

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2008

*Welcome to St. Francis! We are happy that you are with us to celebrate Mass today; we sincerely hope that you have found nourishment for your life and faith as you worship here. If you have recently moved to this area, please introduce yourself. You are also cordially invited to register as a parishioner at our Parish Office.*



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### PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES\$

#### Weekly Offertory:

Sunday, December 29/30:	\$4,992.95
Solemnity of Mary:	\$1,528.50
Sunday, January 6/7:	\$5,475.42

#### Parish & School Loan Balance (Approximate)

Parish Debt Balance:	
Updated from \$320,577.94 to \$319,219.90	
School Debt Balance:	
Updated from \$447,044.98 to \$441,938.57	

#### Monthly Collections for December:

Weekend Debt Reduction:	\$2,156.75
Immaculate Conception:	\$1,001.80
Retirement for Religious:	\$3,548.35
Christmas Collection:	\$9,002.48
Christmas Flower Offering:	\$2,469.00

***Thank You for Your Generosity!***

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### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Every Monday after the 8:15pm Mass

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT, ADORATION, FEBRUARY 4 ENDS AT 7PM

***Come sit with "Jesus" and experience His love and mercy that only He can give us!***

Adoration continues and we wish to thank you who have participated in this special devotion!

**We are currently seeking "scheduled adorers" to sign up to spend an hour with Jesus each Monday.**

One frequently asked question is: What if there is a Monday that I can not attend?

Scheduled adorers are to call others, within their scheduled hour.

Also, there is an Emergency List is also available in the Adoration Sign-In Book.

If you are unable to commit regularly, please stop by and experience Adoration whenever you can!

**During the winter months, if St. Francis School is cancelled, Adoration will be, too!**

### Gospel Reflection

I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him. This is the message that He has sent to the sons of Israel, the 'good news of peace' proclaimed by Jesus Christ who is Lord of all... I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with him."

In his sermon Peter taught about his experience of Jesus "beginning with his baptism at the Jordan." His sermon touched the lives of many, as he told about the words, the deeds and his personal relationship with Jesus. As the spirit came & the voice spoke, we find Jesus identifying totally with humankind. He submits to John's baptism, teaching us of His total oneness with us. It was a moment of change, as disciples of John began to follow Jesus. His words had new meaning. His deeds changed people's lives.

We too have experienced that change in our baptism, as we became children of the Lord, able to call God Abba, Father, and entered into the life of the church. We too are called to focus on our relationship with Jesus. My works can bring healing. My deeds can make Jesus present to others. My baptism brings me into a new relationship with God and others. That is what it means to "fear God and act uprightly". Am I acceptable to Him?

## SACRAMENTS



### BAPTISM

#### Baptism Prep Class

Monday, January 14, 7pm

#### January Baptisms

Sun, January 20, 12:30pm

For further information, please call the parish office, 424-3456.

### FIRST EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION

TO PARENTS OF THIS YEAR'S STUDENTS PREPARING THEIR FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION

January 8 (Tues), Parent's Meeting, 6:15pm

January 19 (Sat), Retreat, 9:00am-12noon

February 2 (Sat), Reconciliation, 10:00am

April 2 (Wed), Full Dress Rehearsal, 4 & 5pm

April 5 (Sat), First Holy Eucharist, 10am & 1pm

### CONFIRMATION

#### **Confirmation I:**

Students currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade are eligible to prepare for Confirmation. On Monday, February 4, at 7:30pm, there is an informational meeting for all students (and their parents) wishing to begin the Confirmation process.

The two Confirmation preparation options are:

1. Traditional Classes  
Monday nights, 6:30-7:30PM, 13 classes
2. Friends and Family Program  
Four Thursday night classes, 5:30-8:30pm  
The first "Friends & Family" Class is 2/7/08.

#### **Confirmation II:**

Only a few more classes left. Please make sure you have passed in your Baptism information, Saint Name, and Sponsor name to Jyl or e-mail [jyl\\_dittbenner@yahoo.com](mailto:jyl_dittbenner@yahoo.com). Listed below are a few guidelines and important dates:

1. Sponsors must be confirmed and practicing their Catholic faith.
2. If a sponsor is unable to attend the Rehearsal or Confirmation, a proxy can stand in.
3. Parents cannot sponsor their own children; however, a parent can stand in as proxy.
4. The rehearsal is Friday, April 11, 6:00pm.
5. Confirmation is Saturday, April 12, 2:00pm.
6. Dress for the ceremony is formal. No jeans, tee-shirts, or sneakers allowed. Girls should dress modestly, and boys should plan on a tie.

#### Friends & Family CLASS

Last class: Thursday, January 17, (Potluck Supper)  
Thursday, January 24, (Snow Date)

## ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI SCHOOL

### Registration Policy

St. Francis School receives its funding from tuition and fundraising from parents as well as subsidy from all parishes in the Diocese of Manchester. Because St. Francis School is a parish school, St. Francis Parish pays the highest level of assessment.

According to its mission statement, St. Francis School exists primarily for the benefit of the parishioners of St. Francis Parish and for children from surrounding parishes. With this philosophy in mind, the following order of student acceptance is in place:

#### **Beginning January 7, 2008**

Re-registration of students currently enrolled in Grades 1-5.

New registrations for K-6 for siblings of current students

#### **January 14, 2008 - January 21, 2008**

All of the above-mentioned categories

Any parishioner of St. Francis Parish with the pastor's signature on the Supported Student Form

#### **January 21, 2008 - February 1, 2008**

All of the above-mentioned categories

Any student submitting the Supported Student Form with a pastor signature from other parishes in the Diocese of Manchester who are registering for grades K-6

#### **February 4, 2008 - On-going\***

All of the above-mentioned categories

Any student for which space is still available in the appropriate grade level.

In order for a registration to be considered complete, all signed registration paperwork must be turned into the office along with all required registration fees. Families with more than one child registered may pay a deposit of \$175 at registration and the balance of the fee by 4/1/08.

Final acceptance is contingent upon all tuition and fees from the previous school year being paid. Families with outstanding balances will not be allowed to start classes in September until the balance has been satisfied. Children transferring from other Catholic schools must have paid all prior charges to the previous school.

\* Please note that anyone registering after 3/15/08 may not receive a sponsored tuition rate regardless of relationship to a parish.

[www.stfrancisschoolnh.org](http://www.stfrancisschoolnh.org)

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION



### Women In Faith

#### Scripture Study/Share Group

Our next study is Thursday, January 24, at 7pm in the Conference Room. To prepare, please read Esther, Chapters 3-6 in the Old Testament. New Comers are always welcome!

### St. Francis Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast is Saturday, February 2, at 7:00am in the gathering space. The food is cooked hot that morning. This is open to all men of the parish. Please join us for some food, faith & fun on the first Saturday of each month.



## CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

### Jr. High CatechiCYM

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 13.

### High School CYM

- Next meeting: January 13
- We'll be eating dinner at 6:30pm w/Fr Ray so bring your appetite! Chef John will be making a great meal for us!
- 2008 Steubenville East Youth Conference, July 18-20. \$50 deposit is due January 13.
- Washington Right to Life March: January 21-23.
- Souper Bowl food drive: All Masses, Feb 2 & 3
- Super Bowl party at the Regan's house, Feb 3

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers

Our present ministry schedules end the weekend of January 26/27, 2008. In attempting to accommodate all requests, scheduling has become extremely complicated. To make this task easier, please request specific dates not to be scheduled, only when absolutely necessary. Otherwise, if you are unable to serve your assigned Mass, it is your responsibility to find your replacement. Please contact Mary Nicholas at 424-7515 or [StCatherineOffice@comcast.net](mailto:StCatherineOffice@comcast.net), with specific dates, no later than Monday, January 21, 2008.

### "SAFETY FIRST"

Due to the icy conditions of the season, please remember to keep the parking spaces closest to the Church entrances open for those who are handicapped, who have difficulty walking, etc. Thank You!

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

### Brown Bag Sunday

There is two Brown Bag Sundays per month.

- 2nd Sunday benefits the New Horizons Food Pantry
  - 4th Sunday benefits Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry
- We appreciate and thank you for your support!

### Deadline for Bulletin Notices

To assist us in bringing you the most "accurate" bulletin we can, ALL bulletin notices must be submitted 10 days prior to its publication. Send all notices "typed", to: [vfontaine@stfrancisofassisi.net](mailto:vfontaine@stfrancisofassisi.net) or place it in the mail "cubbie" marked "Vicki & Dennis Fontaine" in the parish conference room. Deadline for January 26/27 bulletin: January 17.

### St. Francis Webpage

Parish events, weekly bulletins, prayer intentions, education, descriptions of our parish ministries, youth group information...and much, much more, can be found on our parish website! Check it out today, at: [www.stfrancisofassisi.net](http://www.stfrancisofassisi.net). Our next Webpage Committee Meeting is Monday, January 14, at 7:30pm.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

#### January 2008

- 13** Bishop John B. McCormack, DD
- 14** Rev Roland O Blais and Rev Daniel J Sinibaldi
- 15** For All Women And Men Religious
- 16** For All Diocesan Seminarians
- 17** Deacons Frank Gallinero and Russell Morey
- 18** Rev Gerard A Boucher and Rev Francis E Kelso
- 19** Rev Dennis A Broussard and Rev Michael R Monette
- 20** Bishop Francis J. Christian, DD
- 21** Deacons Arnold J Gustafson and Raymond V Marcotte
- 22** Rev Daniel R Deveau and Rev Nicholas P Rogers
- 23** For All Priests on Leave
- 24** Rev Thomas J Huhn MS and Rev Anthony F Kuzia CM
- 25** Deacons David C Hamel and George H Long
- 26** Rev Jeffrey Statz and Rev Thomas J Savage
- 27** Bishop Odore J Gendron, DD
- 28** Rev Richard A Smith and Rev George J Soberick
- 29** Rev William V Kaliyadan MS  
and Rev Augustine G Kelly OSB
- 30** Rev Albert J Tremblay Jr and Rev Eddy Bisson
- 31** All Deceased Priests and Women and Men Religious



## Week of January 13, 2008

DAY	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	ACTIVITIES
MONDAY January 14 Baptism Of the Lord	8:15am Cecile Labrie by Father Ray Labrie	1 Sm 1: 1-8 Mk 1: 14-20	ADORATION to follow after 8:15 Mass  7:30pm Webpage Committee Mtg.
TUESDAY January 15	8:15am Normand Lorden by a Friend	1 Sm 1: 9-20 Mk 1: 21-28	
WEDNESDAY January 16	8:15am Elderly Members of our Parish	1 Sm 3: 1-10 19-20 Mk 1: 29-39	7:00pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm Liturgical/Arts & Environment Committee Mtg.
THURSDAY January 17 <b>St. Anthony</b>	8:15am All Parishioners (Pro-Populo)	1 Sm 4: 1-11 Mk 1: 40-45	7:00pm Friends & Family Confirmation II Class
FRIDAY January 18	NO MASS	1 Sm 8: 4-7 10-22 Mk 2: 1-12	3:30pm Youth Choir Practice
SATURDAY January 19	4:00pm Melissa M Simard & Family by the Simard Family	1 Sm 9: 1-4 17-19 Mk 2: 13-17	9:00am – 12:00noon Retreat for <b>First Holy Eucharist &amp; First Reconciliation Students</b>
SUNDAY January 20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am Susan Curtis (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) by Her Family 9:30am Eugene Beauregard by Arthur & Lillian Hamel 11:00am Eddie Labbe by His Family	Is 49: 3, 5-6 1 Cor 1: 1-3 Jn 1: 29-34	

