
 9:00 AM School Mass in Holy Spirit Church  
**Sat, Jan 7:** 5:30 PM Liv & Dec'd members of the Boddicker Family  
**Sun, Jan 8:** 9:00 AM Carol Morgan +  
 11:00 AM Linda Schoenfelder +



Church Support (101)	\$6,833.00
Direct Deposit	405.00
Loose Offering	995.00
Children	37.33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,270.33</b>
Christmas Offering	\$1,626.00

God Bless You!!

**Stewardship Reflection:** The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

**LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS, January 7 & 8, 2012**

**LECTORS:**

5:30 PM: Kathy Shroyer, Tom Lichter  
 9:00 AM: Trevor Meaney, Collin Meaney  
 11:00 AM: Pete Bruce, Mary Liz Crockett

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:**

5:30 PM: M/M Chuck Thuringer, M/M Charles Herrmann, Vince Boddicker  
 9:00 AM: M/M Merl Bechen, M/M Jerry Krcil, Lisa Thompson  
 11:00 AM: Elaine Goldammer, Wilma Jonasen, Naomi Nutter, Mary Lou Voigt, Deb Lorenzen

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:30 PM: Beau Schoenfelder, Carter & Carson Max  
 9:00 AM: Devin Blindauer, Madison & Makayla Bechen  
 11:00 AM: Grace & Lydia Fuhrer, Nicole Sanderson

**GIFT BEARERS:**

5:30 PM: Greg Robinson Family  
 9:00 AM: Luke Haiar Family  
 11:00 AM: Aiden Beckstrom Family

**HOSPITALITY/GREETERS:**

5:30 PM: Pat & Clara Lawless, Bonnie Weber  
 9:00 AM: Jerome & Stella Haiar, Brad Haiar Family  
 11:00 AM: Ed Neugebauer Family, Scott Fuhrer Family

**USHERS:**

5:30 PM: Bryce & Brent Havlik, Fred DeRouchey  
 9:00 AM: Tim Herll, Dave Thuringer, Tim Kummer, Ken Bussmus, Loren VanOverschelde  
 11:00 AM: Craig Haiar, Tom Bechen, Ernie Bies, Michael Farney, Lee Elward  
**NO ROLLS & COFFEE: KC Breakfast**



**Mark your calendars for BINGO on**

Sunday, January 15, 212, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in our Parish Hall. Cards are 2 for a quarter!! Free-Will lunch to follow. Hope to see you there!!

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The ladies of the Altar Society will meet on Monday, January 9, at 7pm in the Holy Spirit Conference Room. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend!



**24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 8:00AM to Friday 7:30AM**

No Confessions on Thursday evenings while Fr. Mike is on vacation from January 1 through January 21, 2012



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## One Minute Meditations

### Try something new

Do you find that your prayer life feels stale or dull occasionally? Try learning a new prayer. Look in the missal at church or the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) under "Prayer and Worship." Sometimes learning something new to say to God can refresh your time with him.

### Hope

Hope is what leads us to desire and expect eternal life with God in Heaven. Hope gives us the strength to keep going when we are troubled, tired, overwhelmed or burdened. Hope is what makes us strong. Followers of Christ always have hope.

### God's ways

How do we become disappointed when it seemed as if God didn't answer a prayer? It is so easy to despair when God's ways don't look like our ways. Instead, we need learn more about God by learning the teachings of his Church and reading his Word. Only then will we come to understand his ways.



## Choose Heaven over Earth

Our lives on Earth last but a moment compared to our time after death, yet we often let earthly matters take priority over preparing for Heaven. The good news is, if we put Heaven first, God will take care of everything else. Jesus promised, "... seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33).

**What is important to you?** Although you may have God-inspired values – family, service, work – that may not be what claims your time. Write down a list of what you do each day, from morning to bedtime. Whatever absorbs most of your time and

attention are your real priorities. If they aren't related to God, your activities need to be changed.



**How do you make decisions?** Do you look to friends or coworkers for advice? Or do you turn to prayer and Scripture for guidance? This year, resolve to take your eyes off

of the world and place them on Christ. If we base all choices and decisions on God, we will never choose wrong.

**Do you trust God to make you happy?** "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics ask for indulgences?

Every sin has consequences. Obtaining forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance restores our friendship with God so that we can eventually go to Heaven, but we still must first suffer punishment for our sin.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC,

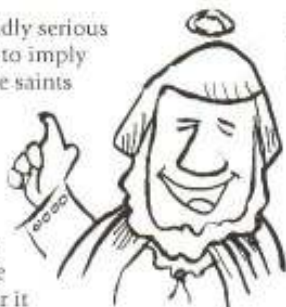
1471) says that through an indulgence, God grants the prayer of the Church that the temporal penalty for sin is reduced or even eliminated. For example, after certain actions and prayers, a plenary indulgence can remove the temporal punishment for sin.



## Lighten up with the Good News

If we spread the Gospel and are always deadly serious and anxious, wouldn't our appearance seem to imply that the Good News isn't very good? Even the saints had a laugh now and then.

**Humor can give us a new perspective.** St. Phillip Neri was a holy priest with a knack for bringing people to God in unusual ways. When a penitent asked permission to wear a hairshirt – an irritating garment worn next to the skin – as a penance St. Philip agreed but ordered the man to wear it



over his clothes. The penance was to bear the jokes and ridicule that resulted.

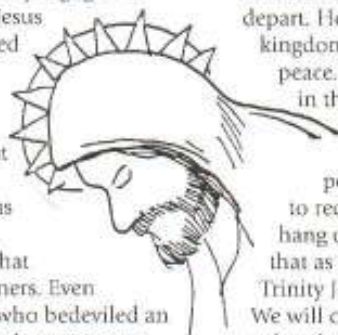
**Humor heals.** St. Teresa of Avila is said to have complained to God of the rough road he had chosen for her. She was said to have scolded him by saying that if he asked his friends to endure so much suffering, "No wonder you have so few." Joking with God didn't make St. Teresa's road any smoother, but it may have made her feel a little better.

### from Scripture

#### Mark 1:21-28, My buddy or my God?

This Gospel describes Jesus and his apostles entering the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered at the Sabbath. A human teacher would say, "Thus says the Lord..." But Jesus said, "I say to you ..." He taught as one who had the authority of God. That astonished his listeners. Even the unclean spirits who bedeviled an unfortunate man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was.

Jesus showed his authority by performing an exorcism on the man.



The unclean spirits had to obey him when he commanded them to depart. He came to announce God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace. There is no room for evil in the Kingdom.

In recent years there has been an attempt to portray Jesus as our buddy, to reduce him to a guy we can hang out with. We can't forget that as the second person of the Trinity Jesus has supreme majesty. We will one day appear before him on bended knee to be judged. He is our divine savior and mediator. He may be our dearest friend, but he is not our buddy.

### Q & A Is there a right way to ask someone for forgiveness?

Jesus thought asking for and granting forgiveness was so important, he included it in the Our Father, a prayer we say regularly. There is no one right

way to ask for forgiveness. What is important is to make a start.



Take responsibility for what happened between you. Tell your friend that you are sorry and you want to be back on good terms.

Detail steps you can take together to be sure that a breach won't happen again. Key to real contrition is amending your life.

Give some sign that you are sorry. Shake hands or hug. Such an action will start the healing of your relationship.

In order to be in friendship with God, we have to be at peace with each other. Jesus said, "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24).

### Feasts & Celebrations

**January 2 – St. Basil the Great (379).** St. Basil founded the first monastery in Asia Minor. He fought passionately against the Arian threatening the Church and worked to protect the faith and religious freedom. He is best known for his skill as an orator and for being tireless in his pastoral care.

**January 21 – St. Agnes (258).** At a young age, St. Agnes pledged chastity for Jesus. Reportedly she was turned in for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her chastity and her faith and was

executed as a result.

**January 31 – St. John Bosco (1888).** St. John Bosco combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance to teach young men and women how to unite their spiritual life with their work and play. He opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales and provided workshops for boys in shoemaking and tailoring. In 1859, he founded the Salesians who were committed to education and mission work.



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**Saturday, January 7, 2012 after 5:30 p.m. Mass  
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