

### ***"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 & 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Calendar and Offertory Envelope Information**

The Offertory Envelopes are in the back of the church today. If you can't find your envelopes there will be a sheet to sign so we know and we will get them to you promptly.

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!!

### **Poinsettias**

If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the church, in memory of a loved one, please have them delivered to the parish office by Noon on December 23, 2014.

### **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 Encounter** 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.rediscoverthespark.org](http://www.rediscoverthespark.org)

### **Religious Education**

**Children's Christmas Eve Mass, December 24,  
4:30PM**

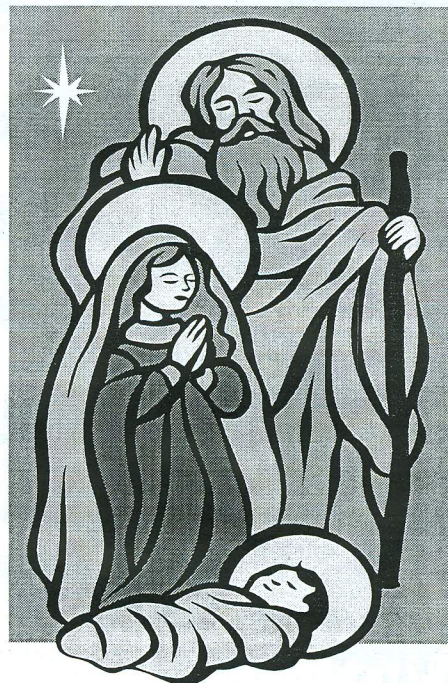
### **Reflection - December 21, 2014**

In today's Gospel reading, Mary is greeted by the angel Gabriel. He tells her not to be afraid. God loves her and she will have a son, and she will call him Jesus. Jesus will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High. Even though Mary was so surprised and a little scared she said "Yes". Mary said "I am the Lord's servant, Let it happen as you have said".

**This week:** God wants everyone to bring Jesus' spirit to others by doing loving actions. You can do this by being generous with your time and talents, being patient with your brothers and sisters, phone a neighbor or relative who is homebound, thank your parents for taking care of you. When you do any of these things, you will be saying "yes" to God and telling about Jesus

**No RE classes or Choir on Wednesday 24th or 31st. Class will begin again on January 7, 2015.**

**May you be blessed  
with the love He brings,  
the joy of His birth,  
and the peace He spreads  
throughout the earth.**



*"Glory to God in the highest and on earth  
Peace to those on whom his favor rests."*