

Get Ready for Mardi Gras February 13!

Have you had the opportunity to experience Mardi Gras at St. Stephen's? If you haven't, or even if you have in the past, don't miss the opportunity to attend this year's 11th Annual Mardi Gras evening. With new activities this year, great music and fabulous prizes, you can experience for yourself why this has become our biggest fundraiser for our parish, not to mention a fun filled evening that you don't want to miss!

On February 13, the FCC and the Gathering Place will be transformed into a dazzling gala of lights, music, dancing and merriment. Tickets for this event will be \$50.00 per person which will include a **four course meal** catered by Thyme to Entertain, exotic Hurricanes (straight from New Orleans!), Ice Martini Bar, **fabulous live and silent auction items, music and dancing, games** and lots of fun! Along with the silent auction items and our fast-paced



and exciting live auction, this year we will once again have the **Best of the Live Auction**. The items on this raffle are on the Live Auction. Tickets for this raffle are \$25.00 each, allowing the ticket buyer to designate on the raffle ticket which item he/she wants to win. Before the Live Auction begins, we will draw one ticket to determine that winner. More *Best of the Live Auction* details to follow. Some of the live auction items being offered this year are a **vacation in New Smyrna Beach Florida**, a historical stay in **Williamsburg Virginia** in June, tickets to attend a **Minnesota Gopher football game with Father Mike** (tailgating included!), or an **Italian dinner with Father John** at the rectory, **along with many more** that are currently in the works. For more detailed information on the auction items, visit www.ststephenchurch.org under the annual events category.

We will also once again have the **\$5.00 per ticket raffle** for an opportunity to win **one-year-paid school tuition** at St. Stephen's School for the 2010-2011 school year. Second prize is a year's hot lunch. Grandparents, aunts and uncles, and other family members are encouraged to purchase tickets to support their favorite student, or you can also donate the winnings to the adopt-a-student fund to help pay for a child's tuition/lunch.

The **silent auction** will once again be a cornerstone of the evening with a variety of wonderful items to tempt you including such things as beautiful **framed prints** for your home; **theatre tickets** at local repertoires; **movie night packages** for a snowy night at home;

not to mention the wonderful **gift baskets created by each class at St. Stephen's School**. Thanks to the generous donors who have supported this event every year, we are able to bring to you a fabulous sampling of everything from Soap to Nuts (or is that soup to nuts...)

The Mardi Gras evening has been a **tremendous fundraising event for both our parish community and our school**. In the past, the auction has realized several large needs for our parish and school including Automated External Defibrillators for the church; new bleachers in the school gym; a new sound system for the school; and new furniture for the parish office. Proceeds from Mardi Gras impacts virtually every ministry within the parish as part of the general fund. These significant accomplishments cannot happen without the support and involvement of our parish community. Remember that a portion of your \$50.00 ticket purchase is tax deductible, plus where else can you get an evening in New Orleans without leaving Minnesota! **Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses in January, and in the parish office during the week**. So grab your Aunt Sally, invite your neighbors, or get all the folks in your book club and reserve a table together, as Mardi Gras is a fun filled evening for everyone!



Every year it takes many hands to change the FCC and Gathering Place into a Mardi Gras Gala. If you are able to lend your hand to this year's transformation, there are many things to be done between Thursday and Sunday. **Please call the parish office or stop by the Mardi Gras table after Mass**.

The **auction committee is still accepting donations for our donor catalog**. If you are unable to attend the evening, please consider participating in our celebration in this way. After the event you will receive a receipt for your donation for tax purposes. Without our generous donors we would not be able to reach the goals that we have in the past 10 years allowing us to help build our parish community through funding the many programs we provide to our parish, school and community.

Tickets go on sale January 8. We invite you to join us February 13 for a fabulous fun filled evening of **laughter, merriment and memories** as we celebrate our friends, families, and parish community at the 11th Annual Mardi Gras gala at St. Stephen's. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the fun. See you February 13th!



The Pastor's Page

Fr. Mike Van Sloun
Parish Office 421-2471

As I have done for you,
you should also do (Jn 13:15).



The Epiphany of the Lord The Magi Show Us the Way to Jesus

The Magi. The magi were from the East, most likely Persia, modern day Iraq. They are often referred to as “kings” which is a bit of a misnomer. They belonged to a priestly class of nobility. They were exceptionally intelligent and well



educated, especially in philosophy, medicine, and science, particularly in astronomy, and would be better called “wise men” or “astrologers.” Even though they were Gentiles, not Jews, they did good things which show us the way to Jesus.

Star Gazing. As astronomers, the magi were in the habit of watching the night sky – star gazing. It is one thing to see a star, but entirely different to follow it. The star shone brilliantly, it gave a great light, and the magi followed the light. God is light (Is 60:19, 20). Jesus is the Light of the world (Jn 8:12; 12:46). To follow the light is to follow God's directions and to walk in God's ways. The magi did not know exactly where they were headed, but they followed the light for a very long journey, and

in the end it took them to the right place, to Jesus. If we, like the magi, follow God's light throughout our lives, it will take us to Jesus in this life and the next.

Path Finder. When the magi arrived in Jerusalem, they did not know exactly where to go, so they stopped to ask for directions, and after the Scriptures were consulted, they were instructed to go to Bethlehem. The magi used God's holy Word in the Bible to help them find their way to Jesus. The Bible leads us to Jesus, and if we, like the magi, consult Scripture, it will keep us on the path to the Messiah.

Profound Reverence. When the magi came into Jesus' presence, they prostrated themselves and did him homage. How they prostrated themselves is not precisely known. They may have made a bow from the waist, or knelt before him, or laid down on the floor. Whatever they did, they used a sincere physical gesture to express their deep reverence for Jesus. Likewise, if we imitate the magi, whenever we come into Jesus' presence we will also offer our homage, whether it be with a genuflection before the tabernacle, a bow before receiving Holy Communion, or kneeling in the Adoration Chapel.

Treasured Gifts. The magi opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts were extremely expensive and probably represented a good portion of their life's savings. When it came to Jesus, the magi did not hold back, they gave the best of what they had. Similarly, if we follow the magi's example, when it comes to Jesus we will give him our very best by generously sharing our time, talent, and treasure.

Pastor's Pictures

The picture on the left is from Fr. Mike's personal collection of pictures. This week's photo comes from Incarnation Church in Tampa, Florida

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4

8:00 a.m. George Ottenstroer

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Catherine Walsch
5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Connie Asfaly
5:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Hap Lundrigan
9:30 a.m. Unborn Children
5:15 p.m.

Friday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Brad St. Germain

Saturday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Melvin Zimmer
5:00 p.m. Jerry Thell

Sunday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Jeanette Emerick
9:30 a.m. Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Richard Nathe
12:30 p.m. Spanish
6:00 p.m. Elmer Scherber

*The Church of St. Stephen is served
by the clergy of the Archdiocese of
St. Paul and Minneapolis*

Full-time Priest Staff

*Fr. Michael A. Van Sloun, Pastor
Fr. John Floeder, Associate Pastor
Fr. Bennet Tran, Associate Pastor*

Deacons

*Rev. Mr. Peter Bednarczyk
Rev. Mr. Dominic Ehrmantraut
Rev. Mr. Charles Waugh
Rev. Mr. Ramón García*

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Jan. 9/10: 5A, 8A, 9A, 11A, 6A
 Jan. 16/17: 5B, 8B, 9B, 11B, 6B
 Jan. 23/24: 5A, 8C, 9C, 11A, 6A
 Jan. 30/31: 5B, 8A, 9A, 11B, 6B



Marriages

The following couples are preparing for marriage in the coming weeks. Please remember them in your prayers.

January 9

Serena Iacono and Michael Eberlein

January 16

Erin Olson and Paul Harrison

Put on the Splendor of Glory from God



Worship

Bernie Leach, Worship Director - 712-7435

Jan Clare, Worship Associate - 712-7458

Terri Renner, Worship Associate, School Liturgy Coordinator - 712-7459

Fran Ramirez, Spanish Liturgy and Music Coordinator - 421-3236, ext. 323

Gratitude for Environment and Art Which Supports Worship

The Church of St. Stephen would like to thank the many people that stepped forward and gave of their time and talent to help prepare and add to the Church environment for the Season of Advent. The vision of the Environment and Art Creative Team, organized by Worship Associate Jan Clare, contributed much to the celebration of the season. The Team includes Gretchen Foht, Michele Roskowiak, Dorine Nowak, Ruth Wischnefski and Susie Link. Mark Schmitz donated the beautiful live "Lights of Love" tree. Roger and Ray Renner, with the help of others from the Knights of Columbus, helped with the trees in the sanctuary. Don Kropp, from the parish WHO group, built new staging and blocks to lift up the Manger scene for a better view.

Michele Roskowiak and Susi Link designed and sewed new linens for the altar, credence and gift tables. Michele also decorated and designed the advent wreath on the parish's new stand. None of these things could be accomplished without the support of the parish maintenance staff, whose efforts at this time of year are always much appreciated.

Presider and Musician Schedule

January 9/10, 2010

5:00 p.m. - Fr. Mike

Bernie Leach and Terri Renner
 Accompanist - Marianne Nold
 Strings

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Mike

Bernie Leach
 Accompanist - Melissa Herrick

9:30 a.m. - Fr. John

Jennifer Hevern and Theresa Lease
 Accompanist - Jen DeChene

11:00 a.m. - Fr. John

Parables
 Accompanist - Monica Thibault

12:30 p.m. Spanish - Fr. John
 Corazon Mariano

Accompanist - Jerry Helland

6:00 p.m. - Fr. Mike

Praise Project
 Accompanist - Marie Tomala

Wedding Workshop II

Couples planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Stephen's are required to attend a Wedding Workshop. The next **Wedding Workshop II** is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 12**, from **7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** in the **Donovan/Romero Rooms**. During the workshop, couples will be given a brief overview of the entire process for wedding preparation at the parish. The **Marriage Liturgy Worksheet**, which helps couples prepare for the wedding celebration itself will be distributed and explained. Options for readings, music, sample vows and sample programs will also be shared. If planning to attend, please call the parish office (763-421-2471) to register.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



New and Exciting Events in the New Year!

January events will warm our hearts as we keep turning up our flames in the new year. For starters:

* We will be celebrating the **Year of the Priest** by presenting our **Spiritual Bouquet cards** to our three priests during hospitality **January 17**.

* A **Marriage Enrichment Evening** is planned for all couples Saturday, **January 23** at 7:00 p.m. It will be a Mini-Cana event with Corey and Heidi Busse who have written "How to Stress-Proof Your Marriage." It is guaranteed to be a night to remember!

* All **Catechists** are gathering with other **Seekers and Learners of the parish** as they ponder the question that **Jesus posed to his apostles "Who Do You Say That I Am"** Saturday, **January 16** at 9:00 a.m. or Thursday, **January 28** at 6:30 p.m. Kathleen Groh and Katie McCarty are leading these presentations.

* **Adolescent Spirituality** will be the topic for all parents and grandparents who would like to understand what and how our teens believe. Joel Loecken from Benilde-St. Margaret will be the presenter Wednesday, **January 20** at 6:15 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to attend for this interesting and pertinent presentation.

We encourage you to watch the bulletin for more details as the events draw near. Just save these dates for these enriching events in January 2010!

Faith Formation

Kathleen Groh, Director of Faith Formation - 712-7439

Chris Belanger-Dittes, Form. Coord. for Elem. & Middle School - 712-7440

Jamie Schlough, Sunday School/Vac. Bible School Coord. - 712-7456

Katie McCarty, RCIA & Children's Sacraments Coordinator - 712-7430

Becky Phillips, Youth Ministry Coordinator & Confirmation - 712-7480

Pam Havel, RCIA for Children and Youth Coordinator - 712-7437

High School Open Refuge

The Refuge will be open for high school students this Wednesday, January 6 from 7-9:00 p.m. Youth are invited to come to the Refuge to hang out, watch movies, do activities, play games, eat snacks, and do homework. You do not need to sign up in advance. Your friends are always welcome!

The EDGE

All 9th-12th grade youth are invited to attend the EDGE this month on Thursday, January 14 from 7-9:00 p.m. in the FCC. We will explore important health topics through games, videos, music, activities, discussion, and prayer. You do not need to sign up in advance and you can bring friends, even if they are not parishioners. Mark your calendars! The EDGE is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Questions? Contact Becky.

First Eucharist Preparation

Please remember that two prerequisites exist—your family must be a registered member of St. Stephen's and each child who prepares for First Eucharist must be either enrolled in any of our Faith Formation programming or enrolled at St. Stephen's School or any Catholic school.

Parent Meeting #1

Attend one of the following meetings in the Church:

Wednesday, **January 13**, or Tuesday, **January 19**, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

If you need childcare for Parent Meeting #1, please call the parish office at 763-421-2471 by Friday, January 8.

Learning Centers

Parent(s) and child come for a 1 1/2 - 2 hour time block in the Faith Community Center on either of the following days:

Thursday, **February 4** or Friday, **February 5**, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Eucharist Retreats

Parent(s) and child attend one of the following in the Church:

* Saturday, March 6, 9:00-10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

* Sunday, March 7, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist will occur on the following weekends:

* **April 24-25**, 2010 (at all Masses),

* Saturday, **May 1**, 2010, 10:00 a.m. and

* Saturday, **May 8**, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie McCarty at 763-712-7430 or kmccarty@ststephenchurch.org or see the website for all details—www.ststephenchurch.org, click on "Sacraments" and then "Eucharist".



School

Rebecca Gustafson, Principal - 712-7484

Office - 421-3236



2009-2010
Motto: Depend
on God (DOG)



SIGN UP to a **HIGHER** EDUCATION!

Come Tour our Classrooms & Meet our Teachers

Pre-School Open House

3 and 4 year olds-2 and 3 day programs

January 5, 2010 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Parent Meeting

All Day Every Day Kindergarten

January 6, 2010 6:30 p.m.

Registration and Information for 2010-2011 Enrollment

763-421-3236 • www.ststephenchurch.org/school



St. Stephen's
Catholic School

506 Jackson Street, Anoka, Mn

Help Wanted: Playground-Lunchroom Monitor

Our teachers and students need your help in the lunchroom and on the playground from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during the school day. The position description includes helping the students during their lunch period and on the playground. Contact the school office at 763-421-3236 for an application and position description.

Please Pray For...

Susie Abbott
Megan Abeln
Kathy Ackerman
Richard Alper
Larry Amundson
Edward Anderson
Jim Anderson
Nancy Backous
Bill Bauer
Sue Baum
Robert Baumer
Dee Beacom
Tyler and Lindsay Beckes
Leona Beehler
Louie Beehler
Matthew Benick
Josephine Bennett
Bruce Berg
Chris Bliss
Anne Blue
Wayne Blue
Boonie Bogan
Duane Bouley
Dorothy Bourgeois
Helen Brady
Don Breyen
Jackson Buchman
Audrey Buhl
Christopher Burkhardt
Harold Burkhardt Jr.
Anne Buttke
Jessica Cahalan
Greg Cardinal
Judy Chouinard
Patrick Chuinard
Betty Cipperly
Becky Cordes
Ernest David
Carol Decowski
Mary Dehn
Rose Deschene
Glenna Rae Dietrich
Cleon and Margaret Dilks
Rosemary Donnette
Patrick Donovan
Barb Dryden
Rachel Aykens Elliot
Bernard Engelhaupt
Joel England
Brandon Farber
Nicholas Fletcher
Dorothy Fry
Mary Gamboni
John Gobernatz
Catherine Grocholski
Lanie Groves
Mindy Hagenah
Eileen Hanson
Darlene Hauff
Amy Hayden
Char Hill
Louis Holleman
Virgil Hoppe
Katy James
Jim Jansen
Axel Johnson
Joe Johnson
Mary Johnson
Jack Kadrie
Marlene Katnis

Elizabeth Kenney
Diane Ketz
Justin Ketz
Bill Keyes
Troy Klungseth
Regina Knowles
Joe Kopp
John Kovar
Judy Lasser
Tom Lasser
Becky Lefebvre
Michael Lehn
Lillemoe family
Joelle Lilly
Shirley Masters
Greg Maxwell
Cindy McKee
Nancy McKnight
Gloria McLean
Kasper Messer
Merle Meissen
Nick Meyer
John Meyers
Jeanne Mortenson
Daniel Muehlbauer
Jennifer Mushock
Anne Neumann
Melanie Olson
John Patchen
Pauly Family
Adrienne Pederson
Helen Peterson
Tim Petschel
Phil Pinewski
Rose Ann Powers
Toby Puffer
Vicente Quintana
Tom Radotich
Mary Rahm
Brysen Rebischke
George Regan
Linda Reid
Ralph Reiter
Rachel Ridout
Chester Rose
John Roy
Greg Runge
Jim Rusin
Joseph Sanborn
Mary Ann and Henry Schnider
Alicia Scott
Eileen Scott
Sam Selb
Brenda Sellner
Surendra Sethi
Richard Sieber Sr.
Jack Sigfrid
Helen Skinner
Ralph Smithers
Debbie Socha
Molly Spang
Beth Steigauf
Paula Steigauf
Ken Tahtinen
Elmer and Marie Tesch
Fred Tilbury
Tschida family
Janet Vittitow
David Ward
James Whittaker
Marilyn Wilson
Beth Zelenak

Pastoral Care

Joan Bednarczyk, Pastoral Care Director/Social Outreach - 712-7441

That We Will Always Desire to Do God's Will – Prayer for the New Year

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.” - Thomas Merton

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets Friday!

This ministry is one which extends God's love to others through meditation and prayer while knitting or crocheting. The knitter/crocheter intentionally prays for the recipient while knitting/crocheting and the stitches are in a simple series of three stitches, symbolizing the Trinity. Shawls are given in times of illness or grieving, as well as during times of joy (pregnancy, adoption) or celebration (nursing mom, recovery and rehabilitation, special anniversary or birthday, etc.).



We meet at noon in the Donovan/Romero Room Friday, **January 8**. Also, if you know of an individual who would be comforted by a shawl, please call Joan at 763-712-7441. All names are kept confidential.

Join the Women of Wonder

Women of Wonder gather for faith sharing, service projects, and the enjoyment of getting to know other women in the parish.

Our next gathering is **January 14** in **FCC 6 and 7**. Our topic for January is Bible Story Sharing. Join us as we talk about our favorite stories from the bible. We meet from **9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** and childcare is available - \$3.00 for one child, \$5.00 for two or more children.



We welcome women as often and at any time they wish to join us! You can call Joan Bednarczyk at 763-712-7441 for more information.

Catholics in Recovery

The focus of our meeting will be both our addiction and our Catholic faith. We will use many of the AA models to help us along as we meet **Saturday** at **6:15 p.m.** in the **Chapel**. The format for this meeting will include a scripture reading, a short reflection from the person leading the meeting that evening, and a sharing of thoughts afterward.

For Your Information

Middle School Madness is Saturday!

If you are a student in grades 6-8, MSM is a special night just for you. Bring your friends to St. Stephen's Church **January 9** to enjoy a night full of activities like Nintendo Wii, Bingo (with a \$10.00 coverall prize), Dodge ball, Nerf Wars, board and card games, and much much more!



We have a great concession stand where you can buy tasty treats, most for under \$1.00. Admission is free, we just ask you to bring a donation for the local food shelf. Parents and high school seniors are needed to chaperone this fun-filled event.

Each activity requires two chaperones. Flyers with the required permission slip are in the Gathering Place kiosk and in the wall pockets near the Refuge and Formation Room. Kids can be dropped off at the 6th/Jackson Street entrance at 6:45 p.m. and picked up at 9:30 p.m. This is a lock-in event. Contact Jamie at 763-712-7456 jschlough@ststephenchurch.org for more information or to volunteer.

Thanks to the *For Kids Only* Christmas Shop Volunteers

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the For Kids Only shop!

Jackie Theischaefter
Lauren Rice
Sydney Kalkman
Dan Hawk
Heather Wilson
Austin Bloch
Nick Weitz
Marie Hudalla
Diane Nelson
Ceria Peters
Hailey Utke
Gerri Rose
Rachel Mouser
Susan Rumpca
Amber Stangler
Kari Henning
Aaron Zappa
Ash Mclean
Angie Burnes
Cheryl Kelsey
Andy Ludwig

Rebecca Lee
Joe Ceirier
Tyler Niemann
Jeanette Burke
Katy Peters
Kadean Krieger
Nicole Pexa
Lezlie Rabine
Krystal Vannorman
Claire Rabine
Matt Cox
Crystal Polanchek
Marie Cox
Dawn Chuschoyer
Marissa Ampe
Sharon Utke
Maria McQuillan
Joey Evavold
Grace McQuillan
Danny Daly
Gen Stanley

Amelia Santrach
Dan Stanley
Ben Toenjes
Tracy Stanley
Sarah Karp
Abby Tongue
Katie Peterson
Madison Roberts
Heather Andryski
Melissa Jensen
Amber Ammann
Kyle Miske
Megan Hackett
Susan Miske
Emily Haeska
Jared Holm
Dawn Haeska
Jake Knoll
Jake Bramm
Katy Walczak
Kate Fredrickson



St. Stephen's Teens Achieve Eagle Scout Rank

Two young adults from St. Stephen's, **Brandon Diederichs** and **Sam Miller**, were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on November 14, 2009 in a joint ceremony in the FCC. Sam and Brandon were recognized for their achievements through 12 years of Scouting with Cub Scout Pack 606 and Boy Scout Troop 606. Both boys earned the Parvuli Dei and Ad Altare Dei catholic religious awards during their time in Scouting as well.

The final requirement for the Eagle rank is to plan and execute a service project in the community. Brandon led a group that helped fabricate diamond willow canes for the residents of the Champlin Shores Senior Living Community. Sam led an effort to salvage building materials and used them to re-model the Warming House at Central Park in Ramsey.

Brandon and Sam attended St. Stephen's School together through 8th grade. Once teammates on St. Stephen's sports teams, they are now seniors attending rival area high schools. Both boys are thankful for the support and guidance they have received through their experiences in Scouting and in the St. Stephen's Community.

Parish Administration

Jay Gish, Parish Administrator - 712-7434
 Rose Lundrigan, Parish Office Manager - 712-7474
 Lynne Pinewski, Business Mgr., Exec. Assist. to the Administrator - 712-7472
 Monica Freeman, Census, Contributions and Facility Scheduling - 712-7438
 Julie Gerads, Parish Secretary, Bulletin Coordinator - 712-7485
 Gerri Rose, Parish Secretary - 712-7478
 Mary Jane Beberg, Parish Secretary - 712-7479
 Mary Amundson, Evening Parish Secretary - 712-7442

End Time Prophecy

A Biblical Roundtable Discussion

Come join the Biblical Roundtable Discussion to examine "End Time Prophecy" in a six week series. This faith filled group will cover a range of topics including the Antichrist, the Mark of The Beast, Armageddon and the second coming of Christ. We'll seek to unravel mysteries from The Book of Revelation and Daniel as well as study the significance of New Testament teachings.

What's The Biblical Roundtable?

We study Bible verses, meet in small groups where, with guiding questions, participants share their personal stories and insights. Participation is encouraged and just listening is a perfectly acceptable form of participation. Discussions are lead by parishioner Barry McCullough.

This **FREE 6 week series is for all ages and all Biblical levels of knowledge.** If you're fascinated by God's coming future events, this is for you! Come "Turn Up The Flame" starting Thursday, **January 7, 7 - 8:30 p.m.** in FCC 9.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4	TUESDAY, JANUARY 5
Grs. 2-5 Faith Formation Church/FCC, 6:15 p.m.	Grs. 2-5 Faith Formation Church/FCC, 6:15 p.m. 40+ Singles FCC 10, 6:30 p.m. Baptism Prep Chapel, 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6	THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
Morning Bridge FCC 1, 9:15 a.m. WHO (We Help Others) Donovan/Romero Rooms, 8:30 a.m. Grs. 6-8 Faith Formation Church/FCC, 6:15 p.m. Reconciliation Chapel, 7:00 p.m.	Biblical Roundtable FCC 9, 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9	FRIDAY, JANUARY 8
Reconciliation Chapel, 4:00 p.m. Catholics in Recovery Chapel, 6:15 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Donovan/Romero Rooms, noon
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
	Sunday School Education Center during Masses

New Parishioner Registration Next Sunday

The next new parishioner registration is scheduled for Sunday, **January 10** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in FCC Room 10. A general overview of parish programs and ministries will be presented. All are welcome!



Video Taping Volunteers Needed

The parish currently needs to expand its roster of volunteers willing to video-tape the Saturday evening Mass. Training is provided. If you are interested, please call the parish office (421-2471) to leave your name and number. Thanks!

Stewardship Report

"Hearing God's Call to Share..."



Week of December 19/20, 2009

Offertory

Adult Envelopes	\$27,462.00
Auto. Offering Plan	25,763.16
Plate (checks & cash)	7,333.84
TOTAL	\$60,559.00

Other Income

Children's Envelopes	\$12.41
Special/Holy Days	\$1,484.00
Stephen's Mrktplc.	878.58
Environment and Art	55.00
Contingency Fund	359.00
TOTAL	2,788.99

Out-reach Ministry

Relig. Retirement	\$370.85
Parish Charity Acct.	70.00
ACBC	200.00
TOTAL	\$640.85