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# *Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

*The Nativity of the Lord*

*“Christmas”*

*December 25, 2011*



*“Gloria in Excelsis Deo!”*

*A Savior  
has been born  
for you!*

**WELCOME**  
**VISITORS**

**We are most happy to welcome new members to our parish community. If you are new, please introduce yourself to a member of the pastoral staff. We want to know you and to serve you. We pray that you will also become involved in the parish by sharing with us your prayers, presence, talents and financial assistance according to your means. Parish registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Also, registered parishioners are asked to notify the parish office of any Name, Address or Tel # changes.**

# The Mass

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

An old joke asks, “What time is Midnight Mass?” The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of “midnight” predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as “The Shepherds’ Mass,” and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus’ birth to focus on the key to the day’s celebration: John the Evangelist’s majestic theology of Christ’s identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you’re officially late!

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## **FLORIDA CATHOLIC SUBSCRIPTION SUNDAY**

**LOOKING FOR A MEANS OF CONTINUING YOUR EDUCATION AND GAINING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE TO TEACH AND REACH OTHERS? SUBSCRIBE OR RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE *FLORIDA CATHOLIC* (24 WEEKS IN PRINT AND FRESH ONLINE CONTENT 52 WEEKS A YEAR). **SUBSCRIBE** OR **RENEW** THIS WEEK-END THROUGH THE ENVELOPES IN THE PEWS (VISA, MASTERCARD AND DISCOVER ACCEPTED) OR CALL DURING BUSINESS HOURS **MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (TOLL-FREE) 1-888-275-9953**. **NO TIME TO CALL? VISIT [www.thefloridacatholic.org](http://www.thefloridacatholic.org)** AT ANY TIME TO RENEW OR START YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TODAY.**

***YOUR FAITH—YOUR LIFE—YOUR COMMUNITY***  
**SUBSCRIBE TO THE FLORIDA CATHOLIC**

## **New Years Schedule**

### **Mark your Calendars !!!**

**December 31, 2011 ( Saturday )**

- 4:00 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Mass ( Spanish )

**January 1, 2012 ( Sunday )**

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 10:30 AM Mass
- 6:00 PM Mass ( Lifeteen )



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**2012**

**April 24, 2012 — May 3, 2012 - 10 Day Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain, Lourdes & Marian Shrines.**

# SCHOOL NEWS!



*Wishing Everyone a Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy & Healthy New Year*

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**Dec. 21—Jan. 3 Christmas Break**

**Jan. 4—School resumes**



## *Step Up For Students Renewal Update*

The Step Up For Students application season for the 2012-13 school year is quickly approaching. For this application season, we are prepared to begin receiving renewal applications in early February 2012. This year we'd like to see renewal applicants apply early to ensure their scholarship for the school year.

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## *Box & Send Donation Program*

Box & Send, located at the Home Depot Plaza on New Haven Ave. (Hwy. 192) in West Melbourne is including Our Lady of Lourdes School and Church in their donation program this holiday season. They offer printing and copying, boxes, packing materials and services, UPS, Fed-X etc. The program is very simple. Between now and the end of January, their store will donate 10% of all the purchases made by OLL families. \*\*\*\*\*Just bring a copy of this newsletter or mention that you are affiliated with OLL.

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## *Cahill's Welcome Baby Boy*

Congratulations to OLL parents Adrian & Giselle Cahill on the birth of a new baby boy. Benjamin Wingate arrived on December 5 at 10:56 am weighing 7 lbs 11 oz. and 20 inches long. Benjamin has a big sister, Giselle, who is in 2nd grade.

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## *Special Thanks*

Many thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Jennings, Oliver's mother, for making all of the beautiful rosaries that were given as a gift to the students in honor of our parish 80th anniversary.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Summer Kleier, AJ's and Bradley's mother, for making the beautiful tree skirt for the Christmas tree in the Library. It is made out of the plaid material from our girls' uniform skirts and also has our logo sewn in it.



*Father Karl and His Staff  
Wish All of You and Your Loved  
Ones  
A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Healthy & Happy New Year !*

### **Catholic Days at the Capitol**

**Join Catholics from across Florida as they gather in Tallahassee for Catholic Days at the Capitol, February 7-8, 2012. This annual event provides an opportunity to answer our faith's call to participate in the public square and gives Catholics a voice in shaping our state laws.**

**The program includes a legislative briefing on issues affecting human life and dignity followed by prescheduled meetings with elected officials. A luncheon is held for Catholic Days participants, Florida's bishops and legislators. Two days of activities culminate with the Red Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated by the bishops of Florida to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government.**

***Pre-Registration is required. For more information, contact the Office of Advocacy and Justice, (407)246-4819***

### **You are Invited...**

**to a Series of Presentations on the Psalms at :**

**St. Joseph Parish beginning on January 12, 2012.**



**Msgr. Cleo Schmenk will offer a series of four presentations on the Psalms at St. Joseph Parish Center in Palm Bay beginning on January 12.**

**To register, please call St. Joseph Parish 727-1565 and submit a registration fee of \$10.**

**This cost will cover all materials.**

**Each person needs to bring a Bible or a book of Psalms to the classes.**

**Ministry of Mother's Sharing, MOMS...**

will begin it's 14<sup>th</sup> program on Monday evening, January 16, 2012 at 7 pm. For more information please call Carolyn at 723-3636 or email her at : [carolynziarno@oll-church.com](mailto:carolynziarno@oll-church.com). Registration forms can also be picked up at the Ministry Building.

Registration is limited, so please register soon!



**TAX SAVINGS ENDS DECEMBER 31**

If you are over the age of 70-1/2, you may make direct distributions from your IRA (except SIMPLE and SEP) to OLL without paying income tax on the IRA distribution. The distribution also will satisfy your minimum distribution requirement. You can also make the distribution to the school and Alive in Christ. Call 723-3636 before the end of the year if you are interested.

**THIS TAX BENEFIT EXPIRES ON  
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

**Employment Opportunity**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church** has a **part time "Accounting Clerk Position"** available. **20 hours/week**. Knowledge of Quickbooks and Microsoft Office (Word & Excel) required. Applications can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website

**([www.orlandodiocese.org](http://www.orlandodiocese.org))  
or at the Parish Office.**

**Send resumes to Karen Whelehan at  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Office.**

**The Council of Catholic Women...**

Would like to announce the winners of their Christmas Raffle:

**Nativity Set : Mary Connors**

**Basket of Cheer : Jennifer Jennings**

**Cross Stitched Nativity Scene : Sue Nelson**

**Handmade Sequined Stocking : Mary Ann Young**



**Thank you to all who participated.  
As always, we greatly appreciate your support !**



**Would your Family like to host a Foreign Exchange Student from Korea ?**

**We are seeking a host family for this wonderful student from South Korea who is already attending Melbourne Central Catholic H.S. She is age 16, loves art, painting/drawing, photography, and religious activities. She sang three years in the choir.**

**Students come with their own spending money and health insurance. They also do chores and just want to be part of the family.**

**Families provide room and board and they will receive a generous monthly stipend for hosting.**

**Families and Students will be supervised by a local Coordinator.**

**If interested please call Tatjana, Coordinator and Counselor, Tel: (772) 971 1285**





## Mass Intentions      Parish Activities

C- Church, H-Hall, MB- Ministries Bldg., S- School,

Monday, December 26      Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54—59; Mt 10: 17—22

8:15 am Mass  
+ Eugene McMackin  
Carol Riazzi

6:00 pm Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy,  
Adoration, Benediction, C  
7:00 pm Lector's Meeting, MB  
7:15 pm ESOL Classes, MB

Tuesday, December 27      1 Jn 1: 1— 4; 6; Jn 20: 1a, 2 —8

8:15 am Mass  
+ Gary Hartsock  
+ Frances Kaltschmidt

12:00 pm CCW Luncheon, H  
7:00 pm Lector' Meeting, MB  
7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group, H

Wednesday, December 28      1 Jn 1: 5—2; 2; Mt 2: 13—18

8:15 am Mass  
Troy & Wright Family  
Deacon vince Accardi  
6:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

9:00 am Adoration, C  
2:00 pm New Testament Study, MB  
5:45 pm Benediction, C  
6:30 pm Spanish Religious Education, S  
7:00 pm Hispanic Adult Education, MB  
7:00 pm Choir Practice, C

Thursday, December 29      1 Jn 2: 3—11; Lk 2: 22—35

8:15 am Mass  
Sister Frances Ann Durbin  
+ Gregg Hartleb

6:00 pm Choir Practice, C  
7:00 pm Rite of Christian Initiation, MB  
7:00 pm Spanish Choir Practice, C  
7:00 pm New Testament Study, MB

Friday, December 30      Sir 3: 2—7, 12 — 14 or Gn 15: 1—6; 21: 1—3  
Col 3: 12—21 (12—17) or Heb 11: 8, 11—12,  
17—19; Lk 2: 22—40 (22, 39—40 )

8:15 am Mass  
Michael Marks  
+ Deacon Robert Regon

Saturday, December 31      1 Jn 2: 18—21; Jn 1: 1—18

8:15 am  
Communion Service  
4:00 pm Mass  
Steven Sitchenko  
+ Bill James  
6:00 pm (Spanish) Mass  
+ Walter Mozden  
+ Franklin Rubio

3:00 pm Reconciliation, C  
8:00 pm Spanish New Year's Eve Dance, H

Sunday, January 1      Nm 6: 22—27; Ps 67; Gal 4: 4—7; Lk 2: 16—21

8:00 am Mass  
+ Charles Arena  
+ Jessica Lytle  
10:30 am Mass  
+ George Pasonski  
+ Anne Becker  
6:00 pm Lifeteen Mass  
People of The Parish

## "A Little Bit Of Humor"



### ***Does your child need health insurance?***

Did you know that a family of 4 with a household income of \$44,699 could qualify for Florida KidCare. Florida KidCare is low cost health insurance for uninsured children through age 18. Congregations for Community Action leaders are available for help with the application process on Fridays from 8-noon at the CCA office in the Ascension Church office building. For more information or to make an appointment contact Janice Everson at Congregations for Community Action office at (321)254-1595, x3067. We also have applications available at the church office.

**We Have Faith in Florida Kid Care**  
For more information or assistance call  
**Congregations for Community Action**  
**(321)254-1595 ext 3067**  
Florida KidCare health insurance for children  
through age 18.  
Apply now! [www.floridakidcare.org](http://www.floridakidcare.org) or  
call toll-free 1(888)540-5437

### ***Need a Ride ?***

**Do you or someone you know have transportation issues ? CCA (Congregation for Community Action) would like to hear from you. If you are experiencing problems getting to work, medical appointments or grocery shopping, please share your story with us. We will be forming a team to research and look for solutions to these issues. Please Call Janice Everson at:**

**(321)254-1595, Ext. 3067**  
**Or**  
**(321) 960-0569**



### Report from the Parish Finance Committee

The collection on Sunday, December 18, 2011 amounted to \$1—. The collection for the same Sunday in 2010 amounted to \$—. The second collection for the school for December 18, 2011 was \$—. The Year to Date (YTD) Offertory for 2010/2011 \$—. The YTD Offertory for 2009/2010 was \$—.

As always, your support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is greatly appreciated.

**(#'s not available)**

### Reporte del Comité De Finanzas de la Parroquia

La colecta del domingo, 18 de diciembre de 2011, ascendió a \$—. La colecta para el mismo domingo del año pasado fue \$—. El Ofertorio Annual (YTD) para 2010/2011 es \$—. El Ofertorio Annual (YTD) 2009/2010 fue \$—. La segunda colecta para la escuela el 4 de diciembre de 2011 fue \$—.

Como siempre, su respaldo a La Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes es muy apreciado.

**(#'s no están disponible)**



### Last Will and Testament

We encourage you to remember

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in your Last Will and Testament. It is a wonderful way to help insure that the many good works of your Catholic Faith Community keep becoming realities. If legal costs are standing in the way of making such a gift, we may be able to help.

Please contact the Parish Office to discuss the possibility of leaving such a gift in your name.

**AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT OF  
OUR PARISH.**



### LIFETEEN SCHEDULE "DECEMBER"

**CHRISTMAS PARTY @ 7:30 PM, YH**

**DECEMBER 25TH & JANUARY 1ST -  
NO YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Looking for somewhere to volunteer in the church? Lifeteen could be for you, if interested, contact **Jennifer Gibson at (321) 537-0078**. We have many areas where we need assistance.

### PRAYER WARRIORS:

Lifeteen is looking for some prayer warriors for the youth group. What is a prayer warrior? People that volunteer to pray for the teens and their families during our youth group meetings, which are on Sunday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15 pm. If interested, please call **Jennifer Gibson at (321) 537-0078**. This is a great way to support the teens and their families.