

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

2300 E. Meadowlark
Derby, KS 67037-0325
www.stmarysderby.com

**Christmas Day
December 25, 2011**

Newcomers

A warm welcome to our parish family. We want to meet you. Please call the Parish Office to schedule registration.

Masses

Faith Center • 2300 E Meadowlark

Saturday 5 pm (no morning Mass)
Sunday 9 & 11 am, 6 pm
Weekdays 8 am (Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)
& 6 pm Wed

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 pm Saturday at Faith Center or anytime by appointment

Baptism: Classes required for the parents and godparents. Call for reservations.

Anointing: As scheduled at Mass or privately

Marriage: Begin preparation 6 months prior

Pastoral Staff

Rev. David Lies, Pastor
Sr. Marie Zogelman, Pastoral Assoc/Liturgist/
RCIA
Kathy Brennan, Receptionist
Janet Clark, Parish Youth Director
Andrea Eastman, Parish Administrator
Richard Montgomery, Principal
Davi Stuhlsatz, Communications

Administrative Support Staff

Allison Lesley, School Secretary
Gail Schmeidler, Stewardship Coordinator
Vicky Tully, Parish Membership Coordinator

Office Hours: 9 am - 5 pm

Parish Office	788-5525
Fax	788-1577
School Office	788-3151
PSR Office	788-3151

All Parishioners

Please keep us informed of changes in names, addresses, phone #'s etc. to update our files.

Bulletin

Deadline is Monday by noon, submitted in writing to the parish office, your phone number included, or email kbrennan@stmarysderby.com.

*And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth. ~ John 1:14*



Rejoice! Rejoice!

**Word of God, Son of God, born among humankind,
we rejoice this day.**

**For you have revealed to us and to all of creation
the marvelous light of your glory,
the farthest reaches of your love,
the power of your gift of reconciliation.**

**Draw us ever closer to your heart
that we might fathom the depths of your love,
appreciate the freedom of your redemption
and someday share in the glory
of your heavenly kingdom.**

**With all the ends of the earth
we rejoice and proclaim your coming,
your salvation,
your enduring love.**

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Dec 27 – Jan 1

Tue, Dec 27	8:00 am	+Ralph Schaffer
Wed, Dec 28	8:00 am	+Nikalan Johnson
	6:00 pm	NO Mass
Thu, Dec 29	8:00 am	+Bobbie Jochim
Fri, Dec 30	8:00 am	Int Lee Kerr
Sat, Dec 31	5:00 pm	+Philip Jolly
Sun, Jan 1	9:00 am	+Paul Carrick
	11:00 am	+Sara Coffey
	6:00 pm	People of the Parish

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all the sick, including:

Kerry Miller	Germaine Missimer	Pat Egan
Carol Holder	Darlene Clawson	Jarda Fitzwater
Rose Davy	Bonnie Grisamore	Joe R Martinez
Lee Kerr	Martha Gehrer	Irene Goscha
Laura Murphy	Brice Walsten	Theresa Waitley
Tiny DeCou	Dee Burnett	Dortha Johnson
Chandler Benway	Josephine Fredendal	Steven Keeler
		Delbert Wallace

To add a sick family member to the prayer list above, call Kathy Brennan at the parish office. Names will be published for one month. If anyone needs to be kept on, the family must contact us to re-list. Listing is for parishioners only.

To request prayers for special needs, call a prayer line activator: Jerry Young 788-4517, Therese Rafferty 788-2692, Roseann Bade 788-0060, Lorene Landis 789-0246, Norma Williams 788-2297; or email Neola at Neola2@aol.com, Lorene at highsight@hotmail.com, or Norma at al-norma@att.net.

Please pray for deployed family members

Corey Targos, Kori Kerr and all our servicemen and women and their families who are unable to celebrate together during the holidays.

PARISH FINANCIALS

Weekly Giving Information	Actual	Budget
Sunday Giving (ordinary income)	44,470	36,435
Building Fund gifts	29,374	14,534

Next Weekend's Readings

JAN 1, 2011: SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing:

Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27 *The priestly blessing*
Reading II: Galatians 4:4-7 *Free sons of God in Christ*
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21 *The shepherds' visit*

Key Passage: So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (Galatians 4:7)

Next Weekend's Reading: Today's Gospel reading tells of two stories: the shepherds' visit to the Holy Family in Bethlehem and then the circumcision and naming of Jesus. Christ is still incorporated into the people of Israel, who were in turn to receive God's blessings, as in today's first reading. Thanks to Christ, born of Mary, we are all to receive God's blessings as his adopted children.

Question for Adults: Which of God's blessings are you most thankful for right now?

Question for Children: What does it mean to you to be a child of God?



Children's Liturgy of the Word – Dec 25

For those parents who would like to visit with their children about today's gospel message, it can be simply understood as:

Jesus is the Promised One



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE — Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

MASS	EUCCHARIST	GIFTS	GREETER	SERVER	USHER	WORD
Dec 31, 5 pm	B Hurtig, N Farley, K&L Miller, K&M Johnson, M Haga, L Mueller	K&B Glaser	W Wilson, J&H Huston, G Stephens	C/A Craig, H Johnson	D Lind, C Shockey, S Anderson, A Davy	J Washburn, D Burnett
Jan 1, 9 am	D Salas, K Berry, J&C Kennedy, B Betzen, D Gibbs, M&L Bartlett	Covey family	C Baxter, T&G Schmeidler, E Knipp	G Malbouef, L/J Rossillon	M Mendoza, E Salas, R Kennedy, T Daley	L Depperschmidt, S Birmingham
Jan 1, 11 am	J Dowling, B Ramsey, L&D Claudio, K McHenry, M Ronnfeldt, C Wilson, J Henke	J&P Maxwell, Frieden family	L&T Chvilicek, W&J Bankston	J Paul, A Dowling, K Stallard	J Wright, J Bruggeman, A Williams, P Durrenberger	F/L Kline
Jan 1, 6 pm	C Cribbs, Kyle Walsten, F&B Debes, B Cleaver, J Finn, J Clark, K Jackson	Teens	Teens	Mari Hoffman, J Smith, A Walsten	B Williams, D Nolting, R/R Coufal	K Kasych, C Williams

Announcements

I want to sincerely thank St Mary Parish for the recent gift of \$527 to Holy Savior. I am truly grateful for the continued support from the people of St Mary. During the holy days of Christmas, as my "gift" to you, I will offer a Novena of Masses for the special intentions of the people of St Mary and all of our benefactors. I again thank you and St Mary Parish for the gift and for all that you do for Holy Savior. ~ Rev James Billinger

Thank you to those who have committed to spend an hour in the sanctuary for Adoration every Wednesday. We could use another person at 4 pm and are in dire need of volunteers for the 5 pm hour. We would like to have parishioners come throughout the day, even though the schoolchildren will cover those hours as well. If you are available during the day and are not yet scheduled, please call Nancy, 776-2581. All are welcome to stop by any time after the 8 am Mass to 6 pm on Wednesdays.

For those who've been estranged from the Church, but long to return to full participation in the sacraments, call Father David or Sister Marie, 788-5525, visit www.oncecatholic.org, or call St Vincent de Paul in Andover about "Re-Membering Church."

St Mary bowling league on Tuesday nights at the Derby Bowl will start up again in January. It's a lot of fun. Want to be a regular or a sub? Contact Tom Vanatta at 260-8254 or tvann32@gmail.com.

Centering prayer is on a temporary hiatus for Christmas. This hour of silent prayer and meditation will resume during Lent.

Drop in when you have the chance: Adult Volleyball (6:30 pm) and Adult Basketball (8:30 pm) on Fridays in the school gym are great opportunities for exercise, fun and to meet some new friends in the parish. Questions? Call Jeffy, 788-3571.

Harvest House will meet next on Jan 9. Watch the bulletin for details.

Free throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for all children ages 10-14 is on Fri, Jan 13 from 4-6 pm in the school gym. Boy and girl winners in all five age groups (so 10 total) will advance to the district competition. Just come shoot 15 free throws and see how you do! It's fun and it's fast! Come out and try your skill! Questions? Call Ed Smith, 788-7114 or John Washburn, 788-3016.

Grieving? St Mary Grief Support Group will meet next on Mon, Jan 9 at 6:30 pm in Faith Center Room 112. Come if you're able, and meet with others who are finding their way through the grief of losing a loved one. Questions? Call Sherry Chapman, 776-0978.

Votive candle donations (\$3) should be placed in the basket at the votive stand or inside your envelope and dropped in the Sunday basket or at the parish office. Thank you!

Are you on the parish email list? If not, send your email address to kbrennan@stmarysderby.com, and you'll get announcements and notices of winter weather closures, funerals, new photo collages and other parish news via email. We promise we won't give your name out or barrage you with announcements!

Note: We are closing the PO Box so please route all mailings to the Church to 2300 E Meadowlark and the School to 2306 E Meadowark.

Thank you to everyone



Scrip: Thank you to everyone who buys Scrip throughout the year, and to all our Scrip volunteers for your hard work all year long. Have a wonderful Christmas with your families and we'll see you back at the Scrip table next week!

Dillons: Thank you to everyone who uses a St Mary/Dillon's Neighborhood Rewards card. You can buy one at the Scrip table next week if you don't have one! You buy one for \$5 and that gives you \$5 to spend at Dillon's, AND then you can reload it at Dillon's (using cash, check or a credit or debit card) and St Mary gets 5% of every \$1 you load on it, at no extra cost to you.

December's Dillon's check was for **\$4,910** from **\$98,201** in reloads by **332** users. Would you believe in 2011 we had over **\$1,000,000** of reloads?!? Wow! That's over **\$50,000** of free money for St. Mary ... And that's by just over 300 people. Imagine if more people used it! Get on board!

ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society Epiphany Dinner is Thu, Jan 12, 6:30 pm, Knights Hall. The Lourdes guild will host. All women of the parish are invited. Bring a covered dish to share. We will have a special speaker and slideshow of her trip up Mt. Kilimanjaro.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

LIFETEEN FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Dec 30: Eve of the Eve Dance for high school teens is Dec 30, 8-11 pm, St Mary School Commons. Cost is \$5 or \$20 for 5 people. Money goes to charity – Holy Childhood Association.

Jan 1: NO LIFENIGHT

Questions? Contact Janet, 788-5525, 259-3110, or janet.clark@stmarysderby.com.

Calendar of Events

Dec 25–Jan 4

- Sun 25** • Christmas day, Eucharist at 9 am
• NO: Coffee & donuts, RCIA, LIFENIGHT or choir rehearsal
- Mon 26** • No 8 am Mass
• Parish Offices closed
• K of C officers, 7:30 pm, KC Hall
- Tue 27** • *Sunday by Sunday*, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed 28** • Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:45 am–5:45 pm, Church
• Closed AA meeting, 9:30 am, FC Rm 114
• No 6 pm Mass
- Fri 30** • Adult volleyball, 6:30 pm, adult basketball, 8:30 pm, school gym
• Family Home Rosary, 7 pm, call 789-0809 for location
• Eve of the Eve Dance, Region V HSYM, 8-11 pm, Commons
- Sat 31** • God's Food Pantry weekend
- Sun 1** • Happy New Year, Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
• No coffee & donuts, No RCIA
• Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass, FC
• HSYM volleyball, 12 - 2 pm, School Gym
• No LifeNight
- Mon 2** • Parish Offices closed today
- Tue 3** • *Sunday by Sunday*, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
• LifeTeen Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed 4** • 8 am Mass, then Adoration follows until 7 pm Mass, Worship space
• Closed AA meeting, 9:30 am, FC Rm 114
• PSR/MSFF students, 6 pm, SMS classrooms
• PSR grades K-2 attend mass, 6 pm, FC Church

Thank you to St. Anne's Guild members and all the volunteers at the Santa Breakfast.

Family Feature

Ned and Kathy Madsen have been members of St. Mary Parish since 1996 when they moved from California to Kansas for Ned's career in aerospace engineering at Cessna. With a strong Catholic background, they joined our Parish and their three children, Megan, Kathryn and Shannon have all graduated from St. Mary's School. Kathy is a substitute teacher in Derby and the surrounding area including the Catholic Diocese.

Both Kathy and Ned went to Catholic schools in their youth and Kathy's parents have strong friendships with the clergy in their community. Their faith and spiritual commitment led them to a weekend with the Retrouvaille program one year to improve their marriage. They found the program very helpful in creating a closeness and



emotional intimacy in their marriage and so became Stewards of their time and talent to Retrouvaille.

Retrouvaille is a program that began in Canada and the English translation is "rediscovery". It is designed to help couples with stressed or troubled marriages who want their marriage to succeed. There are three weekend sessions every year with a focus on communication between the couple. Although guidance is provided by a priest and three other couples, the husband and wife are given time to discuss their personal issues in the privacy of their own room. There are no group dynamics or marriage advice. Rather, the program emphasizes developing tools to strengthen the marriage, and other couples who have been through the program share their own experiences on the value of the techniques presented by Retrouvaille.

Some people are very hesitant to participate, but although Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, the focus is on the couple, not on conversion. Couples from all faiths and denominations are encouraged to attend. Although a donation to cover costs is encouraged, no one is refused the opportunity to attend the program because of lack of funds. Sometimes, divorce can seem like the most logical solution but divorce can cause anger and resentment, especially when children are involved. Perhaps, the most difficult teaching of Christ was His doctrine on divorce, a teaching even His disciples found difficult to accept because of its severity. When a man and woman are united in marriage, it is a spiritual union as well as physical. Thus, the dissolution of the marriage harms the spirit as well as the body.

The next Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled for **Feb 17-19, 2012**. More information is available at www.retrouvaille.org and Kathy and Ned are a valuable resource for our parish. If anyone is currently struggling with their marriage, please consider Retrouvaille as a possible solution for the New Year.

Matthew 19:9

He saith to them: Because Moses by reason of the hardness of your heart permitted you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

www.retrouvaille.org

DECEMBER 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Whether young or old, each of us can experience real joy at Christmas when we focus on the overwhelming love of God represented by Jesus coming to earth as a child. The scriptures today shout the message to us that God is with us and we should be proclaiming it from the mountaintops. As we accept the enormity of this gift it becomes apparent that only by sharing the Good News can we fully express our gratitude to God the Father. May the joy of Christmas fill us and bring all people together.

Christmas Call to Sharing

I know that I felt the support and encouragement of many here in the diocese when I was in seminary. I thank you and your predecessors whose gifts allowed me to freely respond to my vocation. Please consider a gift of gratitude this year to the Christmas Call to Sharing. ~ Father David

The Christmas Call to Sharing supports our diocesan seminarians, including Zachary Pinaire and JD Betzen from our parish. They're home from seminary for Christmas and will altar serve at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, so be sure to say hi and give them your best wishes!



Personal Notes

We want to thank all the parishioners of St Mary, Father David, Sister Marie, 4th degree Knights of Columbus and the altar guild for all of their help during our time of sorrow.

~The Ralph Schaffer family

Experienced babysitters available for hire:

Anna Mahoney, St Mary 8th grader, 788-3475
Tess Coffindaffer, 7th grader, ARC certified, 207-1882
Emily Barker, KMC sophomore, ARC certified, 776-9738
Grace Barr, DHS freshman, ARC Certified, 788-4730
Cathryn Lind, KMC freshman, ARC Certified, 788-9435
Christina Craig, KMC freshman, ARC Certified, 788-8387
Regina Dowling, KMC sophomore, ARC Certified, 788-6301
Anne Dowling, St. Mary 7th Grader, ARC Certified, 788-6301
Alyssa and Nina Galley, St Mary 7th and 8th graders, 789-9512
Katie Norman, KMC junior, 308-2502
Tess Herdler, DHS senior, 789-0809
Meghan Daley, KMC sophomore, 680-6598
Rachel Shearrer, KMC senior, 788-7265

Giftgiving Opportunities . . .

Memorials & Honorariums

Multiply the pleasure of gift giving this Christmas: A memorial or honorarium gift to the church or school is a wonderful way to say thank you to someone special you'd like to honor and to God for all his good gifts, while also providing the gift of faith for future generations! Pretty cards are in the basket on the table in the gathering space, or just fill out an envelope there and the parish staff will send a card for you. Questions? Call Andrea, 788-5525. Thank you for your generosity and commitment!

Stocks & Bonds

Make a gift and make a difference! Stocks and bonds, especially if appreciated in value over the years, can mean significant capital gains taxes. However, they can also be used to make substantial gifts to St Mary parish or school and simultaneously help save you taxes. Consider making such a lasting gift and consult your financial advisor and/or Andrea at the parish office (788-5525) for more information.

Matching Gifts

Are you retired from Boeing or do you work there now? Boeing matches employee gifts to schools, up to \$6000, and they'll match 50% of retirees' gifts! The form is simple to fill out, and it's a great way to double your gift to the St Mary Parish School building fund or to school operations, at no extra cost to you. Questions? Call Andrea, 788-5525.

Year End Contributions

Whether it's in gratitude for God's abundant gifts, a desire to do God's work, a way to honor someone special through a memorial or honorarium, a desire to help pay for our new school, or even the desire for a tax deduction, your gifts have lasting benefits. You make a difference in the lives of others, now and for future generations of faith. We'd be delighted to receive any extra contributions you care to make before the end of 2011. Please keep in mind that IRS code requires us to report contributions according to the date the contribution is received here. If you make a gift on or before Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, it will be reported as a 2011 contribution. If you make a gift on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012 or later, it will be reported as a 2012 contribution.

An IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally the amount of this distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal legislation extends the opportunity for you, for the remainder of 2011, to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as St Mary Catholic Church and School. Such distributions, while not subject to income tax, will still count toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution. For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact Andrea at the parish office or the Office of Development and Planned Giving, 269-3915.