
St. Christopher

Catholic Church

Marysville

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



January 1, 2006

Thank you

by Fr. Art Baranowski

Christmas happens in a parish because of the effort of a lot of people.

I want to acknowledge many people at St. Christopher's for making Christmas beautiful here. Twenty-five parishioners spent hours of time on the Wednesday before Christmas decorating the church. The faithful few came on Monday and cleaned. The music ministers spent extra time practicing. The maintenance staff put in many hours with lights and cleaning.

The other "hidden" work making Christmas possible is the faith of parishioners. There are people of all ages here with a deep faith. For these parishioners, Christ is real. Christ lives today. These parishioners make life decisions based on what our Lord would want.

Christmas happens at St. Christopher's because there is a place for Christ. And, that place is in his people.

NEW YEAR'S

A new year is only a date on a calendar—on paper. We are the same old people whether it is a new year or the old year.

What makes us new is God, if we let God. God always is re-creating each of us. God gives us a heart that is bigger than the heart we now have.

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This Sunday's Gospel

Luke 2:16-21

Christ was born and most people went about their everyday business. But, some noticed Christ and believed he was God's Son shared with us. The shepherds went and found the Christ child and they were moved to praise and thank God. Mary kept all these events in her heart and pondered and prayed. Mary knew how to treasure what God was doing.

1. Consider Mary's approach in receiving Christ into her own heart. What could Mary teach you?
2. How will you treasure what is most valuable in your own life?
3. Christ came to make you what Christ is—God's beloved Child. How could you be more aware each day of being God's own child?

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

OUR PARISH RENEWAL

Sunday, January 15

Monday, January 16

Tuesday, January 17

7:00-8:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONER MEETING

Thursday, January 19

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Social Hall

****Look the parish over and see
about joining.****

WEEKLY CALENDAR**HAPPY NEW YEAR****Sunday, January 1, 2006**

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Mass

No Breaking Open the Bread

No Baby/Toddler Sitting

Ages 10 months –3 yrs.

No. Children's Church

Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

No RCIA /Quest Rm.

No Religious Ed. 1st–8th Grade

No Quest

Monday, January 2, 2006

7:00 p.m. RCIA team / Rectory

Wednesday, January 4, 2006

4:00-5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades

7:00-8:30 p.m. 6th, 7th, 8th Grades

7:00 p.m. Baptism Classes

Thursday, January 5, 2006

7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Youth/ Parent

Confirmation Mtg.

No Pastoral Musicians

Saturday, January 7, 2006

4:00 p.m. Confession

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 8, 2006

7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Altar Servers

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Bread

9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting

Ages 10 months –3 yrs.

9:30 a.m. Children's Church

Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

9:30-11:00 a.m. D.R. Mtg. #2 /

Rectory

10:30 –12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

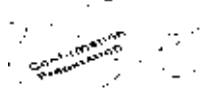
10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade

1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Youth/ Parent

Confirmation Mtg.

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest



There is a meeting for parents and 8th graders of the parish who are attending Mass every Sunday and would like to prepare for Confirmation.

Thursday, January 5 at 7 pm
Or
Sunday, January 8 at 1:30 pm

God is always trying to give us a mind that can see as God sees. Mostly, God loves us in a way that is transforming.

All that is stopping God from making us new is ourselves. God can't transform us unless we put ourselves into his loving embrace. Being with God means giving a little time to quiet down in his presence and to be with him. Often!

Let God recreate you and make you new in this New Year. Take time for prayer each day. Come to the renewal on January 15, 16, and 17. Get into a small parish group that devotes itself to the hearing God in the Scriptures of Sunday and in simple prayer.

Your priests are grateful for your prayers, good wishes and gifts. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is appreciated. May the Lord bless you all during 2006.

Fr. Art Baranowski
Fr. Gerald Britz

Quest**"Church Tour"****Sunday, January 29****9 a.m. - 3 p.m.***All high school students and parents.***More details to come.****Baptism Preparation Classes**

Wednesday, Jan. 4 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 7:00 p.m.

Please keep in mind that ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to homebound parishioners. Contact the office to request visits for anyone who cannot come to Mass whether it be for a short time (illness or surgery) or long-term due to age or other reasons. Thank you.

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Irene Brow, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Avery Langowski, Mary Warren, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Bernice Melczarczyk, Theresa Prince, Rosie Dazer, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Mia Nowak, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Al Kustowski, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, Kim Stephenson and those who care for them.

JESUS SAID:**"Come follow me"**

MEN'S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND
FOR MEN 16 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
WHO ARE CONSIDERING THE PRIESTHOOD

January, 12-15, 2006

(Begins at 7 p.m. Thursday and ends after Mass and brunch on Sunday)

Please note:

There will be a special Holy Hour on Thursday, January 12 at 8 p.m. using a monstrance Blessed by the late Pope John Paul II.

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Please contact the Vocation Office
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Or visit the website for more info
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**Weekend Liturgy
January 7 & 8, 2006**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Jack Murray by Mel & Kathy Konik	Mr. & Mrs. John Jurzysta Mr. & Mrs. Donald Steinhaus by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Steinhaus	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Fr. Karl Hubble by Mr. & Mrs. Tom O'Brien Yaldo Dado by Sam & Family
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Amy Kingma Mitch Neumann	Deem Boldyreff Nancy Trudell	Rose Chreck Rachel Sass	Andrew Cieslinski Joe Ellery
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Cantor	<i>As Assigned</i>	<i>As Assigned</i>	<i>As Assigned</i>	<i>As Assigned</i>
Altar Servers	Ryan Watson Amanda Fairbank	Jenna Furchak Lauren Curley	Stephanie Erb Alex Newby	Dylan Jones Kyle Hercliff
Hospitality Ministers	Craig, Sue, Adrianna & Alexandra LaDuke	Craig, Nancy, Craig & Nate Hohf	Greg, Sandy, Megan & Matthew Schuster	Sam, Karen & Nick Militello

**Weekday Mass Intentions
January 2, 2006 – January 6, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Hania Boji, by Her Daughter
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Emma Rhadigan, by Jean Brockdorff & Family
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Jack Murray, by His Family
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Marjorie LaGina, by Lola Alexander

Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's

December 24 & 25...\$24,719.48
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Stewardship Thought...

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

For Widowed: Dinner & Support

Widowed men and women of all ages are welcome to meet with Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, for dinner and social time on Friday, January, 13th at the American Polish Culture Center on the N.W. corner of 15 Mile and Dequindre in Troy. Gathering begins at 5 p.m. Dinner orders taken by 6 p.m. Moderate prices. Park and enter the hall on the Dequindre side of the building. Come and meet new friends in a safe setting. RSVP by January 11th to Barb (586) 781-5678 or Bill (586) 677-3539.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, January 1
Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
Monday, January 2
1 Jn 2:22-28/ Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday, January 3
1 Jn 2:29—3:6/ Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday, January 4
1 Jn 3:7-10/ Jn 1:35-42
Thursday, January 5
1 Jn 3:11-21/ Jn 1:43-51
Friday, January 6
1 Jn 5:5-13/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday, January 7
1 Jn 5:14-21/ Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday, January 8
Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart...” Today's Gospel shows us that the Mother of God took time to reflect on the extraordinary events in her life. When was the last time you took time to reflect on your marriage? Worldwide Marriage is designed to help couples live fuller, richer lives. Weekends fill up quickly, so register soon. **Detroit/ Plymouth:** February 17-19, March 24-26, and April 7-9. Bill & Carol Higgins 248-528-2512 **Flint/ Ann Arbor:** February 17-19, and March 24-26. Gary & Mary Perrydore 888-628-7433

Monstrance Blessed by Pope to be on Display at Parishes

A monstrance blessed by the late Pope John Paul II is coming to 12 sites in the Archdiocese of Detroit from January 11-15. Everyone is encouraged to visit one of the sites and pray for an increase in vocations. Call 313-237-5875 for more information. The monstrance is scheduled as follows.

Jan. 13-14:

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