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Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2011



Glory to God in the Highest

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PONDERING

I am enjoying having a full final week of Advent – there is a peacefulness about it that I am not able to describe.

In many ways this week is a week like any other week. I was at the dentist today and was thrilled when the hygienist greeted me with “Happy Advent!” Tomorrow I have a doctor’s appointment. People are in the hospital and need a visit. There have been a few committee meetings and our regional penance services are ongoing.

While going through the week, one eye is on the present and one is on the coming feast of Christmas. Part of my mind is focused on the here and now and part of it is mulling over ideas for the Christmas homily.

Last night I began wrapping Christmas presents. Wrapping is a form of penance for me. I am not good at it. I can never get the nice neat corners that the professionals get. I long ago gave up on ribbons and bows; they are an art form that I just don’t get. I try not to, but I compare my gift wrapping skills with the skills of others and I always come in last. I like the idea of hidden gifts; I enjoy trying to guess what a gift might be before I tear off the paper. There are so many hidden gifts in our lives – so many gifts we need to discover and share more generously.

I will, of course, enjoy the material gifts I will receive this Christmas. With some I will say to myself, “How thoughtful.” With others I will think, “What were they thinking?” No matter what I say or what I think, I will hopefully be appreciative with the thoughtfulness behind the gift.

The gifts I will enjoy the most will be the the non-material gifts. The gift of time spent with family and friends. The gift of compassion for the less fortunate. The gift of understanding that grows between family and friends.

The best gift of all will be our God who says, “I love you and want to be more present to you.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 24

8 a.m.

William O'Malley
Robert Manning

Corliss Manning Wotherspoon

10 p.m.

Karen Elizabeth White
John Vincent McCulloch

Sunday, December 25

8 a.m.

Winifred Caldwell

10 a.m.

Bill and Agnes DeCesare
Geraldine Hoyt

Tuesday, December 27

12 p.m.

David P. Johnson

Friday, December 30

12 p.m.

Madeline McArdle

Saturday, December 31

5 p.m.

Julia Dalton
Anna McKee
Margaret Walsh

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

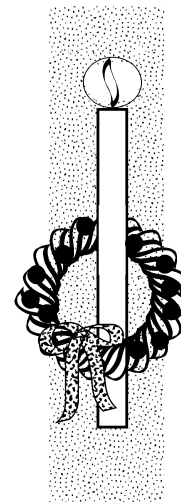
SAVE THE DATE

Start the new year off right with an Adult Education presentation on **Wednesday, January 11** at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Details to follow.

MASS SCHEDULE

*Monday, December 26 and January 2
Mass at 9 a.m. at the Catholic Center*

*Merry
Christmas*



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

No classes on **Sunday, December 25**
or **Sunday, January 1**.

Classes resume **Sunday, January 8**.

The RF Offices are closed **December 23 – January 2**.



Confirmation Notes

The next class for Phase I/II is **Sunday, January 8** from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Please note - **Phase I classes are in the Catholic Center on 1/8**.

Phase II retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, January 28** from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Catholic Center. This is the only scheduled Phase II retreat.

Thanks to all the Phase II students for contributing to “Items for Nicaragua” and making it happen. Fr. Matt and the missionaries were excited to receive diapers and things that are needed for the kids at the orphanage. I knew we could do it! This Phase II class is the best! Thanks again, **Dustin Tougas**

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

The gifts are wrapped. The lovely music of the season is softly playing in the background. Time to relax and contemplate the true gift of the season. The Stephen Ministers here at Christ The King wish you a very happy and holy Christmas.

STOREHOUSE DESSERTS

Christ the King has generously supported the Storehouse by providing desserts for their Friday night meals. Christ the King is responsible for the **Friday, January 20** meal and if you can drop off a dessert on that Friday between **9 – 10 a.m.** or **4 – 5 p.m.** on Allen Ave., Wakefield, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact **Karen Hawkins** at **792-2249** for more information or directions.

LITURGY CORNER

HEAR YE, HEAR YE

Parishioners are invited to help prepare the Church and the parish hall for the Christmas season on **Saturday, December 24** at **10 a.m.** New families are invited to bring a homemade ornament to help adorn the tree in the Hall during the Christmas season.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On **Friday, December 30** at **6 p.m.** in the parish hall, all families are invited to attend this musical celebration of the season. A reception will follow in the parish hall.



CALENDAR FOR

DECEMBER 24 – JANUARY 8

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Liturgies/8 & 10 p.m.

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Liturgies/8 & 10 a.m.

Monday, December 26

Offices Closed

9 a.m.

Mass at the Catholic Center

Friday, December 30

6 p.m. Parish Family Christmas Party / Hall

Saturday, December 31

4 p.m.

Confession

5 p.m.

Mass

Sunday, January 1

8, 9:15, 11:35 a.m.

Mass

Monday, January 2

Offices Closed

9 a.m.

Mass at the Catholic Center

6 p.m.

Stephen Ministry PotLuck / Hall

Tuesday, January 3

7 p.m.

Parish Activities Committee / Hall

7 p.m.

Vision for Change / Hall

7 p.m.

Religious Formation Committee / Hall

7:30 p.m.

Choir

Wednesday, January 4

8:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting / Library

Sunday, January 8

5:30 p.m.

PH I Confirmation / Catholic Center

5:30 p.m.

PH II Confirmation / Hall



*The Christ the King Parish
Family Christmas Party*

Friday, December 30 at 6 p.m.

All are invited for caroling and light refreshments in the parish hall.



*Please return RSVP by Monday, December 19 in the
collection basket or email info@ctkri.org*

*Family Name*_____

Adults _____ *Children*_____