

*Mass Intentions*

Mon., Tues., Friday, Thurs., & Sat. - NO MASS  
Christmas Eve - 3:00 p.m. - Ed & Rita Meier †  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - Marie Kaplan †

There will be **no Mass** here on Christmas Day.  
Mass on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
will be at 4:00 p.m. here at Litomysl with Father John Sauer.

**Sunday - 10:30 a.m.**

Lec - Marcella Jenö  
EM - Cheryl Rysavy  
Cup - Tom Wencil & Bob Prokopec  
Servers - Kendra Boecker & David Huff  
Gifts - Bruce & Rose Ann Kubicek  
Ushers - Joe Wondra & Kevin Noble  
Singing - Combined Choir

12-14-08 - Adult - \$623, Offertory - \$135.25 Youth - \$7.50,  
Fall Coll. - \$600, - Bldg Fund - \$110, Immaculate  
Conception - \$37, Religious Retirement Fund - \$10

**School News:**

**St. Isidore School Calendar Winners:**  
December 21 - Ron Wolf, Owatonna

**St. Isidore School's Christmas vacation begins  
Wednesday of this week. Classes resume on  
January 5<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas!**

**There will be no Faith Formation Classes this week  
and next week.**

**Christmas Boxes - Due to the weather this past Monday  
the boxes were not packed and will be done up on  
Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**If anyone knows of someone who should be receiving a  
box who turned 75 this year -  
Please let Marie Kubicek know.**

About 25 Christmas Boxes will be given to the elderly and the ill  
of the parish. They will be packed on Monday, December 29 at  
1:00 p.m. All parishioners and school families are asked to help  
fill the boxes by bringing individually wrapped goodies or fruit to  
be put into the boxes and leave them on the counter in the  
kitchen. One member of each guild is asked to come and help  
pack and deliver the boxes.

May the Holy Family bless you  
In a deep abiding way  
With the special joy and  
gladness  
Of that first bright Christmas  
Day!!

*From the Pastor ~*

We've reached the **final Sunday of the Advent season!** Just a few more days until we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope this has been a season of grace for you. As I write this I am finding myself behind my usual Advent pace - no tree decorated, no cards written, and my presents largely unpurchased. But, those are not the most important things - I have experienced the blessings of this season in other ways.

As a final preparation for Christmas I encourage you to join us for the **communal reconciliation service** at St. Joseph's in Owatonna on Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 p.m. As wonderful as the grace of the forgiveness of sins is, we also receive grace to resist temptation in the future - and who does not need that?

In addition to the communal service I will be available for **individual confessions** at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, December 23 from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m and from 5 until all are heard. If none of these times work I am available on a very limited basis if you call and schedule an appointment.

Last weekend I sang in my choir's annual Christmas concerts. Several years ago we sang a setting of a text by Christina Rossetti entitled: *Love Came Down at Christmas*. I came to love both the setting and the original poem. Here it is for your own reflection:

*Love came down at Christmas  
Love all lovely, Love Divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
Star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,  
Love Incarnate, Love Divine;  
Worship we our Jesus  
But wherewith the sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token.  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

A Blessed Christmas to you and all your family from  
Deacon Adam and myself!

*Father John Sauer*

**St. Isidore's Giving Calendars are on sale.**

They sell for \$25 each and \$50 will be given away each week all year. Please ask a St. Isidore's Student or contact the school to purchase yours. Please help this fundraiser to be a great success again this year. They make excellent Christmas Gifts especially for alumni.

The School Board asks that the Finance Council meet with them in January on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Pick up a Catholic Extension Calendar** on the tables at each entrance of the church. They have been sponsored by the Holy Trinity Catholic Aid Council #328.

**Bowling Party** – Everyone is invited January 11<sup>th</sup>, 3-5:30 p.m. to a bowling party at Bunkies Bowling Alley, Blooming Prairie. (We'll meet at 2:30 p.m. at the church parking lot to carpool.) You will need to pay for your own bowling and shoes. *\$2.75/game & \$1 for shoes.* Catholic Aid will provide pizza & pop. Contact Tara Jones at 455-3004, or Troy Anderson at 363-1701 if interested.

And when we give each other Christmas presents in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit—and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused—and to save us from our own foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.

Beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass here at Holy Trinity will be every Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. with Father John Sauer.

**On the last Sunday of each month ONLY, in addition to the Saturday evening Mass with Father Sauer, there will be a 10:30 a.m. Mass here with Father Jon Moore.**

**On Sundays, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> everyone** was given the opportunity to sign up for the liturgical roles at either of these Masses for Combo, Song Leader, Rosary Leader, Lector, Eucharistic Minister/Hosts, Eucharistic Minister/Wine, Gift Bearer, Usher, Mass Server (*4<sup>th</sup> grade and up*). *Even if you have done this in the past we ask that you sign up at this time.* Everyone also has the opportunity to sign up to become a future member of the Litomysl Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, the School Board or the Cemetery Board, or to be an Adult Education (*Bible Study*) Leader. Good Stewardship means not only being generous with your financial support of the church and community, but also being generous with your time and talents. If you did not sign up and would like to, please contact Rose Ann Kubicek or Troy Anderson.

Beginning Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> the Rosary will be said in a special place in the basement beginning at 6:40 p.m. Hopefully it will then get the reverence it deserves and many will come and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in this way.