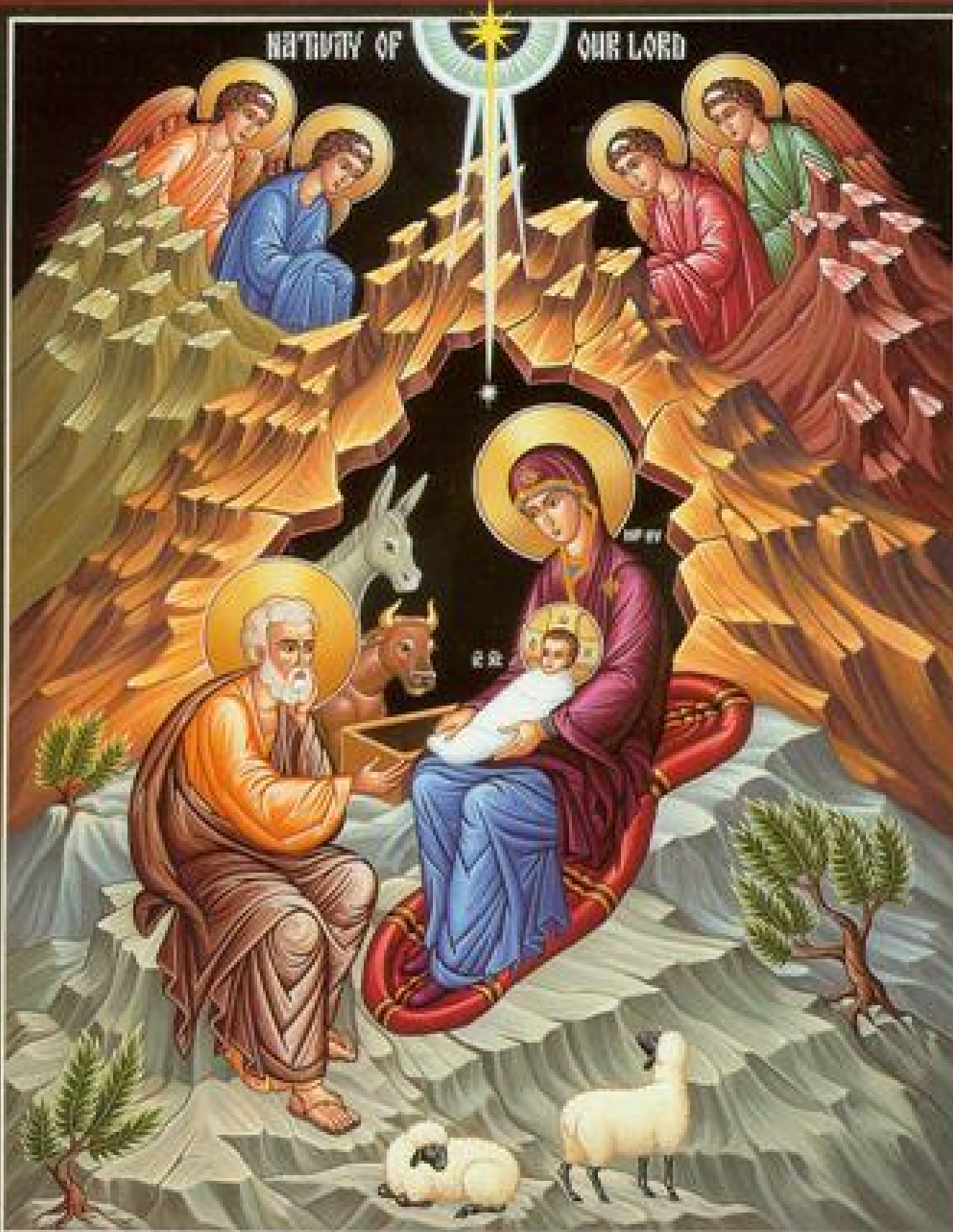


NATIVITY OF OUR LORD





St. Lambert Parish

1000 South Bahnson Avenue
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57103

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December 25, 2011

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

St. Lambert Mission Statement: We strive to be a welcoming community, sharing the love of Jesus Christ through prayer, celebrating the Eucharist, educational opportunities, calling forth the unique gifts of each member, and reaching out to meet the needs of our parish and community.

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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Saturday – 8:30 AM

Wed. Evening - 5:30 PM

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

NURSERY SERVICE

Open during 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses. Ages 12 months-Preschool welcome.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00–4:00 PM or by appt.

Wednesday 6:15-7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Jordan Program, a prerequisite for Baptism, will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM. **You must pre-register by calling the Parish Office, 336-8808.**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparation is by appointment with our Parish Priests at least six months in advance.

“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” John 1:14

It is common during this time of the year to hear people say, “And isn’t this the real meaning of Christmas anyway?” By this phrase they usually mean anything other than celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now often the “reason” given will usually be something good like sharing, being with family, giving of our time and goods, being nice... Those are all well and good but let’s set the record straight. The meaning of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As Catholics we do this primarily by celebrating Christ’s Mass. I know that obvious word connection will never be made by the secular media and advertising legions but let us never be defined by them and more loudly and joyously sing together “O Come Let Us Adore Him” this Christmas Season!

There is in fact, a huge force, a tremendous power for love being neglected, not being used, at the time when it is needed as never before and when every sign seems to be pointing to it and challenging it as the only answer - **the power of the Infancy of Christ...**

“The Infant Christ is the whole Christ. Christ was not more God, more Christ, more man, on the Cross than He was in His Mother’s womb. His first tear, His first smile, His first pulsation in the womb of His Mother, could have redeemed the world...

“In Advent Christ rested in Mary - still, silent, helpless, utterly dependent. The Creator trusted Himself to His creature... This was a foreshadowing of what the Incarnation would mean for us; for in us too, Christ rests as He rested in Mary. From the moment when the Christ life is conceived in us, our life is intended for one thing, the expression of His love, His love for God and for the world... We are ‘other Christs.’ Our destiny is to live the Christ-life: to bring Christ’s life into the world; to increase Christ’s love in the world; to give Christ’s peace to the world.” - Caryl Houselander (1901-1954) from *The Passion of the Infant Christ* (1949)

A note of thanks for all of the Christmas cards, gifts and pictures. They are greatly appreciated and will line my office window sill for the Christmas season. I thank God each day for being your pastor and pray for the holiness required to bring all of us to a greater understanding of His love for us.

*In the Newborn Christ,
Father Mason*

LITURGY NEWS



St. Lambert Parish would like to extend a **warm welcome to all who are visiting** or are new to the area. If you are not currently registered at St. Lambert and consider this your Parish, please stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form. We invite you to introduce yourself to Father Mason or Father King after Mass. Anyone over the age of 21 and living independently should come in to register as an adult in the parish.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul "Dutch" Loes**; for **Donat Dummer**, father of Deb (Terry) Harris. May they and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

The Parish Office will be **closed** on **December 26th** and **January 2nd** in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

The **Jordan Program** for those preparing for Baptism will be held on Sunday, **January 8th**, at **7:00 PM** in the St. Raphael Room which is located at the Bahnson (west) entrance. *You must pre-register by calling the Parish Office at 336-8808.*



January Ministry schedules are in the Family Room. There are also copies of substitute lists in case you need to switch weekends.



PLEASE NOTE: The Nursery will be **closed** December 25th and January 1st for the Holidays. We will reopen on again January 8th.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament opens following the Mass on Thursday mornings and concludes at 7:55 am Friday.

At least one person is needed for each hour, but more would be better. Many of the older folks have difficulty with snow and ice.

We currently need an additional person for each hour on Thursday from 9am-1pm and during the overnight hours. Please call the Office if you can help.



Are you or someone you know in need of prayer? To make a prayer request, call Betty Selzler at 334-3093 or email:

bettyanns@sio.midco.net; or call Dorothy

Wathen at 371-3338. Remember to call the Parish Office if you are going into the hospital & would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Get ready for the **famoso Gioventu Spaghetti Cena** (famous Youth Spaghetti Dinner). It will be held on **Sunday, January 15th from 4pm-7pm** here at St. Lambert. Come and let the youth entertain you as they serve you a delicious Italian dinner of salad, dessert, and unlimited spaghetti.



Advanced tickets will be sold after Mass the weekends of December 31/January 1 and January 7/8. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office and at the Door.

DAILY READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS

Mon; Dec 26	Acts 6:8-10; Matthew 10:17-22
8:30 AM	+ John & Rozella Tunender
Tues., Dec 27	1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1, 2-8
8:30 AM	+ Wally Flint
Wed., Dec 28	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
8:30 AM	+ Sydney Anne Jones
5:30 PM	For the Unborn
Thurs., Dec 29	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
8:30 AM	Intention/Liz & Leo Polak
Fri., Dec 30	Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40
8:30 AM	Intention/Dick & Angie Steckley
Sat., Dec 31	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
8:30 AM	Intention/Catie Tibbetts
4:30 PM	+ Robert Roos
Sun., Jan. 1	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
8:00 AM	People of St Lambert Parish
9:30 AM	+ Sr Kathleen Hickenbotham OSB
11:00 AM	+ Norbert Bruggeman

If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of someone or for their intention, please call the Parish Office. A suggested donation is \$10.

FINANCES

Weekly Collection Needs	\$ 15,865.38
Weekly Receipts—Actual (Dec 18th)	\$ 16,700.43
Weekly—Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 835.05
Year-To-Date Receipts—Budget	\$396,634.62
Year-To-Date Receipts—Actual	\$377,941.87
Year-To-Date—Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 18,692.75)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ST LAMBERT PARISH!

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL 2011

CFSA 2011 comes to its completion at the end of this year. If you are unsure of your balance, please call the Parish Office and we will gladly assist you. Please hold any contribution for CFSA 2012 until you receive a pledge card in mid-February. Thank you.

REMINDER: With December 31, 2011 falling on Saturday and January 1, 2012 on Sunday, checks from the weekend collection dated December 31, 2011 will be applied to 2011 contributions and checks dated January 1, 2012 be applied to 2012 contributions. Please note in accordance with IRS regulations, for contributions to be recorded as 2011 contributions, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2011. This is true regardless of the date of the check.

DOORWAY TO THEIR FUTURE SCHOOL ADDITION

PLEDGES RECEIVED	\$717,026
PLEDGES COLLECTED	\$449,545

To find a Catholic Church or Mass times, go to:
www.sfcatholic.org

Faith Formation



Congratulations 2011 Prize Calendar Winner!

The winner of the December 21st prize, a large cookie tray, is **Isaac Ortmann**. The prize for December 28th is a mystery prize.

Upcoming Events

December 28—NO Small Group
January 4—7th-12th Small Group LifeTeen 6:30pm
January 8—Confirmation 10:30-12:30—Gym
Family Formation 10:30-noon—Youth Room
January 11—Family Formation 6:15-7:45pm—Youth Room
January 15—Youth Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
No Class on Sunday, December 25th

HELP NEEDED!



The youth spaghetti dinner will be held on **Sunday, January 15th**. We need approximately 35 adults and 40 youth to help with set-up (Saturday), preparing and serving the dinner (Sunday) and clean-up (beginning at approximately 7pm).

Sign up sheets will be available after Masses. Please consider helping us out with this important fundraiser for the youth. For questions, or to help, please contact Theresa at twallace@sfcss.org or 338-4728.

Attention all 6th-12th graders:

It is time to sign up for the **Mt. Kato Ski Trip on Friday, February 17th**. The cost is \$59, which includes a light breakfast, ski/snowboard rental, lessons, lift ticket and bus ride. You need to bring money for lunch and supper. Busses will depart from Sioux Falls at 6:59am and return at 8:30pm the same day. Registration forms are available in the Family Room, the Parish Office or on the parish website. **No registrations will be accepted after Sunday, February 5th**. Chaperones are needed also. For more information call Theresa 338-4728.

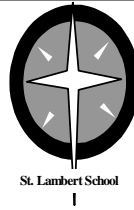


We are planning our first annual **St. Lambert family camping weekend at Broom Tree** ~ June 22-24, 2012. Family cabins are \$85.35 per night and campsites for your RV are \$31.65 per night. Space is limited, so reserve yours soon! We are also looking for people to help plan the weekend, schedule and help out with games. If you are interested in reserving a spot or helping, please call Theresa at 338-4728 or email twallace@sfcss.org. Watch future bulletins for more info!



LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

New Lighthouse CD's in the kiosk! This week we are featuring a CD entitled "**When Life Doesn't Make Sense**" by **Fr. Benedict Groeschel**. Have you ever wondered why bad things happen to good people? Trained psychologist, Fr. Benedict Groeschel examines some of life's most difficult questions in the context of faith. He reveals penetrating insights and deeply personal reflections to find answers to the perpetually plaguing question "Why?", and explains how in these painful moments, God manifests His loving Presence.



St. Anne Wing

We have a **MAJOR gift** to unwrap...our new **St. Anne Wing!** Generous donors, gifts in kind & much hard work are at the crux of this miraculous gift. Here are the details & timeline and how **you** can be a part of the excitement...

Ribbon Cutting: Thursday 1/5 @8:20am Join us for the Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting for the new wing! News media will be on hand! The 1st-6th graders will line the halls and the Kindergartners & Preschoolers will "excitedly" proceed down the hall as we cut open the ribbon of the gift of the new wing, their new classrooms.

Dedication: Friday 1/6 @8:30am School Mass with **Bishop Paul Swain** as celebrant. Dedication & blessing of the new **St. Anne Wing** will follow Mass.

Open Houses/Tours:

Tues. 1/17 @5:30-7pm Preschool/Kindergarten Open House
Sun. 1/22 @noon-2pm
Sat. 2/4 & Sun. 2/5 after St. Lambert weekend.

St. Lambert School : 338-7042
www.sfcss.org



SFCS Certificates can be purchased in the Parish Office

December 27th through December 30th from 9am—5pm. The Parish Office will be closed on December 26th and January 2nd. The box will go to the business office to be replenished on Jan 3rd.

SIoux FALLS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPENINGS:

Administrative Assistant: FT/Seasonal (11 months) (7:30am-4:00pm) for O'Gorman Jr. High School.

Substitutes for clerical, custodial, food service, after school, and educational assistant positions. All positions posted on SFCS website: www.sfcss.org. **Apply by phone to: Human Resources, SFCS- 575-3350 or email shurley@sfcss.org.**



Don't forget to purchase your 2011-2012 Big Soo Coupon Books at St Lambert!

The books are on sale in the **Parish Office**. You can offset your \$35 purchase price by using 2 or 3 coupons.



2012 SILENT RETREAT SCHEDULE:

Men's: February 16-19, March 15-18, July 19-22, September 20-23;
Women's: February 2-5, March 1-4, May 17-20, June 7-10, August 16-19, September 6-9.

To register for any of these retreats, please visit www.broom-tree.org or call 605-263-1040

Have you completed your Safe Environment training yet?

ALL volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults are required to complete a *background check* (once every 6 years), a *checklist* and participate in **annual online safe environment training**.

The website is streamlined so it is easier than ever to use. This years training is available at:

www.safeandsacred-sfcatholic.org.

Our goal is to have all of our Safe Environment requirements met by **December 31, 2011**, so please do the online training as soon as possible. **Return certificate of completion to the parish office, or email it to twallace@sfcss.org.**

BULLETIN BOARD



Financial & Peace. Two words that don't go together well in most households. If you are tired of wondering where the money goes each month & feeling like you never get ahead, then come join us for Financial Peace University & find out how you can handle your money differently. **This 13-week series will begin January 8, 2012 and will be held from 4 pm – 6 pm Sunday afternoons.** Contact Tina and Daren Horner at 371-3488 for information and to register. Class size will be limited to 10 families. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 4th.

Sioux Falls - DWS Support Group for divorced, widowed and separated. Open to people of all faiths. Ten week program led by volunteers who have been thorough the program and want to give back after experiencing help with their grief and pain. Registration **Monday January 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm** at St. Joseph Cathedral School (south entrance) in Sioux Falls. Cost is \$55 for book and materials. Questions, call 605-988-3775, or e-mail hkarrow@sfcatholic.org. No pre-registration needed.

Grief Counseling- If you haven't been able to attend one of Dr. Marcie Moran's Grief Programs, or feel you need more one on one time, Catholic Family Services is offering grief counseling for individuals, couples and families at a flat rate to help you through this difficult time. For office locations or to set up a time please give our main office a call 800-700-7867.

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A SIBLING Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 pm January 10 – February 14, 2012 Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 to register. Cost – Donation. Non-denominational.



FREE THROW CONTEST!

The St. Lambert Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Free throw shooting contest on **Sunday Jan 22nd 2012** in the St. Lambert Gym, This event is open for both boys and girls between the ages of 10-14 as of January 1, 2012. Registration begins at 1:00pm **with the contest to begin at 1:30pm. There is no charge for this event. Any questions please call Bob Nelson at 335-7353.**

THIS WEEK AT ST LAMBERT

December 26th through January 1st

Monday	8:30 AM Daily Mass/Church PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY
Tuesday	8:30 AM Daily Mass/Church 7:00 PM New Life Singers/Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM Daily Mass/Church 5:30 PM Daily Mass/Church 6:15 PM Individual Confessions No small group tonight
Thursday	8:30 AM Daily Mass/Church 9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration begins
Friday	7:55 AM Eucharistic Adoration ends 8:30 AM Mass/Church
Saturday	8:30 AM Daily Mass/Church 3:30 PM Rosary <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> 4:30 PM Weekend Mass
Sunday	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> Weekend Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM <i>World Day for Peace</i> No RCIA today HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Men's Spiritual Luncheon ~ the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next luncheon will be on **Jan. 11th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** in the St Joseph Parish Hall (Duluth St entrance). Lunch is provided - free will offering.

Sad Isn't Bad Grief Support Group: For children and the adults who care for them, who are learning that it's ok to be sad when someone close to us dies. **Four Tuesdays: Jan. 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st OR Mar. 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th** from **5:30-7:30pm** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. There is no charge for this event and a free evening meal is provided. All children in grades K-12 are welcome.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 31ST AND JANUARY 1ST, 2012

Ministry	Sat 4:30 pm	Sun 8:00 am	Sun 9:30 am	Sun 11:00 am
Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	(1) Mary Hublou (1) Mary Schilling (2) Bill Scholten (3) Patti Scholten (4) Barry Mercer (4) Deacon Roger Heidt	(1) Sharon Heap (2) Betty Selzler (3) Jackie Laney (4) Kevin Kroeze	(1) Mary Lais (1) Noel Lais (2) Julie Ernster (3) Sue Ruitter (4) Dori Nash (4) Clare Becker	(1) Joyce Manahan (2) Julie Wilka (3) Colette Munce (4) Clare Becker
EM to the Homebound		R. Wencl; K Kroeze; R Kirby		
Greeters (West)	Bill & Patti Scholten	Joann Kolbeck	Mary & Noel Lais	Kyle & Karen Ruhland
Greeter/Gift Bearers	John & Bridget Nichols Family	Jeff & Diane Baker Family	Roger & Julia Paluch Family	Don & Janet Fischer
Lectors	Johna Mercer	Sharon Heap	Noel Lais	Jodi Reel
Ushers	Art Borden; Bryan Olson; Logan Schilling; Brig Schilling	Jeff Nelson; Fran Weber; Chris Iversen; Aaron Iversen	Dave McCoy; Mike North; Ali North; Irv Nash	Neal, Aaron & Austin Nachtigall; Martin Szabo
Altar Servers	Tyler Rush; <i>Need Volunteer</i> Elizabeth Schilling;	Alec Baker; Haley Baker Adam Heap	Makilie Paluch; Christopher and Max Tibbetts	Clayton Johnson; Jacob Fischer & Theresa Fischer
SFCS certificates	Suzi Gunia	Sharon Heap	Julia & Austen Paluch	Heidi Johnson



Monetary donations for Christmas flowers were made by:
 Bernie and Kay Buchheim in memory of Blake Buchheim;
 Tim & Patty Bulick in memory of Joan Ebbinga, John Ebbinga & Cecil Bulick;
 Donna Entringer in honor of her family members;
 Rosie Flint in memory of Wally Flint;
 Darlene Graves in memory of Joe and Jimmy Graves;
 Dick and Donna Hansen in memory of the Hansen and Fahy families
 Corinne High in memory of Bob High;
 Jim and Glenda Horstman in memory of Jodi Horstman Flogstad;

Troy and Mary Jones in memory of Sydney Anne Jones;
 Kevin & Mary Kroeze in memory of Colleen Hurley-Lund;
 Judy Krohnke in memory of Dennis Krohnke;
 Steve and Patty Kuehn in memory of Jim Kersey;
 Dennis & Joyce Martinec in memory of Ed & Mayme Martinec and Joe & Elsie Ollerich;
 Silvina Maurice in memory of Burdette and Robert Maurice;
 Al & Carol Morgan in memory of deceased members of the Berschied family;
 Charles and Ann Murray in memory of deceased members of the Grewe families;
 Sam and Linda Nastase in memory of deceased members of the Nastase and Laugel families;
 Betty Nearman in memory of deceased members of the Nearman family;
 Doug & Peggy Rotert in memory of LeRoy and Janet Rotert and S. John O'Hara;
 Kerry Rush in memory of Tom Rush;
 Mary Schiltz in memory of Kenny Schiltz;
 Judy Smith in memory of deceased members of the McCollar family;
 Shirley Stach in memory of Paul Stach and Annabelle Stach;
 Evonne Weber in memory of Edwin Weber.



PARENTING IN THE MODERN FAMILY

Come join other parents in a discussion group setting to learn parenting strategies & interventions for today's families! During the six weekly meetings discussion topics will include parenting styles, active communication, responsibility and discipline and building courage and self-esteem. Sessions will last approximately 60-75 minutes beginning at 6:45pm and will be held at St Lambert School in the Library. The \$40 per person/couple cost covers the materials/books. Checks may be made out to "Saint Lambert School". If you would like more information or wish to register, please contact Mr. John Bradbury, SFCS school counselor/family liaison at 338-7042 (SLS), 338-5103 (CKS) or 201-4010 (cell). Study session will begin Tuesday, January 10, 2012 and continue for five additional weeks. No child care is available.

Thank you to all who donated to the Advent Baby Shower. These donations will fill the needs of people in our parish, Catholic Family Services, foster homes, hospitals, Birthright, the Free Clinic, domestic shelters and Native American ministries.



Adoption? If you feel you are being called to adoption, Catholic Family Services will be holding an informational meeting about the process of adopting a child. For more information and date please e-mail Christy Vander Woude, MSW cvanderwoude@sfatholic.org or call 800-700-7867.

Pray for Unborn Human Life



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE: (Week 40) Celebrate! Don't be surprised at how Chris looks after birth. Chris' head may be misshapen and the skin may be discolored with patchy looking rashes. Chris, like all babies, is made in the image and likeness of God. Even though childbirth is frightening, it helps to keep positive support people around you. "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy His favour." Luke 2:14



God sent down His love at Christmas! What a wonderful opportunity to share in the great gift of that love. We are now taking reservations for couples and religious to attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend scheduled for **February 10-12, 2012** at BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, SD. Space is limited so contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 to register or visit www.WWME.org.

Resources on Marriage, Family & Respect Life

Visit the diocesan Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life website at www.sfatholic.org/RespectLife for information and updates on human sexuality, ways to enhance and strengthen marriages and families, and defend a culture of life. Sign up for *Lifetimes Litterae*, an e-newsletter, and join the *Facebook* page online, or call 605-988-3755 for info.



Pray at Planned Parenthood, West 41st St., on Tuesday, January 17th at Noon with Bishop Swain.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** of our Parish strives to help others in need. Through the **Pantry Box (located in the east foyer)** we can give assistance to those in our Parish Community, a sense of dignity to those who are helped. **If you or someone you know is in need**, contact Clare Becker (332-3793).

*** **Thank you** ***

We are very grateful for your outpouring generosity in providing the beautifully wrapped gifts for our Christmas Sharing Tree. Because of your kindness and love, **108 people and 28 families were blessed this year!** (St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Lambert)