



*Sts. Peter & Paul, Spring Valley, IL*

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**Scripture for the Week of December 28 2008**

28	Sun	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11- 12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
29	Mon	1 Jn 2:3-11/Luke 2:22-35
30	Tues	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
31	Wed	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
1	Thurs	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
2	Fri	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
3	Sat	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
4	Sun	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Question for the Week:**

Sunday, Jan. 4

Matthew 2:1-12

What has happened in your life that compelled you to search for more meaning?

**FATHER ART  
Is on  
VACTAION**

From December 28th 2008 through  
January 9th, 2009



There will be no Mass the next two weeks. We will have Word & Communion at 8:00 am in the chapel on both Tuesdays.

**Tuesday, December 30**

8:00 am Word &amp; Communion

**January 1, 2009****HOLY DAY****The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 am Harold Schroeder (Schroeder Family)

**Saturday, January 3  
(Sunday Liturgy)**

5:00 pm † Joe Butcher (Jennifer Butcher)

**Sunday, January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:15 am † Pat &amp; Tillie Jaeger (S. Carol Ann Jaeger)

† Don Scheiber (Family &amp; Friends)

10:15 am † Allan Lebeck (Delores Lebeck)

† Matt Fox (Bernadette Kaatz)

**PEW VIEW**

The Sunday after Christmas always commemorates the feast of the Holy Family. Our images of this ideal family usually come from the plaster cast statues found in the crèche -- a woman who just gave birth kneeling in constant adoration of her newborn son, a half naked baby with arms extended waiting to be held, and an elderly looking father kneeling reverently or standing protectively over both of them. This family is frozen in perpetual familial bliss. But

life wasn't that simple for them nor is it for families today.

The mother had been an unmarried, pregnant teenager. Her fiancé marries her and raises the child as his own. Most of us could probably think of at least one example of families in somewhat similar situations.

The birth occurred "out of town." There are many families right here in the parish who could identify with giving birth to a child in a strange city, hundreds or even thousands of miles from their native cities. Job transfers often bring young couples into our area and they give birth without the benefit of support from their extended families. Such is what happened to Mary and Joseph who went from Nazareth to Bethlehem at the bequest of the government.

While the Gospels do not give us any further information we can only imagine the sadness that Mary and Joseph's parents might have felt at not being near their children when a grandson was born. Our parish is filled with grandparents whose grandchildren are scattered across the country. Such is the reality of even the "holy family."

Then there's the sudden flight into Egypt with a clandestine departure under the cloak of darkness in order to escape the death threat of the police. Imagine being a family on-the-run for one's life, crossing a national border, coming into a strange land, seeking protection yet perhaps not necessarily being warmly welcomed. The Gospel does not tell us if the family's immigration was legal or not, just that it occurred. This was the "holy family" and we are reminded of other families, perhaps in our midst, who have crossed borders seeking refuge. It is a contemporary issue found in an old story.

Today's Gospel recounts the presentation of Jesus in the temple and how Simeon predicts to Mary that her heart "would be pierced with a sword" because of whom her son was. The prediction certainly came true as exemplified in the next passage from Luke in which Jesus is lost in the Temple at the age of twelve. How many parents have panicked when a child was lost even if momentarily out of their sight? How many parents have dealt with the apparent insolence of a teenager? This is the "holy family," the real family.

In families babies cry, they poop at the worst possible times, families move and search for work, parents look for lost children, have difficulties understanding teenagers, and don't understand what occupations their children have undertaken. That is family life even in the Holy Family. What makes a family holy? Christ dwells in it. Hope he does in yours.

**Daryl Olszewski  
Pastoral Associate**

## Epiphany Party

Would you like to continue to celebrate throughout the Christmas season? Join us for a wonderful celebration of Epiphany on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> following the 8:15 mass (9:15 – 10:15). This event is geared for families with young children (8 year olds and younger) but all ages are welcome. There will be a light breakfast, singing, a story and other activities about the 3 kings. We will collect baby items in honor of Jesus' birthday to donate to Hope House. A Free will donation will be accepted. The event will last about an hour. Please call 251-0897, ext. 203, or e-mail Sue at [devinesimons@archmil.org](mailto:devinesimons@archmil.org). Please RSVP by December 31st. All are welcome!

### **JUST A REMINDER...**

Christian Formation classes for children in **4K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade** will be off for the next few weeks. We will begin again the **week of January 11<sup>th</sup>**. See you then!

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** For Sunday, January 4th the deadline will be on **Monday, December 29th**. Please make sure I have all articles for this bulletin to me by 9:00 am Monday, December 29th. You can drop your article in the collection basket marked "Attention Michele", bring it into the parish office or email me at [schmitzm@archmil.org](mailto:schmitzm@archmil.org).

### **A Quick Reminder:**

The 2008 financial books will be closed on **Wednesday December 31st at noon**. Anyone wishing credit for this year, please have your donations to the parish office **no later than Wednesday, December 31st at noon**.

#### **Acolytes and Communion Distributors**

For those who normally receive their schedule via mail it is now available **FOR PICKUP** at the Distributor Station where you sign in.

We are trying something new to help save on postage.  
We hope that this is convenient for you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**HOLY DAY LITURGY**  
**Thursday ~ January 1st, 2009**  
**9:00 pm**  
**in church**

### **THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank the women from the St. Gerard's circle for their generous donation to St. James Parish for our use in whatever way we feel will help us here in the parish.

### **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT ~ RIGHT TO LIFE**

Each year on January 22nd – the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade – people pause to recognize the date in some way. Some speak out, some march, some reach out, some educate, some just reflect. Many pray.

As Catholics, our firm conviction is that "life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception to natural death". Our Church teaches that abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is always gravely immoral; its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family.

God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. Each person is created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26). "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

It is imperative that we, who are called to serve the least among us, give special attention to this issue of justice. You can help spread the message of life by signing on to and contributing \$1 toward pro-life ads in the Waukesha Freeman on January 22 and the Waukesha Sunday Post on January 25, 2009. Please visit the Human Concerns table in the gathering space after mass on Dec 27/28 and Jan 3/4 to view the ad and sign on.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, December 28

10:15 am Baptism during Mass  
6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (cafeteria)

### Monday, December 29

7:00 pm RICA (great room)

### Tuesday, December 30

6:30 am Men's Scripture Class (great room)  
8:30 am Bible Class (great room)  
Day of Adoration (chapel)  
9:00 am T.O.P.S. meeting (cafeteria)  
5:30 pm Holy Hour / Rosary (chapel)  
6:30 pm Scripture Study (great room)

### Wednesday, December 31

### Thursday, January 1 NEW YEARS DAY

9:00 am Holy Day Liturgy (church)

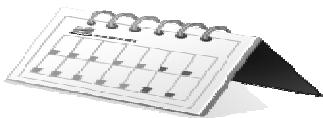
### Friday, January 2

### Saturday, January 3

11:00 am Confessions (reconciliation room)  
5:00 pm Fellowship Weekend (gathering area)

### Sunday, January 4

Fellowship Weekend after both Masses (gathering area)  
9:15 am Epiphany Birthday Party for Jesus (community center)  
6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (cafeteria)



# A Chili Thing

St. James Music Ministry  
Annual Chili Fundraiser



**Saturday, January 24, 2009**

4:00 to 7:30 pm  
St. James Community Center

#### Advance Tickets:

\$6.00 Adults  
\$4.00 Children



#### Tickets at the Door:

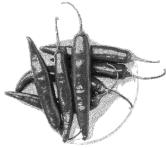
\$7.00 Adults  
\$5.00 Children

Canned beverages can be purchased.

#### All Proceeds:

For special needs of St. James

**Contact:** Rita Calmes at 262-246-6420



## Directory

### St. James Rectory—Parish Office—262-251-3944

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### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:15 am & 10:15 am  
Weekday Masses:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
8:00 am in the Historic Chapel

### PARISH STAFF:

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#### Sussex Food Pantry, 246-9860

Mondays 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays 1:00 to 2:30 pm  
Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 pm

**Interfaith:** 549-3348

## MISSION STATEMENT

*To Be a Welcoming, Catholic, Faith Community Seeking to Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ*