

**DEC. 26 & 27**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:30 Mabel Gobbel, Sandy Bahl,  
Helen Skalicky,  
Sub: Diana Olson

8:30 Mary & Bob Wolf, Greg Keller

11:00 Mike Brunner, Bob Brunner,  
Joseph Jastrzembki,  
Subs: Steve & Tracy Heidrich

**IN HOME MINISTRY**

Diana Olson, Dianne Giessinger

**LECTORS**

5:30 Agnes Brandt, Mylan Sand

8:30 Curt & Michelle Saari

11:00 Jerry Zainhofsky, Paula Rudser  
Stolba

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:30 Austin, Eric & Nathan Artz

8:30 Jacob & Jodi Magnuson,  
Courtney Aarseth

11:00 Rachael Folsom, Breanne &  
Kasey Chorlton

**JAN. 2 & 3, 2010**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:30 Jim Collins, Mike Sander,  
Paul Sander, Subs: Bob & Cathy  
Horvath

8:30 Jerry & Jill Aarseth, Ted Blocher

11:00 Sharon Parsley, Howard & Paula  
Wahl, Subs: Cassandra Meyer,  
Arlene Fiedler

**IN HOME MINISTRY**

Loretta Burbach, Ron & Ellen Fastenau

**LECTORS**

5:30 Cassie & Kylene Askvig

8:30 Tracy Ault, Sue Krebsbach

11:00 Seth Zander, Matt Gerszewski

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:30 Kim, Ethan & Mason Bahl

8:30 Drew Saari, Blaise & Jacques Stanley

11:00 Dakota Johnson, TK Kamba,  
Aidan Shafer

**From the Pastor**

We hustle and worry about getting just the right gift for those who are special or important in our lives. As we celebrate God's great gift to us, the birth of Jesus, His Son; I find myself asking the question: "What am I giving to Jesus for His birthday?" Indeed what do we give of ourselves to Jesus in response to what He has given us? If you seriously ponder this question, I believe it will most likely help you discern the proper direction of what you may make as your New Year's resolution. There is so much to be thankful for, despite what at times seems so bleak or difficult. Take time to be thankful for family, friends, your parish, your faith, and God!! I wish to thank all who have sent or dropped off cards, gifts and goodies; your generosity is most heartwarming! On New Year's Eve come and join us in bringing in the new year by praying for peace before our Lord, Jesus; as there will be a "special" Holy Hour from 11 p.m. to Midnight, Medjugorje style! A very Blessed Christmas to you all!! Fr. Fred

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. Dec. 26	+Rick Harvey
Sun. Dec. 27	
8:30 a.m.	Thomas Magnuson & Kids
11:00 a.m.	For The Parish
Mon. Dec. 28	Word & Communion
Tues. Dec. 29	Word & Communion (+John M. Thomas, said while Fr. Away)
Wed. Dec. 30	Fr. Fred
Thur. Dec. 31	Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30 pm	+Rachael Samulenok
Fri. Jan. 1	Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Fred
Sat. Jan. 2	+Martin & Juliana Zainhofsky
Sun. Jan. 3	
8:30 a.m.	+John & Carrie Burke
11:00 a.m.	For the Parish

**Christmas Flowers & Decorations**



Thank you for your most generous donations to our Christmas Flower and Decoration Fund. This fund is used to purchase the various decorations and supplies for the church each Christmas season. We have opted to not list the individual contributors to save bulletin space, you know who you are. Thank you all!



**Year-End Statements**

Just a reminder that as in years past, we will be preparing to close our 2009 books so that we can send out year-end statements to go out soon after the close of the year. We will accept 2009 envelopes through January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010; any 2009 envelopes received after that date will be credited to your 2010 statements. Thank you!

**Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Thursday, December 31 - 5:30 p.m.

(No 8:00 a.m. Mass)

Friday, January 1, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

**Special Holy Hour**

Thursday, December 31

11:00 p.m. - Midnight

**Parish Office Holiday Hours**

December 24 & 25 ~ Closed

December 28, 29, 30

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

December 31 & January 1

Closed

**Please Remember in Prayer:**

Laurence J. Larson passed away on December 16 in a Minot nursing home. Laurence was a charter member of Little Flower Parish. His funeral was held at Little Flower on Monday, December 21. May perpetual light shine upon him.



**Farewell.....**

First of I would like to thank everyone, past and present, that has helped me with the CCD program here at Little Flower. Without all of you, our program would not be a success! I have enjoyed the last several years as your CCD Coordinator. My family and I will be moving to Harvey, ND in the next few weeks. We are excited for our new adventure, however, we are very sad to be leaving Minot. I will greatly miss Fr. Fred, parish staff, and all of our parish family. Little Flower has been a wonderful "home" for us the last 10 years. I look forward to visiting whenever we are in Minot! God Bless and Merry Christmas! Amber Ziegler

Hayrides! Hot Chocolate!

Spiced Cider!

Monday, December 28

6:30 p.m.

Wildwood Golf Course  
(West of Burlington)

LF Altar Servers, Youth of the Parish,  
and their Parents are welcome!!

Sponsored by the  
Little Flower KC's

## **Upcoming Events**

- ✓ Couple to Couple League will begin a course in Natural Family Planning on January 18, 2010. Learn about your faith and discover a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. For more information and to register, call Scott or Jen Johannsen at 837-9768.

LF Confraternity will meet on January 5, 2010 for a holiday potluck at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting.

### *Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Give them the gift of your time and love by taking them on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is February 26-28, 2010 at the Grand International Inn in Minot, ND. For more information or to register, please contact Mark and Mary Jantzer at 701-852-6291 or [jantzer@srt.com](mailto:jantzer@srt.com).



### **Volunteers Needed!**

One or two people are needed to assist getting residents of Manor Care to Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Please call Bernie Muus at 839-3822 or the Parish Office at 838-1520 if you are able to help out.

### **Stewardship Thought:**

As we begin a new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle and stewardship a part of our budget.



**We wish to extend Christmas Blessings to the businesses that sponsor our parish bulletin:**

Bitz Computer Services, Broadway Printing, Dakota Fence, Dr. Robert Deckert, Fisher Motors Inc, Little Flower School,

Medicine Shoppe, MINOT SASH & DOOR, Muus Lumber, *Smitty's Repair*, STEPHANIE RITTER, DDS, ST. ALEXIUS MEDICAL CLINIC, Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Tranquil Massage Therapy

## **APOLOGETICS: THE CATHOLIC VIEW OF EUCHARIST**

Our Lady of Grace Catholic parish will resume classes after the holidays with an in depth look at the Eucharist and its profound meaning in our lives. Classes will run from **4-5 PM on Sundays**, located in the fellowship hall. Please join us and encourage family and friends to come as well! The following topics will be covered:

Jan. 10, 2010: The Passover: The basis for our Eucharist. (Dr. Arie Fischbach)

Jan. 17, 2010: Development of the Mass through time. (Fr. Bruce Krebs)

Jan. 24, 2010: The four ways Christ is present in the Eucharist. (Fr. Austin Vetter)

Jan. 31, 2010: The uniqueness of Catholic Eucharist. (Fr. Fred Harvey)

“Catholic Updates” will be handed out at each session. In addition, we encourage you to purchase the Apologetics booklet: “How to Explain & Defend the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist”, which may be ordered from the parish office for \$6. The booklet gives practical ways to increase your knowledge and love of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist using Scripture, writings from the early Church Fathers, and history.

### **Mass with the Bishop**

**The public is invited to participate in the special liturgy at 5:30 p.m. on December 31, 2009, at the Church of St. Mary in Bismarck. The Liturgy, with Bishop Paul Zipfel as celebrant, will serve to inaugurate the diocesan centennial year which will culminate in the centennial celebration weekend June 11-13, 2010, at the Bismarck Civic Center.**

### **Vocation Views**

**Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times?**

**Seek out God’s grace. (Luke 2:41-52)**

### **MCS News**

#### **Elementary School News**

School will resume on Monday, January 4 after our Christmas Break. We will recycle any used Christmas bags you may not want. They can be used in next year's Santa Shop at our schools. We wish everyone a very wonderful 2010 and thank you for your support of Minot Catholic Schools.

# Christmas Bell

## **THE BELL**

**I KNOW WHO I AM**

I am God's child (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15 )

I am united with the Lord (1 Cor 6:17)

I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)

I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)

I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation ( Rom. 8: 1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3 :20)

I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22 )

I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28 )

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16 )

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12 )

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13 )

I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)

I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven ( Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God

Do you know

Who you are?

**Keep this bell ringing...pass it on  
'The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD turn His face toward you  
And give you peace...  
Numbers 6:24-26**