

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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The Rectory Office is open

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

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MASSES:

Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Eves of Holy Days: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Holy Days: 8:00 am; 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:45 to 4:45 pm. **First Fridays:** Before the 8:00 am Mass.

Eves of Holy Days: Before the Vigil Mass.

BAPTISMS: By Appointment. Call the Rectory at least 10 days in advance. Administered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE
 PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
 SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)
 CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR
 RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
 RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY
 LEGION OF MARY
 MEN'S CLUB & USHERS
 PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST
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 COMMUNITY GROUP
 ALTAR SERVERS
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NOTE: All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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ALTAR SERVERS

Christmas Eve

4:00p Separa/Meyers/Monconduit
 6:30pm Sweeney/Parker
 Midnight Bebek/Oberhaus

Christmas Day

8:00am
 10:00am Scolamieri/Cowan
 12:00pm Roberts

Dec. 27 5:00 Lund/Stonick

Dec. 28 8:00 Bebek/Monconduit
 9:30 Oberhaus/Meyer
 11:00 Guerin/Separa
 12:30 Scolamieri/Cowan

Our Parish Christmas Manger is in the Vestibule of the Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this weekend are donated in memory of the deceased members of the Foley and Sibley Families.

LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Christmas Eve—See EM Schedule

Christmas Day—See EM Schedule

Dec. 27 5:00 O'Donnell/Killian—Team 3

Dec. 28 8:00 Myrtle/Metzger—Team 3

9:30 Bodner/Griffith—Team 1

11:00 Bauch/Thompson—Team 1

12:30 Foraste/Arnold—Team 3

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Calvin Carlson, Harry Fehner, Xavier Dybbro, Leo Poissant, Marie Therese Arslan, Sandra Shadden, Josephine Ronan, Patricia Schuck, Alan Arslan, Mark Lott, Matthew Frank Arslan, Edward Kulik, Peggy Kinkella, Sarah Fries, Maureen Murray, Gloria White, Ray Esquivel, Carol McEachen, Betty Gill, Tess Fitch, Catherine Thompson, Michele Arslan, Diane Marie Walker, Jerry Ganz, Bob Kacsuta, Max Milton, David and Betty Hatch, Henrick Peterson, Oneida Casares, Carl Klein, John Burson, LaVae Ransom, Michael Fehner, Clark Boyd and Josephine Bilsley.

(If you would like a name to remain in the bulletin in the 'Sick of our Parish', or if you have one you would like to add, please call the Rectory by Dec. 23rd)

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Bill Miller and Clare McCormick





**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2008**

The child to be born will be called holy,
The Son of God.

-Luke 1:35

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS

Tom and Linda Kovessy, *for Bob and Maxine Ennen,
Marilyn Brain and Patty Callendar.*

Jeffrey and Kevin Rawiz

Carl and Yvonne Calkins, *for "Peace in the world!"*

Georganne Papac

Don and Iris Blackmore, *in memory of Danny, Celeste
and Kyle Blackmore.*

Cynthia Cardarelli Painter, *in memory of her
husband, Jerry.*

Janet Johnson, *for Chad Kisow.*

Jim and Marilyn Sterner

"Remember all of our military serving in foreign lands."

Bill and Chris Szczepaniak, *for Jack Errion*

Mary and Angelo Mauro, *in memory of Thomas Lawlor.*

Alice Butcher, *in memory of Roy and Margaret Butcher.*

William A. Williams, *in memory of Lorien Edna Foster,
Emma Lee Foster, Gewoa Foster.*

Mary Pat Sabol, *for good health in her family.*

Kim and Eric Kiser, *for the repose of the soul of Willis
Kiser, their father.*

Michele and Sara Swanson, *in memory of husband
and father, John Bryan Swanson.*

Nancy, David and Wyatt Zipperian, *in honor of fellow
Religious Education teachers, who so give of their time,
talent, love, money and commitment to Christ, and to Re-
ligious Education students. Blessings to all and family
members! Merry Christmas.*

Mary and Bob Sepe

Terry Ward, *in memory of Charles Ward, Patrick and
Kate Scollon, Mary and Eric Martinage, Bill Serhan, Hal
Fahey, Will Poitevin, Henryk Soltysiak.*

Robin Coughlin, *in loving memory of Roberta and
Warren Winand.*

Margaret Finley, *in memory of Duane Finley.*

Ken and Arlene Svilich

Roger and Liz Reyburn, *in memory of John Vanderlans*

Jeanne Suttie, *for the pain and suffering of a relative,
and may it subside.*

Maureen Rinella-Smith, *in memory of
James and Edna McNulty.*

(more donations will be in next weekend's bulletin)

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers for the Christmas Masses are donated
in memory of Larry Montgomery, by his family.

CHRISTMAS MASS MUSIC

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Children's Choir

6:30pm Organ and Congregational singing

12:00midnight Choir (Prelude Music to begin @
11:15pm)

Christmas Day

8:00am Organ and Congregational singing

10:00am Choir (Prelude Music to begin @
9:45am)

12:00noon Organ and Congregational singing.

BLESSED STRAW

Last weekend Fr. Bernie blessed a bale of straw at
the 5pm Mass. This straw is still available for your
home manglers. The bale of straw is located on the
patio area between the Church and the Hall

ADVENT BULLETINS

Special Advent/Christmas bulletins entitled
"Welcome Yule" are available in the Vestibule
throughout this holy season.

USHERS for CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sign-up sheets are in the Vestibule—Thank you.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

3rd John Sibly and Heather Foley

2nd Jerry Donaldson and Beth Bruske

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME—Beginning
Thurs., March 5th, 7pm, in the Jubilee Room, we will
offer a 5-week series "Catholics Returning Home"
for non-participating Catholics who are seeking an-
swers to questions about returning to the Church.
For more information, call: Ted or Kathleen Flood
(562)434-3163.