

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
JANUARY 9, 2012**

Monday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord  
8:15AM Charles "Del" Hertich by Bruce & Eric Touchette  
Tuesday, January 10  
8:15AM Brian Petrowske by Donna & Gary Eggemeyer  
Wednesday, January 11  
10:30AM Vallie Jany by M/M Clarence Hecht  
Thursday, January 12  
No Mass  
Friday, January 13, St. Hilary  
8:15AM Paul Schmerbauch by Roger & Ruth Petrowske  
Saturday, January 14  
5:00PM Lorraine Schuchert by Rob, Pam, & Ernie  
Sunday, January 15  
9:00AM For The Parish

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN 9<sup>TH</sup> THRU JAN 15**

Sunday 9:45 - 11AM PSR Class  
Pre-School Sunday School During 9AM Mass  
Monday 11AM - 1PM K of C Luncheon  
7PM PTO Meeting - Library  
7PM Finance Council Meeting @ Rectory  
Tuesday 8:15AM Mass (Grs. 1-4)  
Wednesday 10:30AM Mass at Three Springs  
Thursday Fr. Gene's Day Off  
Friday 4:30-7:30PM K of C Fish Fry  
Early Dismissal from School at 1:30PM  
Bus Service Available  
Saturday 5PM Mass  
Sunday 9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: MUCHOS GRACIAS!!  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!** As pastor I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your continued unbelievable generosity to the Church and its mission. I'm sure the last two weekends were "real kickers" in the parish envelope department. Maybe it was the spirit of the season or perhaps an automatic reflex action, but the truth is your generosity in giving of your treasure to God's Holy Church will be recognized by the good Lord. God Bless You all in this new coming year 2012.

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans--purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret; the colors of the wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die. Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the creche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

**SERVERS SCHEDULE:** Jan. 15, 5PM, Joe Soellner, Elizabeth Soellner; 9AM, Emma Naeger, Molly Gregory

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD** for Jan. 1: \$3,875.00 from 116 env.; Solemnity of Mary, \$1,728.00; Initial Offering, \$421.00; Children, \$2.00.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** The worst sorrows in life are not in its losses and misfortunes, but in its fears.

**RESPECT LIFE** - There is still time to register for the 39<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life in Washington, DC and be an advocate and witness for LIFE. The trip for the Diocese of Belleville will run Sun - Thurs, Jan 21 - 23, departing from our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. For more information and registration forms visit [www.respectlife.catholicweb.com](http://www.respectlife.catholicweb.com)

**"FANNING THE FLAME"**, our diocesan and parish program focusing on the "Catechism of the Catholic Church for U.S. Catholics," will begin on Tuesday evening, Jan. 17th, 7PM, in the parish house. All parishioners are welcome to participate. For those persons who have obtained the catechism ahead of time, it would do well to read over Chapter I. Catechisms will be available for purchase at the first session for those who do not have them.

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** - We want to thank everyone for their support and let you know how much we appreciate all that you do for the Christian Food Pantry. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless your congregation as you go about his work. We also pray that the Food Pantry will be able to continue to serve the Lord and others through this ministry. Your friends in Christ,  
The Board of Directors of the Chester Area Christian Food Pantry.

**RETROUVAILLE OF ST. LOUIS** - If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart -- if there is little or no meaningful communication -- or if you are considering separation or divorce (or you are already separated or divorced), the Feb. 10-12, 2012 Retrouvaille Weekend can help the two of you rebuild your troubled marriage. Confidential information is available at 1-800-470-2230 (toll free), or you can register for the weekend at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

**FR. LOU KOEHR:** Anyone wishing to drop Fr. Lou a note, his address is 203 N. Franklin St., Albers, IL 62215-0056

**ST. MARY'S ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT** is on Saturday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6PM and questions start at 7PM. Admission is \$10 per person. Teams can be made up of 4 to 8 players. Dress up and/or decorate your table for a chance to win free admission to next year's Trivia Night. Cash prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams. Bring your own food and drinks. Gather your team and call the school office at 826-3120 to reserve your table. We're planning a couple new twists this year to help make it more fun than ever. Thank you for your support.

**YOU'RE INVITED:** Country Breakfast, Our Lady of Victory Church Hall, Perryville, MO (Serenio), Sunday, January 15, 7AM to 12 Noon. Sponsored by Serenio Holy Name Society and Ladies Altar Sodality  
"Holy Name Stag Card Party, St. Augustine, Hecker, Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 7:30PM, Hecker Sportsmen's Club, Donation \$10.00.

