



Welcome and Merry Christmas to All!

*“For unto to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!”*

Lk 2:11-14

We hear the words of the Angel joyfully proclaiming to the world that the Lord is come! His birth in Bethlehem is our celebration at Christmas.

Jesus Christ is God’s love come into the world, for the life of the world! Christmas is a time of peace between peoples, reconciliation between those who have become estranged, forgiveness between those who have been wronged, and hopefulness for good things to come.

We welcome all who are visiting our community this Christmas. For you who are coming home for Christmas, it is good to have you back! For you who are visiting family and friends, please feel at home. For you who are visiting from other Christian traditions, it is good to have you with us. For you whose spiritual travels have brought you to this place today, peace.

We extend a special welcome to visitors who are Catholic, but who have not been to church in a while—Welcome home! People get out of practicing the faith for many reasons. Perhaps you fell away after leaving home, or because of going away to school, or the demands of a job? Perhaps you experienced hurt from someone representing the Church? Perhaps a divorce, remarriage, or another circumstance of your life left you feeling unwelcome or estranged from the Church? Thank you for being here. You are always welcome back.

Whatever the reason for falling away, please don’t be afraid or feel awkward about coming back! You might need to go to confession, but are embarrassed because you cannot remember how, or feel that the priest will be angry with you and treat you harshly? That won’t happen here.

We want to take this opportunity to welcome you home. Just as any family gathering feels less complete when someone is missing, so we have missed you from our family gatherings at Sunday Mass and at other celebrations throughout the year. We hope you feel comfortable here, and participate in Mass as much as you feel comfortable to do. And, please, we hope you will come back.

Heartfelt thanks to our active members of Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Counsel. You are among the treasures of our parish community. Thank you for your faithfulness and for the many ways you support our community of faith.

May God’s blessings and peace extend to you and your loved ones,
Fr. Matthew O’Leary,
Pastor

July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012

Total FY Offering Budget:

Week 24 December 18, 2011

Our Financial Stewardship

Year To Date:

Offerings Received Dec.17/18, 2011	\$	16,695.22
FY '11-12 Year To Date Budgeted:	\$	352,017.75
FY '11-12 Year To Date Received:	\$	327,873.14
FY '11-12 Year To Date Surplus:	\$	
FY '11-12 Year To Date Shortage:	\$	(24,144.61)

Parish Mortgage Loan & Payment Status

Total Loan Amount:	\$	2,836,486.44
FY '11-12 Interest Paid To Date:	\$	47,215.36
FY '11-12 Principal Paid To Date:	\$	0.00
FY '11-12 Total Payments:	\$	47,215.36
Interest Past Due (as of 11/30/11):	\$	228,770.05

Other Donations:

Food Bank	\$	700.00
SVDP	\$	1,167.36
Other	\$	2,385.15

Thank You To All For Your Stewardship Support!

Let us know if you have any questions.

The Members of Your Finance Council are:

Denny Woyak (Chairman), Susie Brown (Bookkeeper),
Bob Lorenz, Chuck Nicholas, Walt Kuehlthau,
Janice Melodia, Kory Pederson
Fr. Matthew O'Leary (Pastor)

Our Saints

December 23—JOHN OF KANTY (1390-1473) was a priest and professor of philosophy and theology at the University of Cracow (the late Pope John Paul II's archbishopric). John of Kanty was noted for his austerity, humility, and charity. He is the patron of Poland.

**IMPORTANT YEAR END
DONATION INFORMATION**

For 2011, New Years Day occurs on a Sunday. For your tax records, please note that those putting their offertory contribution in the basket at the Saturday evening Masses are making a gift in **2011**, while those putting their offertory contribution in the collection basket on Sunday, January 1 are making a gift in **2012**. Any contributions mailed to the office will be counted as 2011 if it is postmarked in 2011.

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY DISCIPLES
PARISH**

Monday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

No Mom & Tot Group in Church Nursery

Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM

Monday Night Bible Study-7:00PM

Tuesday, -December 27

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30AM Choir-7:00PM

Bible Study-7:00PM

Wednesday, December 28

OFFICE CLOSED

Rosary-8:40AM

Mass-9:00AM

Bible Study-10:00AM

Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM

New Creation Choir-7:00PM

Thursday, December 29

OFFICE CLOSED

Rosary-8:40AM

Mass-9:00AM

Friday, December 30

OFFICE CLOSED

Rosary-8:40AM

Mass-9:00AM

Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM

Saturday, December 31

Mass-5:00PM

Sunday, January 1

Mass- 8:30 & 10:30AM

December 25: Christmas

The angel told the shepherds that the Savior was born and where to find him. How and when are we told?

God reveals divine presence in someone's generous offer, in a plea for help, in the cry of the poor and the oppressed, in the child needing reassurance, in the aged needing a listening ear, in the sick needing a consoling hand. Today we see not a Baby in the manger, but a saving God working through and among us.

This Christmas through your gifts the Society of St.

Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christ to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families, providing funds for utility and rent bills. Thanks!

You can now donate to St. Vincent de Paul on line on the Holy Disciples web site.

Help, Help, Help

The Food Bank Manager is in dire need of anyone who could drive to various places in the area to pickup food for the Food Bank. All that is required is that you have a driver license and a good driving record. If you can help please call Julie Wiesen at 253-846-3805

LITURGY-Dec. 31/JAN 1

Sacristans:

5:00PM-Jan-Marie Glaze

8:30AM-Allen/Sheryl Beck

10:30AM- Myrt Carlson

Linen Warrior-Charlene Whittaker

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00PM-David Goreczny, Bud & June Guimond, Mimi Lampert, Tim Maguire, Ken & Marcia Maertens, Lori Marchetti, Ivonne Martinez

8:30AM- Bob & Annette Williams, Mark Bush, Tom Bush, Frank Chamberlain, Dee Craig, Gloria Jean, Don Fouraker, Heidi Anderson

10:30AM-Pam Nelson, Lucy Phillips, Susan Taylor, Oscar Rodreguez, Maria Rodreguez, Barbara Smith, Mary Tillman, Francisco Velasco, Connie Villanueva

Lectors:

5:00PM-Joanne Shoji, Phil Heinzman

8:30AM-Tony Huff, Geri Haworth

10:30AM-Barb Frye, Mar Corpuz

Altar Servers:

5:00PM-Jack H., Duncan, Nicholas

8:30AM-

10:30AM-

Coffee & Donut Fellowship:

8:30AM Mass-10:30AM Mass: No donuts-Christmas

LITURGY

Readings for the Nativity of the Lord: Vigil

Isaiah 62: 1-5; Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25;
Matthew 1: 1-25

Readings for the Nativity of the Lord: Midnight

Isaiah 9: 1-6; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14

Readings for the Nativity of the Lord: Dawn

Isaiah 62: 11-12; Titus 3: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-20

Readings for the Nativity of the Lord: Day

Isaiah 52: 7-10; Hebrews 1: 1-6; John 1: 1-18

Readings for Mary, Mother of God

Numbers 6: 22-27; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2:16-21

YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior & Senior High

Junior High and Senior High will resume our regular schedule of gathering on Tuesdays and Thursdays on January 3 and 5, respectively.

SACRAMENTAL PREP

Preparation continues on January 22 when we learn about Reconciliation.

DEPLOYED PARISHIONERS

Aaron, Alex, Anthony, Bill, Bryce, Conrado, Damian, Dave, Denise, Dennis, Dominic, Don, Donald, Eric, Greg, James, Jeff, Joe, John, Joseph, Kim, Mark, Matthew, Noel, Richard, Rick, Ryan, Sara, Sam, Thomas.

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as you protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. Amen.”

Please remember these individuals in your prayers:
Sue Ford, Monica Harvey, Delores Reed.

When the names of the ill have been in the spoken Prayers of the Faithful for a month or more, they will then be remembered in our prayers from this list in the bulletin.

Infant Baptism Preparation Classes

(Birth to seven years of age)

Classes for parents wishing to Baptize their children will be held on
Monday January 9th & 26th, 2012 at 7:00PM

Both evenings are required. You can choose to attend while waiting the birth of your baby or after the birth. Godparents are encouraged to attend with you. Childcare is available by reservation. To register, please call Rosemary in the parish office 253-875-6630

BUNCO PARTY SAVE THE DATE

Hospitality Commission is sponsoring it's second Bunco Night on January 20, 2012. Please save the date. Further information will be available in the bulletin after the holidays.



St. Vincent de Paul Truck

St. Vincent de Paul will have their truck at Holy Disciples Church parking lot to collect electronic items on: Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22.

Religious Education Faith Formation Kindergarten thru Grade 6

No classes this weekend,
it is our Christmas Break.
Classes will resume January 7th.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated
Friday, January 13th 6:30PM
& Saturday, January 14th at 10:00AM

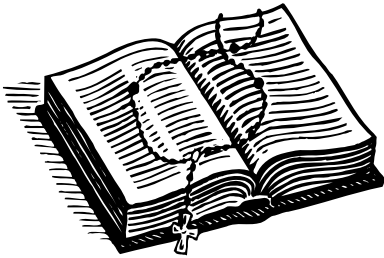
Adult Education Opportunities

God and Coffee

Mark your calendars now!
Friday, January 6th at 7:00PM
Fr. Matthew will host the third part of
Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism series.

Small Group Book Study

Discussing "My Life with the Saints"
Wednesday Evenings in January, 7:00PM
Or, Thursday Mornings in January, 10:00AM



Spanish Bible Reflection Class

Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00AM
Parish Office small conference room
Resumes January 8th
This group meets during Sunday morning
Faith Formation classes.

Children's Baptism Preparation

Classes are held every other month for parents
seeking to have their children,
who are under the age of 8, baptized.

This two part class will be offered Mondays,
January 9th and 16th at 7:00PM, in Classroom 4.
For more information or to sign up for this class
please call the parish office or email
robrienwilson@holydisciples.org

A Big Thank You

Thank you so much to all that participated in the Giving Tree. We had over 200 children who had needs and wishes for Christmas gifts. By your generosity their wishes were fulfilled. Our appreciation for your giving cannot be expressed by mere words, but the joy that these children will experience Christmas morning (even though we will not be there) will be thanks to all. The generosity of this parish is amazing! God bless you all and a very Merry Christmas.

Hospitality Commission



*Shepherds, angels, and Magi come to marvel at
God's love for us.*

*This Christmas may you see the wonders of
that love.*

*God's blessings of comforting peace and
strengthening joy be yours this Christmas and
through the New Year.*

*Christmas Blessings from the Holy Disciples
Staff.*