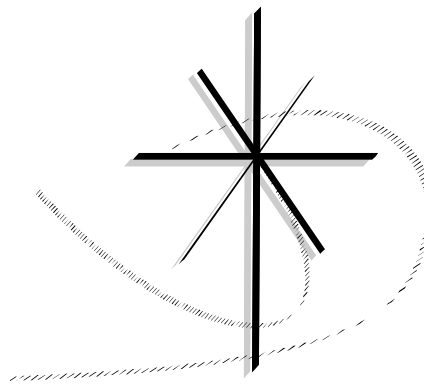


Christmas, 2010



Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to you and all of our visitors to St. John-Holy Angels to celebrate the great Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord and the subsequent Christmas Season. *“Do not be afraid...a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord,”* so says the angel. What an announcement! What a benediction! How surely something deep within us must stir in response to this Christmas message, those simple words from the Gospel of St. Luke. His is the first call of Christmas, “Do not be afraid”- and the first message. Yet, so many things in our world and life do make us fearful – a world turned up-side-down by violence, abuse, threats of terrorism, suffering and death, pain and broken relationships. There are shadows and sadness in our life; we are made fearful by these things and so susceptible to anxiety and worry because of them.

The Christmas feast invites us to calmness and serenity. The Christmas feast invites us to light and joy. The Christmas feast invites us to *“glad tidings.”* This celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ replaces the distractions of our hearts, the busyness of our lives, the stress and strain – and we pause – for just a moment – to celebrate this December season as Christ’s. It’s Christmas once again!

The Christmas feast gives us pause once again to celebrate the wonder of our God who cares enough to walk hand in hand, flesh in flesh with us, His sons and daughters. The Word-Made-Flesh, born in a Bethlehem manger is a story of what God wants so that suffering or strife would not overwhelm His children. He came into the real world, a world full of poverty and injustice, a world full of sin and sickness and death. His birth made hope and new life and peace on earth a possibility.

It is up to us to make this feast and His birth a reality.

I wish each and every one of you God’s Blessings and Merry Christmas.

Father Fiore

Welcome!

We welcome all visitors this weekend, and hope you will enjoy being part of our parish family. We invite you to continue joining us each week at our liturgical celebrations.

Our Mission Statement

The Faith Community of St. John The Baptist - Holy Angels Parish believes that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to celebrate God's abiding presence among us.

We believe that Sacramental Worship is the source and summit of our Christian life, and that worshipping Jesus in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit is our highest calling.

We believe that God's creation is sacred and beautiful. We accept the responsibility to be stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, especially the gift of life itself.

We believe that, as brothers and sisters of Christ, we are called to live in peace. It is our responsibility to work for peace by seeking justice for all people.

We believe that we are called to proclaim the Gospel, by word and example, to the faithful, to those who have given up active participation in the Catholic Church, to those who have no church community, and to those who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.

The fulfillment of this mission is challenged by the geographic distance we encompass, and our large and ever-increasing membership and the diversity of needs among us.

Through the grace of God, may we be strengthened to fulfill this mission.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John Church

December 19	8:00 AM	Donald Eastburn
	10:00 AM	Anthony J. Barone
December 20	8:00 AM	Frances Sianni Howell
December 21	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
December 22	8:00 AM	Bill Howell
December 23	8:00 AM	Raymond Soehlke
December 24	8:00 AM	George Donovan
Christmas Eve Masses	Christmas	Mass Remembrances
Christmas Day Masses	Christmas	Mass Remembrances
December 26	8:00 AM	John & Mary Roche
	10:00 AM	Celeste Soehlke

Holy Angels Church

December 18	5:00 PM	Raymond Civatte
December 19	9:00 AM	Richard Taylor
	11:00 AM	Anna & Patrick Hughes
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias
Christmas Eve Masses	Christmas	Mass Remembrances
Christmas Day Masses	Christmas	Mass Remembrances
December 26	9:00 AM	Jeanne Alahcimer
	11:00 AM	Waldo & Minerva Fox
	1:00 PM	Intenciones Comunitarias

Preview of This Week's Readings

Monday:	Isaiah 7:10-14;	Luke 1:26-39
Tuesday:	Zephaniah 3:14-18a;	Luke 1:39-45
Wednesday:	I Samuel 1:24-28;	Luke 1:46-48
Thursday:	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24;	Luke 1:57-66
Friday:	II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;	Luke 1:67-69
Christmas Eve & Day:	Isaiah 9:1-6;	Titus 2:11-14
	Luke 2:1-14	
Sunday:	Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;	
	Matthew 1:18-24	

Holiday Mass Preview

Christmas Eve

St. John	Holy Angels
6:00PM	4:00 PM
8:00 PM	7:00 PM (Spanish)
	10:00 PM

Christmas Day

St. John	Holy Angels
8:00 AM	11:00 AM
10:00 AM	(no 5:00 PM Mass)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

St. John	
9:00 AM	

Epiphany (January 1-2)

St. John	Holy Angels
8:00 AM	5:00 PM (Jan. 1)
10:00 AM	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM
	1:00 PM*
	(* Spanish)

Parish Center Holiday Hours

Closes at 10:30 AM on Thurs., December 23.
Reopens Tuesday, December 28
Closed December 31 – January 2
Reopens Monday, January 3



December 19 – 25, 2010

Sunday:	9:00 AM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
	6:00 PM	Religious Education – Holy Angels School
	6:30 PM	Advent Vespers – Holy Angels Church
Monday:	7:00 PM	Finance Council – Parish Center Meeting Room 1
	7:00 PM	Mary, Queen of Peace, Prayer Group – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Choir Practice – Holy Angels Church
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Inquiry – Holy Angels Church Conference Room
	7:00 PM	R.C.I.A. Children Catechesis – Parish Center Meeting Room 3
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Christmas Decorating – Holy Angels Church
Thursday:	6:00 PM	Christmas Decorating – St. John Church
Friday:	Christmas Eve	See Mass Schedule on Page 2
Saturday:	Christmas Day	See Mass Schedule on Page 2

Youth Box

According to the National Study of Youth and Religion...

Religion is a significant presence in the lives of many U.S. teens. In fact, most teenagers embrace some religious identity and are affiliated with a religious organization. Three out of five teens attend a religious service monthly.

How does your teenager score?

Election of Parish Trustees

In accordance with Diocesan policy, the election of Parish Trustees will take place on Sunday, January 2nd, at 10:00 AM in Holy Angels Church Conference Room. Our current Trustees are Gene Consiglio and Rich Savona.

Please note:

There is no 5 PM Mass or Confessions on December 25th.

Priests' Mass Schedule

December 24

St. John Church	Holy Angels Church
6:00 PM Fr. Castelow	4:00 PM Fr. Fiore
8:00 PM Fr. Cook	7:00 PM Fr. Reyna
	10:00 PM Fr. Fiore

December 25

St. John Church	Holy Angels Church
8:00 AM Fr. Fiore	11:00 AM Fr. Castelow
10:00 AM Fr. Cook	

December 26

St. John Church	Holy Angels Church
8:00 AM Fr. Cook	9:00 AM Fr. Fiore
10:00 AM Fr. Cook	11:00 AM Fr. Castelow

January 1

St. John Church
9:00 AM Fr. Castelow

January 1/2

St. John Church	Holy Angels Church
8:00 AM Fr. Fiore	5:00 PM Fr. Castelow
10:00 AM Fr. Fiore	9:00 AM Fr. Cook
	11:00 AM Fr. Cook
	1:00 PM Fr. Reyna



Eternal rest grant unto her...

Please remember in your prayers Helen Flanigan. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

January 2nd Bulletin – Early Deadline

Information for the January 2nd bulletin must be in by Noon on Monday, December 20th.

Our Weekly Offertory

December 11/12, 2010

Parish Collection.....	\$14959
Capital Campaign	3080
Restoration & Expansion Fund.....	830
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	1278
Retirement for Religious	2940
Our Lady of Guadalupe	1575
Total.....	\$24662

December 12/13, 2009

Parish Collection.....	\$16470
Capital Campaign	962
Thanksgiving.....	383
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	1687
Retirement for Religious	3898
Our Lady of Guadalupe.....	2027
Total.....	\$25427



SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday, Dec. 21st: Christmas Treat Day for students
Faculty/Staff Luncheon at 12 Noon

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd: Full Day for students
Script will be sold from 2:15 – 2:45 PM in the Gym

Thursday, Dec. 23rd – January 2nd: Christmas Vacation
No Classes

Holy Angels School Open House Dates:

January 10th (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

January 21st (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

February 1st (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Great news!!

Pre/K 3 yr. old program coming Sept. 2011
(must be 3 yrs. of age by August 31, 2011)

Pre/K 4 yr. old program will continue Sept. 2011
(very successful!)
(must be 4 yrs. of age by August 31, 2011)

New student applications: available online at
(www.holyangelsschool.org) or in School Office
Now accepting applications for all levels, Pre/K-
8th grade. Students entering kindergarten must be
5 yrs. of age by August 31, 2011.

Applications must include:

Birth Certificate
Baptismal Certificate
2 page application form
Recent report card/standardized testing results
Non-refundable check of \$100.00

“The Great Adventure” Bible Study Begins January 9th

Want to start the New Year out right? If one of your New Year’s resolutions is to spend more time understanding God’s Word, we can help you!

Rather than attempt to read the Bible straight through, take advantage of this course to give you the framework you need and to share your insights with other parishioners.

We are presenting “The Great Adventure”, a highly recommended study that organizes the Books of the Bible into 12 segments. Each segment is devoted to a theme. The characters and events in the Bible are identified by theme so that the content of the Book remains in our mind forever. Along with the study workbook, each student will receive tools and tips to reinforce this method of study.

We will meet in the Holy Angels Church Conference Room, 6:15 PM – 7:25 PM for 8 Sundays, beginning January 9 and ending with March 6, with a break for the Super Bowl on February 6th.

There is a \$20 fee for this course to cover study materials.

If you would like to register, or if you need more information, please contact Beth Cresswell, bethcresswell@yahoo.com or (302) 584-7427.

New Vestments available for Memorializing

We have purchased several new chasubles and dalmatics for the celebration of Eucharist at St. John and Holy Angels. If you would like to have one memorialized for your family, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Environment Committee

Schedules for 2011 are being developed and we have a need for volunteers to fill in some gaps. If you can help with the washing and ironing of linens at either Church, or the vacuuming at St. John Church, please contact Patti Walters at walterspb@comcast.net or (302) 593-5795.

Where’s The Choir?

Our Choir will be singing at the 10:00 PM Mass at Holy Angels on Christmas Eve. Choir Preludes start at 9:30 PM. If anyone is interested in joining any of our music ministries, please call 731-2435.

Christmas Proclamation

In religious communities, parishes like ours, great Cathedrals, and small chapels around the world, the Proclamation of Christmas is joyfully sung or read on Christmas Eve. From ancient times, this has been the way the Church begins its celebration of this glorious day.

Whether read, chanted, or simply used for private reading, the words of the Proclamation offer us a sense of the place in history that the birth of our Savior has and invites us to rejoice.

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December,
unknown ages from the time when God created
the heavens and the Earth
and then formed man and woman in his own image.
Several thousand years after the flood, when God made
the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.
Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and
Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led the people
of Israel out of Egypt.
Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the
Judges; one thousand years from the anointing
of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week according
to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
The seven hundred and fifty-second year from the
foundation of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of
the reign of Octavian Augustus;
the whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ,
eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful
coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and nine months having passed since his conception,
was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to the flesh. **Amen.**