

"They're here!!" "They're here!!"

The brochure titled **Building the Domestic Church** has arrived. Sufficient copies are available for every family to have one. Spanish copies are also available.

This year is the "Year of the Family" proclaimed by Pope Francis. This program, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, outlines (1) activities families can do at home or with relatives and (2) activities that can be performed as a Parish Family. The basic objectives for this "Year of the Family" is to evangelize the importance of family, to help us all grow as Catholic individuals, as Catholic family and a strong, vibrant Parish Family.

Please take a copy. If you know relatives that also feel strong about this Year of the Family, give a copy to them.

Remember to "Keep Christ in CHRISTmas"

TIS THE SEASON!! Highway billboards with the Nativity scene and the phrase "Keep Christ in CHRISTmas" have been installed since November in Coos Bay, Eugene, Corvallis, The Dalles, Ontario and Baker City. The one in Baker City is located on the corner Campbell & 10th Street.

EVERYONE CAN HELP promote this Christian message!! Check the table in the vestibule of the Cathedral. There are Christmas Seals which can be used for all your mailings. They are provided by our local KC's. We only ask that you take what you will use. If you want to contribute for the cause, a basket is available for donations. There is also a red page with several suggestions, you as a Catholic Christian, can do at home and in the neighborhood.

Prayer Chain

We are going to revise and update our parish Prayer Chain list. If you would like to be part of this list, please call Julie French at 541-523-3421 or Carole Watt at 541-523-4521

God answers Prayers

I know not by what methods rare, but this I know - God answers prayer. I know not when He sends the word, that tells us fervent prayer is heard. I know it comes sooner or later; therefore we need to pray and wait. I know not if the blessing sought will come in just the way I thought. I leave my prayers with Him alone, Whose Will is wiser than my own!

MARRIED COUPLES – WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?

Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! Enjoy a **World Wide Marriage Encouner** weekend at Mt. Angel Abby Feb. 13-15th, 2015 and fill your holiday celebrations with even greater blessings. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthepark.org. Other dates also available.

Religious Education

RE Classes - December 17, 2014

6:00PM - Youth Choir Practice

7:00PM - RE Classes

Thank you to Scott and Kerry Sherman, Leo and Tonna Haw, Shelly and Scott Shively, Art Corona and Danny Sherman for all their hard work preparing the float for the Twilight Christmas parade last Saturday night. The St. Francis float won 1st place for Best Theme in the parade. It was a wonderful night, the weather was great. We had the most youth ever and the Junior High School Choir sang beautifully. Again, thank you Scott and Kerry Sherman for all your work on this project.

If your child would like to be in the Christmas Eve program, please contact Tammy in the parish office. We need Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels and children to be part of the crowd. We will only have one practice on December 21st after the 9:30AM Mass. The Christmas Eve Mass is December 24th at 4:30PM.

Reflection - December 14, 2014

In today's first Reading from Isaiah, we learn about the Spirit of the Lord, and how the Spirit fell upon the prophet who faithfully announced the good tidings of healing, liberty and vindication.

We also have the spirit of Christmas, which is about giving. The Christmas spirit is not about the trees and gifts, but about peace, joy and Jesus. The spirit of Christmas is about reaching out to people in need, This week, think about ways you can bring the spirit of Christmas to others. Helping those who are hungry, Homeless, live in poverty, who are sick, or those who live in countries where there is war.

Calendar and Offertory Envelope Information

The Offertory Envelopes are here and we are working on getting them labeled and distributed. Hopefully they will be in the back of the church for everyone on December 21st.

We went with a different calendar supplier so the calendars will not be here for a couple of weeks. Please be patient, they are coming!!

Altar Society

Duties - December 15, 2014 - January 14, 2015

Circle 6

No Duties

Circle 9

Funerals, Albs & Fonts

Circle 10

No Duties

