NOTES FROM YOUR PASTOR

** We raised a total of \$1,097.00 for the Salvation Army. Thank you all again for your time and treasure.

**Wishing all of you the blessings of the Christ child. This is the day the Lord has made "Let us be glad and rejoice." May God also bless you to your family this coming year of 2012.

**My thanks to all organizations that brought cookies to the Posadas last weekend. May God bless you for your generosity.

**Please know that any contributions for St. James in the year 2011 are to be dated by Dec. 31st. I pray that your generosity will continue in your giving of time, talent, and treasure.

** In January 2010, we began a campaign for funds to pay off our debt when we purchased the Austin St. property. This campaign officially ends December 31, 2011. Thank you all for fulfilling your pledges which enabled us to pay off the bank note in a short period of time. If you have not fulfilled your pledge and would still like to do so, any future monies will go toward the construction of our clergy house. God bless your generosity.

I will be gone Christmas week, Dec. 25-Jan. 1, to spend time with my mother and family. Fr. Greg will be here to celebrate Masses.

I wish to express my blessing to everyone as I am sure Fr. Dennis, Fr. Greg and my Deacon colleagues express a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year. Thanks for remembering me in prayer as I do for you each day. I always greet you with "How's everybody doing?" The Lord gives us a blessed day everyday. We are the ones that bring about the mishaps, so I wish to add "Have a safe day, each day". Thanks for the cards and thank you St. Ann's Circle. Until I am with you again, Deacon George.

On January 8th the 2nd Collection is for the Seguin Pregnancy Center. Please make out checks to the Seguin Pregnancy Center <u>NOT</u> St. James. Thank you.

Poinsettias are donated in loving memory of:

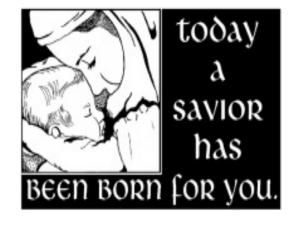
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Mass Antentions

MONDAY, December 26, 2011

TUESDAY, December 27, 2011

6:00 PM +Vicki Mudd

Readings: 1Jn. 1:1-4; Jn. 20:1a, 2-8 **WEDNESDAY,** December 28, 2011

+Frances Freed
+Janie Castilla

Readings: 1Jn. 1:5-22; Matt. 2:13-18
THURSDAY, December 29, 2011
+Doris Brenner
Readings: 1Jn. 2:3-11; Lk. 2:22-35
FRIDAY, December 30, 2011

Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM +Frank Richard

Readings: Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14; Lk. 2:22-40 **SATURDAY,** December 31, 2011 5:00 PM +Le Roy Van Booven

+Le Roy Van Booven +Pete Herrera

+Antonio Guel
SUNDAY, January 1, 20112

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM +John Sobieski 10:00 AM +Raedean poole +Loretta Woerndel

+Loretta Woerndel +Daniel Campos, Jr. St. James Parish Family

12:00 PM St. James Parish Family
4:30 PM Confessions for Vietnamese families

5:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Readings: Num. 6:22-27; Gal. 4:4-7; Lk. 2:16-21

MUSIC

SATURDAY, December 31, 2011
5:00 PM Mike Jessen/Mary Garcia

SUNDAY, January 1, 2011

8:00 AM Kathy Matalik/Desiree Supulver

10:00 AM Adult Choir 12:00 PM Life Teen

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, 12/25

No RE Classes

Tuesday, 1/3

2:00 PM Retreat in Daily Life-PFC ARR

6:30 PM Baptism Class-PFC [3]

Wednesday, 1/4

7:00 PM RCIA-PFC [Rm.3]

Sunday, 1/8

8:00 AM F.I.R.E.-PFC [1-3/ARR] 9:00 AM RE Classes-PH/PFC

classrooms/School Classrooms

9:00 AM Adult Catechism Class-PFC

Teacher's Wkrm.

9:30 AM Edge-PH

MONDAY, January 2, 2012

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe

Readings: 1Jn. 2:22-28; Jn. 1:19-28

TUESDAY, January 3, 2012 6:00 PM +Frances Freed

Readings: 1Jn. 2:29-3:6; Jn. 1:29-34

WEDNESDAY, January 4, 2012

8:00 AM In thanksgiving for our many blessings

Readings: 1Jn. 3:7-10; Jn. 1:35-42

THURSDAY, January 5, 2012

8:00 AM For our military personnel 1Jn. 3:11-21; Jn. 1:43-51

FRIDAY, January 6, 2012 8:00 AM +Bill Bender Readings: 1Jn. 5:5-13; Mk. 1:7-11

+Raedean Poole
SUNDAY, January 8, 20112

8:00 AM +John Šobieski
Bulletin Sponsors

10:00 AM +Bill Bender +Loretta Woerndel

12:00 PM St. James Parish family

+Anthony Cantu

Readings: Isa. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt. 2:1-12

MUSIC

SATURDAY, January 7, 2012 5:00 PM Adult Choir SUNDAY, January 8, 2012

8:00 AM Mike Jessen/Mary Garcia 10:00 AM Tanya Moczygemba

12:00 PM Life Teen

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, 12/26 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, 12/27

10:00 AM Baptism-Leopold/Fr. M. Leopold

Sunday, 1/1 New Year's Day

2nd Collection: Relief Fund

4:30 PM Confessions for Vietamese families

5:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Monday, 1/2 Parish Office Closed

8:00 AM SJS Teacher's Retreat-PFC [1-3]

Wednesday, 1/4

2:00 PM St. Ann's Circle-PFC [1-3] 4:30 PM SJS BB Game-Gym

Thursday, 1/5

6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting-PH

Boardroom

Friday, 1/6

9:00 AM SJS Jesus Baby Shower-PH

Sunday, 1/8

2nd Collection: Seguin Pregnancy

Center

KC BBQ Chicken Sale

{events are subject to change}

Please Pray For

Betty Magner Rita Mays Konop Jim Leissner Belinda Sauceda Jim Wiley Martha Vogel Kav Bloch Mary Zanyi Tim Magee Madeleine Possehl Glenn Rhoades Helen Pickard Barbara Burns Taylor Helland Maria Jimenez Rosie Schuchardt Malerie Crow Ida Koll Dorothy Hartmann Niecv Woodall Clay Brawner Alisa Seleen Eddie Sepulveda Phillip Davie Pamela Rodriguez Irene Vollmar Bill Owen Marv Herrera Dorcas Mladenka Dahlia Garza Lad Becka Amv Tschirhart Zach Vogel Tony Szekely Melissa Weiss Gayle Raper Shirley Rappleyea Joseph Gonzales Lilv Rangel Lina & Gene Saldana John Hoot William Fagan Dean Anderson Miladie Faldik Pat Norton Roxane Gonzales Robert Hoffman Schirlee Weller Rahonda Hairston Mike Lyons Shirley Ott Gabriel M. Garcia Margaret Mueller Robert Nohrn Christine Engel Lauryn Pike Otto Radtke Frances Altherr Roberta Horton Arthur Neely Catherine Pankau Julian Lozano Robert Vogel Paul Hester Linda Grein Autry Gene Manly Leslie Mondin David Watts Gerald Murphy Jamye Robinson Tumlinson

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWIN F. DARILEK 24 DECEMBER- 31 DECEMBER

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES SCHROEDER FAMILY 31 DECEMBER- 7JANUARY

Thank you for your continued support and generosity Stewardship of Treasure for the weekends of

<u>Dec.</u> 18th

TOTAL COLLECTION: \$12,881.64 **CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: \$46.14**

SCHOOL: \$1,120.38

RETIRED RELIGIOUS: \$47.00 BUILDING FUND: \$95.00

Celebrating Anniversaries

1/6 Walter & Dolly Tilleman 1/8 Pat & Pam McCafferty 1/9 Clark & Patricia Behal-Leedv

1/15 Benny & Annette Martinez 1/16 Jose & Irma Sanchez

1/16 Calistro & Almira Martinez

1/17 Charles & Pat Villeneuve 1/23 Damian & Chell Ann Golla 1/25 Bill & Cathy Mladenka

1/28 Baudelio & Margie Vera 1/29 Richard & Paula Sullivan 1/23 Paul & Gayle LeBlanc

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parents: In January, we will offer workshops to help girls, 10 through 14 years of age, to understand their nature, dignity and special role in society. The program is an Archdiocesan Organization called **ENDOW**, short for "Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women". We have a group of 6 women who are going to be trained as facilitators so that they can offer these workshops. The program incorporates Scripture and Catechesis and includes group activities, "girl time reflections" and journaling sessions that focus on issues affecting middle school and junior high school girls. We will announce the dates for the workshops as soon as we have finished our training. If you want to know more, please call Antonia Hernandez at 379-7689.

Baptismal Information: We are registering for the Baptismal sessions for the month of January, which will be on the 3rd, 10th and 17th. The baptisms will take place on January 21st & 22nd.

Starting in January 2012, the months for baptismal sessions will change. The following are the months that we will have baptismal sessions: January, March, May, July, September, and November. We are changing because two months. December and February cause conflict in date for Baptism: December because of Christmas and February because of Lent. This will give families who take the sessions in March to baptize at Easter or after Easter. All other months will have the baptisms on the weekend after the last session.

Our Theme this year is

THIS IN MEMORY OF ME"

stjames lifeteen

Classes will resume Jan. 11th. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and blessed New Year. "All dates can be accessed by visiting the calendar page on www.silt.org"



School News

From all of the St. James Catholic School
Staff and Students, we would like to wish you
and your family a very Merry Christmas! We
hope that God grants you many blessings in this
upcoming year.

Have you bought your chance to win a new car? The School's Catholic Life Insurance Raffle Tickets are on sale now for only \$5 a chance. The top prize is a choice of a 2012 Ford F150 truck or 2012 Ford Fusion Sedan or \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card. This year, there is also a chance to win (4) \$2,500 and (10) \$1,000 Visa Gift Cards. The deadline to buy tickets is January 15th and the drawing will be held on Jan. 28th at the Hope for the Future Khaki and Plaid Party. See one of the school students or come by the school office to purchase.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE'S 3D ANNUAL KHAKI & PLAID PARTY, JANUARY 28**H AT 6:30 PM AT THE VISTA AT VALERO: Will you join the effort to revitalize, build up and ensure continued excellence in Catholic School education? Join us on Jan. 28**h to raise funds for Hope for the Future, which provides need-based financial assistance to Catholic schools and students in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Visit www.hopeforfuture.org to register or sponsor the event, or call 210-734-1963.

9 Months (I'm twenty inches) "Here I am!"



STS. PETER AND PAUL in New Braunfels will be offering the Pastoral Formation Institute Program, from the Oblate School of Theology, beginning Jan. 11th. The PFI is a basic adult faith formation program offered at Oblate in San Antonio. This program normally costs over \$300, but through a grant received by Oblate, his program will only cost \$75! They have video-taped the sessions and will facilitated at Sts. Peter and Paul. A completed registration form will need to reach Oblate no later than December 29th. During the first year, six modules introduce the basics of our faith using the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults as the text for the 28 session study. The full PFI program includes a second year which focuses on leadership and ministry development. Those completing the second year graduate with a certificate from Oblate, as well as, the Level One Catechist certificate. Registration forms and more information on the course outline are available in the parish office.

SEGUIN ACTS COMMUNUNITY invites all Catholics to attend the "Theology of the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church", a five-week program presented by Rev. James Wasser, M.S.F. In five weekly sessions Jan. 10, 17, 24 31 & Feb 7 from 7-9PM at the Seguin Knights of Columbus Hall, located on 1015 S. Austin St. This program is recommended for CCD teachers, RCIA and anyone teaching the Sacraments. For question or additional info, please call Dean Perra, Seguin ACTS Core Team @ 830-560-3520.

DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE?

Come and See – Salesian Sisters (Daughters of Mary Help of Christians)

Who: Single Catholic women ages 20-30

Where: St. John Bosco Convent - San Antonio, Texas

When: January 6-8, 2012

For more information contact Sr. Jeanette Palasota

FMA at palasota@hotmail.com

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