

**Saturday, December 29:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, December 30:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, December 31: Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas**

1 Jn 2: 18-21, Jn 1:1-18

No Mass today

**Tuesday, January 1: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God-Holy Day**

Nm 6: 22-27/Gal 4: 4-7

10:00 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, January 2: Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors**

Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1: 19-28

No Mass today

**Thursday, January 3: Weekday, Holy Name of Jesus**

Jn 2: 29-3: 6/Jn 1:29-34

No Mass today

**Friday, January 4: Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

1 Jn 3: 7-10/Jn 1: 35-42

No Mass today

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, JANUARY 6:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**TAX CONTRIBUTIONS**

Your Church contributions may be tax deductible. If you wish to have a copy of your contributions mailed to you, to be used in preparing your income tax returns for 2007, please call the office @ 673-2346. Please make your request known by January 28, so we can have your tax information by the end of January.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

As we begin the New Year I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! May God bless us as a people, nation, community and parish as we greet the new year of 2008! I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks for all the wonderful things that happened in our parish this past year. I am proud of the parish and people here, and I look forward to the new year as we turn to God and the Holy Spirit to guide us to where He wants us to be in the year 2008. May God bless our journey.  
In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 & 6****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Eleanor Razmus

9:00 a.m. Eva Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. Renee Wood

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Dave Klebba\*

Donna Klebba, Denise Burkey

Theresa Burkey, Lynne Petiprin

9:00 a.m. Al Rae\*

Dale Rae, Daniella Babcock

Norm &amp; Jan Daniels

11:00 a.m. Vic Guzman\*

Lil Guild, Donna Hartman

Rich Hartman, Maria Prescott

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Taylor Everts, Elleni Everts

9:00 a.m. Allison Learman, Becky Learman

11:00 a.m. Steve Starling, Tim Sabo

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Theresa, Marissa Connell, Brad Hartel

Family, Marilyn Gludovatz, Dorothy Faust

9:00 a.m. Joan Smith, Mario D'Addezio, Jerry,

Sandy Noeker, Rita, Dick Gruber

11:00 a.m. Sharon Vandenbossche, Linda Strasz,

Keith, Lynette Baur, Jerry, Suzanne

Lasceski

**USHERS FOR JANUARY:**

5:00 p.m. Adam Rodriguez\* Mark Petiprin

Dave Luebbert, Pat Hepfer

9:00 a.m. C.J. Bednarski\*. Nathan Bednarski

Floyd Echols, Dale Romain

11:00 a.m. Mark Ransford\*, Doug Prosser

Jon Findlay, Vic Guzman

**K/C BREAKFAST**

Everyone's invited to enjoy a great breakfast, hosted by the Knights of Columbus next Sunday, January 6 after the morning Masses. Enjoy the food and the fellowship!

**SHINING LIGHTS**

*Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)*

Occasionally, we encounter those rare individuals whose very presence radiates light. This light has nothing to do with physical appearance, intellectual abilities or manner of dress; it is rather a manifestation of the person's unique relationship with his or her divine source. In fact, one could say that this light is nothing less than God's presence shining through a human vessel, not to glorify the person but to invite others to examine their own spiritual commitment.

Far from radiating divinity, most of us allow the spark within to be hidden under layers of anxiety, fear, resentment and other negative preoccupations. Instead of being available to God, we become self-absorbed, thereby concealing all illumination within. While we might image that our own dullness of spirit is a private affair, the reality is that we turn others away instead of attracting them to the faith. When, however, we open ourselves up to grace, then kings bend before us and shepherds sing "Alleluia."

*May the light of Christ shine in our hearts for all to see.*

(Living Faith)

**Note:** Due to an early bulletin deadline, our collection amounts are not available this week.

*From the Pastor's Desk*

**A BIG THANK YOU**-It takes many people working "behind the scenes" to make the Church look beautiful for Advent & Christmas. Therefore, we must thank and are most appreciative, those who spent hours in church-decorating, putting up trees, lights, climbing ladders, changing panels on the altar. It all culminated with our church looking very beautiful for the celebrations of Advent and Christmas. For those who helped decorate-a BIG THANK YOU for your time and efforts!!

**MORE THANKS**-also go to the many people who provided music for our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Many hours of practice were done to shape the children and their voices into a musical that praised God for Christmas. Their singing praised God in their unique ways. Thanks to Mary Gettel and the volunteers who helped in making all this possible. We were delighted to have "St. Nicholas" join us!

**WE MUST ALSO THANK** the fine members of our musical choirs who provided **beautiful music** for Christmas-Leonard Ford and the choir and the Sacred Heart Men's Choir. All of them did an excellent job and we are most appreciative of their hard work. Their music certainly enhanced our liturgies.

**MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN**

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below.*

*With tiny lights like Heaven's stars, reflecting in the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular please wipe away the tear.*

*For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear. But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell the joy their voices bring. For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.*

*So be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear. And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.*

*I sent you a memory of my undying love.*

*After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do. For I can't count the blessings or love He has for each of you.*

*So have a merry Christmas and wipe away that tear. Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

(Written by a parishioner of Sacred Heart who lost a loved one recently. We dedicate it to all those who have lost a loved one recently.)



**EXPANDING THE CIRCLE OF GRATITUDE**

**Give thanks to the Lord...**

**Proclaim all his wondrous deeds.** (Psalm 105: 1,2)

There are people who enter this new year unable to find much for which to be grateful: parents who cannot provide the basics for their families, homeless seeking shelter each night, millions of HIV-AIDS orphans, war victims without medical attention, lonely people in care centers, abused women, and so on.

How easy it would be for someone like me to encourage others to follow Psalm 105's advice and give thanks. Like other church leaders and members, I often forget what a rich life I have in comparison to so many. It is easy for me to give thanks for what I have. Perhaps those of us who have much, need first and foremost to assist those who have little for which to be grateful. We can help widows find comfort when they are suddenly all alone, welcome the addicted and guide them into recovery programs, provide information and aid for those who are hungry and homeless, teach the illiterate and stand by the poor who have no one to be a voice for them.

*God of compassion, help me to assist others so they will have more for which they may give thanks.*

(Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.)



**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†**

Jan. 6-K of C Breakfast

Jan. 7-Faith Formation classes resume

Jan. 13-Confirmation Inscription Service @ 9:00 Mass

Jan. 16-After school social 3:30-5:00

Jan. 16-Sacramental session (for Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates) 6:30

Jan. 20-23 March for Life, Washington D.C.

Jan. 27-Confirmation 9:00 Mass

Jan. 27-High School youth attend Mass @ S.V.S.U.

**Please support the Knights of Columbus Breakfast** on January 6. The money raised will help with expenses for the youth attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. Sacred Heart will be represented by 14 youth and 7 adults.



**SKI TRIP UPDATE:** Money and forms for youth who plan on participating in the ski trip must be **turned in by 3:00 p.m. on January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Call Ann @ 673-2276 with any questions.



**"CIRCLE OF STRENGTH"** is meeting on Monday's from 6:15-7:30 in the Parish Center. Join us as we read Sunday by Sunday and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings and how they relate to our own lives. The cost is FREE, the learning and growth you will attain are priceless!

**REMINDER**-Please note that during the winter season when the Caro schools are closed due to inclement weather, all Parish Center activities and Faith Formation

classes will also be cancelled for the day, as well as  
weekday Mass.