

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE there will be Sacrament of Penance on Dec 19th at 6:00-8:00pm. There also will be our regular Sacrament of Penance on Saturday at 4:00-5:00pm.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Fruit, Jelly, Toothpaste, Toilet paper, canned beans. Please put donations in the blue box in the church entry. Thank You All For Your Support

MATERNAL BOND The Sculpture of the Madonna & Child has started coming in. Those who have not paid can come by the office to pick up and pay. The office is opened Mon – Fri from 8:30 – 4:30. If you need a little bit more time I would be glad to wait. Just call the office at 536-6351

HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL 11909 10TH ANNIVERSARY
Members/wives celebrate at Cracker Barrel on 5th January 2007 at 7PM. Please RSVP to Bill Sickler (248-2610) or Earl Herring (512-4330)

TALK OF THE TOWN DANCE Invites you to dance on January 14th from 5 to 9 pm in the gym. The cost is \$35.00 a couple. For more information call the office at 536-6351

BLOOD DRIVE Sunday 21st. January 2007 in the Parish Hall from 9:30 til 1:00 PM.

To All The Parishioners There will be **No Coffee & Donuts** when there are no RE Classes

BINGO Saturday, 27th January 2007 in the Parish Hall after 5:30 Mass. Food will be offered.

NURSERY HELP WANTED if you are interested in helping out in the nursery, or would like to become a part time employee in the nursery please contact Vicki Gable at 536-6355. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age.

3rd Sunday of Advent Rejoice in the Lord always!
Again I say rejoice! The Lord is near! (Phil. 4:4,5)

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship:
"Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none.
The man who has food should do the same."

HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEET 2006 APPEAL GOAL OF \$2.2 MILLION In December, we are reminded of God's gifts to us. God asks us to share our gifts with others during this blessed Christmas season. Receiving a Christmas bonus at work? What better way to express our appreciation to God than to share with others? Catholic Charities expresses a sincere thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to the 2006 Annual Appeal, and to all those who plan to make an end-of-the-year contribution. Call Catholic Charities at 405-523-3000 for more information.

LECTOR WORKSHOP January the 16th at 6:00 pm. at the church .

STANDING MEETING
(Unless otherwise noted)

Catholic Daughters 3rd Saturday of each month (September June) at 9:30 a.m. alternating each month at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall.

Catholic Youth Organization Every Wednesday at 5:30pm. (during school year) in the Family Life Center Library.

Charismatic Prayer Group Each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC Library.

Choir Practice each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church (Fall through Spring).

Christian Meditation Group Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the FLC Library. For information call Celine at 536-6351.

Columbian Squires: (Young men 10-18) 1st Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the P.H. Conference Room. Mike Romaka, 536-3960

Hispanic Choir Practice Friday 7-9pm in the FLC Conference Room

Hispanic Renew: Each Sunday 11-12pm in the FLC Library.

Knights of Columbus: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Officers meeting last Tuesday at 6:30.

Prime Timers: Please watch the bulletin for meeting times.

Ladies Guild: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. September through May, in the Parish Hall. Craft workshops every Tuesday March to November Bazaar.

Parish Council meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center Conference Room (except Dec. Jul. & Aug.). Watch the Bulletin for Changes.

Safe Environment Video Training 2nd and 4th Sunday's at 1:00 p.m. in Church Conference Room unless otherwise noted. Contact Vicki @ 536-6355

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 1st and 3rd Sundays, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Family Life Center Conference Room.

Tops: (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): Each Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center Conference Room

Ultrea: (Cursillo Reunion) 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm. In the Family Life Center Conference Room,

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY December 24th, 5:00pm,
8:00pm, and 12:00 am (Midnight)
Monday December 25th 10:00 am.

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

COME JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP! At Holy Family Catholic Church to feed the poor. Sunday December 24, from 10- 12:00pm everyone is welcomed for more info call Jay at 353-3063 or the parish office at 536-6351

Lawton Catholic Charities is once again asking for help in making Christmas a bit brighter for some less fortunate families and individuals. St. Mary's School is going to help with toys and gifts for several of our families, but we need help with food vouchers for them and for some single **adult** clients. We could also use gift cards from Wal-Mart, K-Mart, etc, and gas cards. Generous donations from last Christmas enabled us to help many disadvantaged families. Anything you can help with is much appreciated. You have been so generous in the past and you have been a real blessing to many people. For more information, please contact Catholic Charities Lawton Regional Office at 353-1811. Thank you so much. Mellissa Cryer Secretary

Everyone at St. Mary's Catholic School would like to thank you for your support of their Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels and Tyson's Project A+. This past year was a record setting year! We were able to place rubber mulch under one of our climbing areas on the playground and added many great art supplies. Saving Campbell's Soup Labels just got easier now that we only save the UPC code. Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions, you can call St. Mary's at 355-5288 or Julie Whitney at 595-9698

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Like Mary, you must not be afraid to allow the Holy Spirit to help you become intimate friends of Christ. Like Mary, you must put aside any fear, in order to take Christ to the world in whatever you do—in marriage, as single people in the world, as students, as workers, as professional people. Christ wants to go to many places in the world, and to enter many hearts, through you. Just as Mary visited Elizabeth, so you too are called to "visit" the needs of the poor, the hungry, the homeless, those who are alone or ill....

Written by Pope John Paul II. Homily at Central Park, 1995

Mass Schedule, Intentions and Readings

MONDAY Dec 18th

Reading: Jeremiah 23: 5-8, Matthew 1: 18-25
No Service

TUESDAY Dec 19th

Reading: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a, Luke 1: 5-25
5:30 PM. Mass Spec Int. Louis Dombek
by Fr. Phil Seeton
Sacrament of Penance: 6-8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY 20th

Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14, Luke 1: 26-38
9:00 AM. Mass Helen Klick
by Celine Benoit

THURSDAY Dec 21st

Reading: Zeph 3: 14-18a, Luke 1: 39-45
9:00 AM. Mass + Maria Martinez
by Ron & Susie Ellison

FRIDAY Dec 22nd

Reading 1Samuel 1: 24-28, Luke 1: 46-56
9:00 AM Mass Birthday Helen Klick
by Ray Ski

SATURDAY Dec 23rd

Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24, Luke 1: 57-66
5:30 PM. Mass Spec Int. Isabel Guzman
by Louisa Floyd

SUNDAY Dec 24th 4th Sunday of Advent

Reading: Micah 5: 1-4a, Heb 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45
5:00 PM. Mass + Dr. Fred Green, Dr. Don Shaffer, Ruth Green Shaffer by Frank & Gretchen Hajek
8:00 PM. Mass + Peter Frieda Meister
by Rose Mattioli & family
12:00 AM. Midnight Mass People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Is what I do after I say "I believe"....

Amount needed each week	\$13,614.04
Collection for Dec 9/10	
Special Collections to Support Outside Organizations	
Birth Choice & St. John's Kitchen	\$138.85
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,218.00
Archdiocesan Special Collections	\$2,771.83
St. Mary's	\$282.35
Remaining for Parish Operations	\$16,293.10
Building Debt After Nov_Payment	\$303,893.77

CARTRIDGE RECYCLING CENTER

Help! We've got a new and easy fundraiser! Bring your empty ink cartridges to Mass with you and deposit them in the specially marked box in the entry. We can earn up to \$4.00 per cartridge. When the box gets full we send it in, and they send us a check. Finally, we can do something worthwhile with all those cartridges. Collect them from your friends and neighbors.

The money will go to help pay off our building debt.