



**LITURGY INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2009
12:07 PM @ Mercy Memorial Hospital Chapel
† Father Donald Moore

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2009
5:30 PM Communion Service

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16, 2009
9:00 AM Intention Susan Fridrick – Mary Wood
(Coffee social in Annex after Mass)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17, 2009
9:00 AM † Margaret K. O'Toole – Father O'Toole
(Rosary for vocations after Mass)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18, 2009
12:07 PM † Lou Clark – Andrew & Mary Jacobi

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19, 2009
5:30 PM St. Mary Church (English Mass)
† Jess Storts, Sr. – Monica Stolfa, Sr.
7:30 PM St. Mary Church (Spanish Mass)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2009
8:00 AM St. Anthony, Tishomingo (Sanders home)
For the people of the parish
10:45 AM St. Mary Church (English Mass)
For the people of the parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19, 2009 5:30 P.M.
Lectors: Jim DeLano, Nancy Peavler (A)
C. Ministers: Roland & Ann Stolfa, Riley & Anne Beard,
Pablo Fuego
Acolytes: Julia Ngo, David Tresp
Ushers: Larry Neubauer, Jim Supan, Portia Fuego
Offering: Ushers

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2009 10:45 A.M.
Lectors: Kathy Maher, Mary White (A)
C. Ministers: Mark & Terry Urbanosky, Beth Ridley,
Kevin & Julie Keys
Master: Demitri Baker
Cross Bearer: Darius Baker
Incense: Gavin Anderson, Heidi Rivera
Acolytes: Owen Anderson, Sheryl McLean
Ushers: Louisa Baker, Jim & Maureen
Schumacher
Offering: Ushers

Ministry schedule for January: Please call the office by **12/18/09** if you will be gone anytime in January.



Father O'Toole would like to thank all the

ladies, gentlemen, and youth for their generous gift of their time and talent for the annual Rectory Open House.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tirso Mata. Continue to pray for all those on the December 2009 prayer sheet. Additional copies are available in the vestibule of the church.

**Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of
Penance and Reconciliation – bilingual**

St. Ann Church, Elgin – Monday, Dec. 14th - 6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Church, Ada – Tuesday, Dec. 15th - 7:00 p.m.

Please call **Ron Deyalsingh** at 223-5796 if you can help distribute food at Loaves & Fishes the week of December 21-24. Your help during this time is appreciated!

Loaves & Fishes December Assignment

Macaroni & Cheese

St. Lawrence Guild – November report
(Helped 216 people)

Balance on 10/27/09	\$1,989.09
Income all sources	\$4,096.03
Expenses (all sources)	<\$4,875.40>
(Electric, gas, water, rent, operating expense)	
Balance on 11/27/09	\$1,209.72



December 20th in the Catholic Center at 4:00 p.m.

Bring your family and come early to practice and snack on the refreshments provided. We will carol at the Veterans Center and nursing homes. Hope to see you there as we give the gift of song to others!!

Men of St. Mary Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2009 in the parish hall
Social 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Chef Michael McPherson will be preparing the dinner so bring your appetite and come join us for the evening.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

ALLIED SERVICES

PARISH STAFF CHRISTMAS – (offices closed)
Monday, December 14th from 12:00-3:00 p.m.



A special collection will be taken up this weekend at all Masses for Christmas church decorations.

FAITH FORMATION:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This is the Third Sunday in Advent! Did you notice the 3rd candle lit was pink? Here is an Advent Wreath Prayer for this week. "Loving God, we believe that you always listen to us and hear our prayer. We pray that by the time we celebrate Christmas we may be different and better than we are now, living in the Spirit of Christmas, through Christ our Lord, Amen."

The Posada is an Advent Custom (Dec. 16th -24th) that originated in Spain and is popular today throughout the Spanish-speaking world and among Hispanic peoples in the U.S. "Posada" means "shelter, lodging, or inn". Posada reenacts Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and their search for lodging along the way. It lasts for nine days, representing the months of Mary's pregnancy. Families can celebrate this in their home going room to room. A copy of the dialogue you can use was handed out in Youth Faith Formation classes today. Hopefully, your family will use this celebrating "Posada".

Faith Formation classes for youth and adult meet next Sunday at the normal time and will break for Christmas both the Sundays of Dec. 27 and Jan. 3rd.

Confirmation meets this Wednesday, Dec. 16th and doesn't meet again until January 13th. Watch the bulletin for the beginning of First Communion preparation classes.

Susan Fridrick, D R E and Marilyn Neubauer Asst. D R E

Servers: To add greater solemnity, all servers are cordially invited to participate at both or one of the Masses on Christmas. Both practices will be held on **Monday, December 24th** at 10:00 a.m. for the family oriented Mass (5:30 p.m.) and 11:00 a.m. for the Midnight Mass (10:45 p.m.). Lunch will be provided and follows right after practice.

Youth Group members will be selling tickets to win a **42" LCD Television** to be given away on 12-20-09. The tickets are \$5.00 each. You may purchase them from any Youth Group member before and after Mass.
Upcoming schedule is as follows:
 12-13-09 meeting 6 - 8 p.m.
 12-20-09 parish caroling party 4 p.m. (No meeting)
Thank you, Tom & Jeanetta Betzen

Dear parishioners,
 Some time ago I gave a copy of Cardinal Cooke's red and gold book Prayers for Today for your use. I ask you to remember Cardinal Cooke in your prayers in his cause to be canonized a saint. The office has more copies of this book for those that are new to the parish, have never received one or have misplaced their copy. Please stop by the office for a copy of this wonderful prayer book.
Fr. O'Toole

Thank you to those who purchased items at the Silent Auction in support of St. Mary Building Fund. Through Clyde Phillip's generous donation, in memory of Pauline, **\$1,800.00** was raised. Setting up the items for the auction, finalizing the bidding and calling people to pick up items was achieved only by the goodness of the following parishioners: **Juan Jimenez, Kathryn Strong, Don & Krys Smith, Lovell McMillin, Bernice Lenich, Cathy Biddick, Maureen Schumacher, Marilyn Neubauer, Joan Riotte, Carol McCall, Dana Trueblood, Marilyn Rice and Beth Ridley.**

The collection for **Retirement Fund for Religious** will be this weekend, December 12th – 13th.

HOLY HOURS

These are opportunities to focus our attention on the real reasons for celebration during this Season. Holy Hours include Benediction, Rosary, and a Meditation:

Sunday, December 13th2:30-3:45 p.m.

A More Generous Understanding of Christmas Commercialism

POSADO: Preparation for the celebration of Christmas – This is a fiesta for adults and for children after Mass at 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 20th in the parish hall. Substantial hors d'oeuvres and finger foods will be provided. All parishioners, Hispanic and Anglo, are cordially invited to attend.

Calendars – compliments of Harvey Douglas Funeral Home are available in the vestibule of the church.

Found a ring – In a pew on the left side, middle area. Call the office to identify if you lost this ring.

Deacon Jim Wade & Joyce sent a letter. You may find the copy on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church

Date: 12/5-6/09	No. of Families	No. of People	Weekly Attendance	Amount Needed	Amount Received
Ardmore:	400	879	Saturday 112 Saturday (Spanish) 96 Sunday 186	\$5,000.00	\$5,276.75 (all)
Poor Box					\$1,240.12
Healdton:	4	4	No Mass		\$382.00
Tishomingo	10	16	Sunday 11		\$135.00

Phase Two of our Capital Improvement Campaign: Parishioners are asked to contribute according to their means to the \$380,000 now being raised for the new rectory.

Status of Building Fund

GOAL	#Donors	Cash & Pledges	Cash Received	Money Spent
\$450,000.00	93	\$326,273.33	\$261,074.01	\$128,434.02
\$380,000- Rectory				

***Please place your **checks** for the **"Building Fund"** in the second collection. This is kept separate from the regular contributions. You may also use the red-bordered "Building Fund" envelopes in the vestibule or denote on the check. These will be posted to your account.