

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## DECEMBER 25, 2011

### ***THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS***

Monday	7:15 am	Jane Ford +
Tuesday	7:15 am	Dolores Hamilton +
Thursday	<b>7:15 am</b>	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30 pm	Joe Lagozzino + (1st anniversary)
Sunday:	9:00 am	People of St. John Fisher
	11:00 am	Kevin Keller +

### ***THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR***

Sunday:	Rosary	8:30 am
Monday:	Parish Offices Closed	
Tuesday:	11 am Music Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Wednesday:	Adoration	7:30-9:30 am
	SJF Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Friday:	Parish Offices Closed	

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Mary, Mother of God (New Year's) -**

**-Dec. 31 - 4:30 pm**

**-Jan. 1 - 9 am and 11 am**

**Epiphany - Jan. 7 - 4:30 pm**

**- Jan. 8 - 9 am & 11 am**

### ***GROUNDSKEEPER***

We are hiring a new groundskeeper. The position is 20 hours per week and includes benefits. For more information, please contact Tracie in the parish office, or submit a resume to Tracie.

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**Thank you to Linda Grimm-Dakin who made a generous donation to St. John Fisher in honor of her mother, Gloria Dakin.**

## ***MERRY CHRISTMAS***

May this Christmas season bring you God's blessing for you and your family.

*From Fr. Murphy, Deacon Scott and the St. John Fisher Parish Staff.*

### ***SJF SCHOOL REGISTRATION***

We are currently accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. In order to secure a spot for your child/ren for the 2012-2013 academic year, all registration forms are due to the office ***no later than Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>***. The \$200.00 per student non-refundable textbook/registration fee is not due at this time but must be submitted by ***Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>***. If you have a student that will be entering kindergarten next fall, please make sure to access our webpage @ [www.sjfschool.org](http://www.sjfschool.org) and click on the "ADMISSIONS" link where you can download a registration form for each of your children. Please note that the \$50.00 application fee only applies to "new" families entering next year.

### ***YOUTH MASS***

Our Youth Masses have been a great success! We invite all youth, 2nd grade through high school, to be involved in our monthly Youth Mass as readers, cross and candle bearers, greeters, singers and Eucharistic Ministers. For more info, please contact Deacon Scott.

**Our next Youth Mass is January 8th at the 11 am Mass.**

### ***WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL***

We are thrilled with the response and attendance at our first two Wine & Cheese Social gatherings! Thank you for your support, attendance and we look forward to seeing you again after the holidays! We will be hosting this social gathering once a month immediately following the Saturday evening Mass at 4:30pm. If you would like more information or if you would like to host, please contact Janel Rasmussen (503.244.0453) or Carol Vranizan (503.244.5236) to sign up. Our next Wine & Cheese Social will be after the Saturday evening Mass at 4:30pm on **January 7, 2012**. See you there!

## Family Faith Sharing Questions:

Families and parents: start talking, share the Faith!

**December 25-Luke 2:1-14; Luke 2:15-20; John 1**

Each of the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have a different Gospel reading — they all focus on a different part of the wonderful story of how and where and when Jesus was born. They tell us about angels appearing in dreams and talking to shepherds ... about Caesar Augustus asking for a census ... and of course about Mary and Joseph journeying to Bethlehem and how Jesus was born there in a manger. In these passages, Jesus is called the “savior of the world” as well as the “light of the world.”

*What tradition(s) can you build into your family celebration that will help you to bring the focus to Christ?*

Luke’s story reminds us that when we hear the message of God, we need to respond. The shepherds believed that the message they heard from God was calling them to “come and worship.” And so, they quickly went to find Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

*When you hear the message of the Gospel, do you respond with enthusiasm or do you see it as getting in the way of what you want to do? How can your family open your schedule to allow time to “come and worship”?*

*Are you ready to allow the Light of Christ to dispel all the “darkness” in your life? Describe how you can allow the light of Christ to effect the way you live your life each day?*

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Each spring, Archbishop Vlazny offers Confirmation for adults who did not receive this sacrament as a teenager. If you are interested in receiving this sacrament, please contact Deacon Scott in the parish office. He will work with you on preparation. Confirmation is set for May 25th, 7:30 pm, at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to help in the following areas of the parish:

- Drivers to help parishioners get to Mass
- Head Usher
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word catechists

If you can help, please contact Deacon Scott.

## FAITH CAFE

Dear Fr. Murphy and Parishioners of St. John Fisher, The Faith Cafe Board would like to take this time to thank you all for your faithful support during 2011. We would not be able to financially continue serving weekly hot meals on Saturdays and Sundays without your contributions. We also wish to thank the many volunteers who give of their precious time to help transport donated food, cook and serve dinners or clean up after a meal. All of your varied talents are vitally important to Faith Cafe.

Just to fill you in on some highlights of the year, in February we received a grant from OnPoint Credit Union which allowed us to create a Powerpoint presentation of services in the area. This slideshow is updated monthly and shown to our guests during dinner to help keep them up to date on offerings available to them.

In May Faith Cafe was recognized as recipient of the 2011 Agency Excellence Award by the Oregon Food Bank. This award honors innovative procedures that help deliver food where it is most needed. This presentation took place at the annual gathering of over 200 local agencies and was quite thrilling.

In June we began our extended Saturday Summer Lunch Program at five Beaverton schools, partially funded by a grant from Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. Teams of volunteers from local churches did a marvelous job staffing the school sites and enjoyed getting to know some of the local area families. At this time when the community need is so great, Faith Cafe is blessed to have your sustaining encouragement and of that we are most grateful.

**Contact Deacon Scott to help on Feb. 12th.**

## LIVING THE EUCHARIST LENT SMALL GROUPS

This Lent we will be participating in a series recommended by Archbishop Vlazny called *Living the Eucharist*. This series enhances our understanding of the Mass and being Church, especially as we have begun to use the new translation of the Missal.

Part of this series includes Small Groups. If you are interested in participating in a Lenten Small Group for the 6 weeks, please contact Deacon Scott. Let him know what days of the week and what times of the day work best for you.

*You can find more info about the Living the Eucharist program at [www.livingtheeucharist.org](http://www.livingtheeucharist.org). There are activities for adults, teens and children that we will be using.*