

**LITURGIES**

**Sundays 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 am.**

**Weekdays 8:00 a.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.**

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**DAILY ROSARY DEVOTIONS**

I pray the Holy Rosary daily at 7:30 a.m.

Please join me when you can.

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**CONFESSION**

**Every Saturday** - 2:00 - 4:00 pm or by app't.

**Sunday** - before Mass and ending 10 minutes before Mass begins.

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**READINGS**

Eph 3 : 1 – 13

Mat 1 : 18 - 25

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**READERS**

Sunday, December 15 - 10:30 am Danny Abou-Elias

Sunday, December 22 - 8:30 am Chuck Abraham

Sunday, December 22 - 11:00 am Tina Maroon

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**Counting Our Blessings**

**Sunday, December 8, 2013 \$2,512.00**

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**EVENTS TO COME**

**LADIES GUILD MEETING**

Sunday, December 15, 2013

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

Sunday, December 15, 2013

**CAREGIVERS MEETING**

Sunday, January 6, 2014

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

Friday, January 4, 2014 9:00am – 3:00pm

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**Beloved Parish Family In Christ Jesus Our Lord,**

What a beautiful journey we are making in these weeks of Holy Annunciation on our way to Christmas Day.

Today we arrive at the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Annunciation which is in honor of the Revelation to St. Joseph. The Gospel reading today, taken from the Apostle St. Matthew, tells us of how St. Joseph comes to know about his spouse, Mary being with child. On his own he knows that Mary made a journey to the home of Zachariah and Elizabeth to assist with the birth of the infant St. John the Baptist. He knows that he is betrothed to the Virgin Spouse, Mary and that they did not come together. He knows that Mary has an unusual

vow of virginity to God, but upon Her return he can see Her pregnancy. In his normal thoughts he realizes that something happened to her and he must protect her and even depart from her because the baby inside her womb is not his child.

The same angel who came to Mary, the Archangel Gabriel, came to St. Joseph in his dream to make it known to him who is the one who brought about this miraculous happening. The Baby is in Mary because of the work of the Holy Spirit. What excitement this brings to everyone. All during this season of Annunciation I wait for this particular announcement. I love to pray and chant the prayers of today's holy Annunciation to St. Joseph. What great comfort and peace comes when knowing that God plans and works everything well and for so much good for everyone.

A prayer reflection for this week comes from the Prayer of Forgiveness. It is a good prayer for reflection everyday during this week as we come so close to Christmas. Happy 5<sup>th</sup> week of Annunciation.

*Glory be to You, O Christ our God, You chose the most blessed among women to be Your Mother, and in a dream You revealed the mystery of Your conception to righteous Joseph to whom she was betrothed, filling him with peace.*

*Today we celebrate the feast of Your divine revelation:*

*The divine revelation that Joseph received dispelling His fear:*

*The divine revelation that filled all believers with joy.*

*The divine revelation that removed every doubt from Joseph regarding the Purest of Virgins.*

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**Cedars Savings Cards  
Make a Great Gift!**

Need a stocking stuffer? Consider giving a Cedars Savings Card to family members or friends this year.

Recipients can save lots of money at many great businesses until July 31, 2014!

Contact Leo Michael to pick up your cards in time for Christmas: [leomichael@att.net](mailto:leomichael@att.net) (330)836-7280



**Clean and Shine  
Church Day for  
Christmas**

Volunteers of all ages are needed on Thursday, December 19 for Church Cleaning Day. Work begins at 9:30am. Coffee & Donuts at 9:45am (ha! HA!) lunch break at 11:00am. (For real if it takes that long to clean!).

The work plan is to dust and clean the chandeliers, Murphy Oil all the wood work except the organ bench. Please come to work with a bucket, dust cloth and gloves if needed! See you there!

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**ACME FRESHMARKET Presents  
"COMMUNITY CASH BACK"**

When you buy Acme brand products, it accumulates cash back for our Church! We're asking that all parishioners save their receipts and bring them to church, as our parish is participating in this promotion. All you have to do is buy Acme brands and bring your receipts to church. We will have a box in the foyer, just drop the receipts in the box. Even if you're not sure if what you bought is an Acme brand, drop your receipts in the box in the foyer and we will go through them for you. Thank you in advance for your help.

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**THE WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES  
FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Please, Please take home your weekly offering envelopes for 2014. At this time there are 41 envelope sets not yet claimed in our Church Lobby. Please help out! Maybe you could take a set of offering envelopes to your family or friends who are at their homes. To help keep records of your weekly donations for you and the parish it is a good thing to use these weekly envelopes by the week or by the month. Please know that the Parish can only give credit for the amount of your offerings if we have the proper records for them.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**



In the church foyer we have our annual Giving Tree. Each branch has a gift tag for a gift to be purchased for a needy child. Please open your hearts

and share in this worthy cause. Take a tag, purchase the gift on the tag, and put it under the tree. **NO NEED to wrap the gift. There IS a time limit when these gifts must be brought in, so please take a tag TODAY! All gifts will be picked up on TOMORROW!! Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.** Again, this year's charity is Children's Services which provides for over 1,000 needy families during the Christmas Season.

Thanking you sincerely in advance for your generosity & kindness. God Bless you during this Christmas Season & throughout the coming year. *OLOC Ladies Guild*

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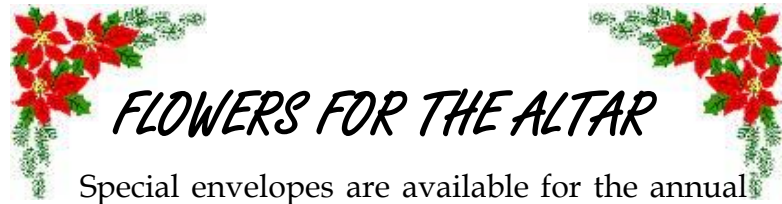
**...A MESSAGE FOR  
ALL OUR ALTAR  
SERVERS...**

All servers who want to serve at the 5:00 pm youth Christmas Liturgy on Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24 must attend a practice on Saturday, December 21 at 9:30 am. After practice there is a breakfast followed by basketball. This is a good time for all servers to come and have a review of serving at the Divine Liturgy and catch up on some improvements we are making. Thank you to all our Altar Servers.

Thank you to all parents for your good help.

*Divine Liturgy Schedule*  
December 15<sup>th</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup>

15	10:30 For Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis and Intentions of His Beatitude, Patriarch Bechara Peter	St. Paul of Latros / St. Florence, Abbot
16	8:00 Special Intentions of Tish Capristo	St. Adelaide, Queen of Italy
17	8:00 Special Intentions of Fr. Hanna Karam	St. Lazarus / Blessed Hyacinth Cormier, Built the Angelicum in Rome
18	8:00 Harvey Kelly by Paul & Gena Boulos	Daniel the Prophet & 3 Companions, Confessors / St. Gatian, Bishop of Tours
19	8:00 Thomas Baker by Patricia Baker	Pope St. Anastasius I / Blessed Urban V, Pope
20	8:00 John Easterday by Linda Easterday	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr / St. Ursicinus / Sts. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Patriarchs / St. Anastasia
21	8:30 Karen Edwards by the Bonczewski Family	St. Peter Canisus, Priest, Doctor of the Church
22	8:30 Harvey Kelly by om & Peggy Maroon 8:30 40 Day Mass for Lena Maroon by the Family 11:00 Isabelle George by the George Family	St. Flavian, Patriarch of Constantiople



**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

Special envelopes are available for the annual Christmas Flower offering at the church entrance and for your convenience were sent to you in my Christmas letter. Our Sanctuary looks very spiritual and very beautiful for the Feast of Our Lord at Christmas thanks to your great generous offerings for the flowers.

**A Pledge Drive Report**

For the week of December 8, we received 3 pledges.

- A deposit was made this week in the amount of \$10,400.00.
- Benefactors ask to remain anonymous at this time. Thank you very, very much to all Pledge Benefactors. One more anonymous benefactor has made a pledge with a donation to come.

**New Locks Installed at Our Cedars Hall Building**

Parishioners who have a key need to obtain a new one. Please come to the parish office or contact Heather on the days she is here for your key. Each key is numbered for our record and for a record at our Chancery in St. Louis.

Heather is in the office only on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8:30am until 12:00 NOON.

You must agree to be totally responsible for the key assigned to you. Please do not loan or exchange your key with anyone without informing the Parish office. Thank you for your cooperation. Thank you for understanding.

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Revelation to Joseph

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