

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Rosary Cathedral:

During the course of my absence from the Cathedral campus last weekend to receive the diploma awarding me a doctoral degree in Minnesota, I also seized the opportunity to attend a viewing of the movie *The Nativity Story* at a theatre nestled in the Mall of America. This movie is a "must see" holiday motion picture. The single-most thread that bound this movie together was the continual need for change in the lives of those integral to God's plan to save the world. All of the leading characters of the Christmas story experience change in their lives. For Mary and Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Kasper, Melchior and Balthazar (the magi); yes, even King Herod, life would never be the same once God came to share life with us on earth.

As we begin to depart from Advent and enter the glorious season and joy of Christmas in a matter of hours this year, let us not forget that change is at the heart of Christmas. Think of all the touching holiday movies ever made. Most, if not all in some way portray a change that occurs in the heart of someone who longs for happiness, but for some unforeseen reason just cannot see. Remember the young Natalie Wood who played Susie in *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* and her conversion of heart in knowing the true meaning of Christmas? Recall Jimmy Stewart who portrayed the character George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life* and his conversion of heart in realizing all he had in family and friends after contemplating suicide? And for the young at heart, recall Ebenezer Scrooge's change of heart in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, or Dr. Seuss' Grinch who tried to steal Christmas and his conversion. These are stories and plotlines that emulate our human condition. They are about us.

I am mindful this Christmas holiday of the situations in many lives where Christmas will simply be another day in the week. Some people will be alone this Christmas; others will feel the tremendous void of emptiness in mourning the loss of a spouse or family member. There will be family members in some households that will not be seeing or speaking to each other this Christmas because of arrogant pride or past hurts. These are the settings that need change. These are the circumstances warranting conversion of heart.

In addition to your personal Christmas prayer this holiday, recall these circumstances and ask the Lord God to inspire in the hearts of everyone a change of attitude. May God fill the emptiness that prohibits us to receive on this holy feast the grace only He, the Christ

and Messiah, can and does give to us. God bless you and keep you this holiday.

Merry Christmas,  
Father Singler

***Liturgies for the Week***

**December 25 - 31, 2006**

**Christmas 12:00 a.m.** † Zach Forrest

**Christmas 9:00 a.m.** † Deceased Members of the Bernhoffer, Menes and Petroski Families

**Christmas 11:00 a.m.** † Vera Dyko

Tuesday 7:00 a.m. **No Mass Today**

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Menes

Thursday 7:00 a.m. † Rosa & Anton Bernhoffer

Friday 7:00 a.m. † Augustina Toral

Saturday 8:00 a.m. † Tommy Murphy

Saturday 4:30 p.m. † Wava Frost

Sunday 9:00 a.m. † John O'Sullivan

Sunday 11:00 a.m. † For The Parish



**Please Pray For**

The following have asked for our prayers:

Marsha Andrzejewski, Frank Annarino, Timothy Bohland, Enrique Canales, Augustine Escobar, Jason Greener, Marilyn Kurtzman, Judith Lerner, Grace Nasser, Eileene Rafferty, Lydia Ramirez, Mabel Rice, David Rodriguez, Ronald Rodriguez, Albert Skalski, Charles D. and Rita Singler (Parents of Fr. Singler), Frank Sniadecki, Dan Szymanski, Diane Wagner and Florence Wagner.

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

As we look forward to Christ's coming, we ask God's forgiveness.

**In the First Reading,** Micah 5:1-4a

A prophet announces the birth of an ideal king. He will bring the people peace.

**In the Second Reading,** Hebrews 10:5-10

We are reminded that Christ came into the world to do his Father's will. His sacrifice replaced all earlier sacrifices.

**In the Gospel,** Luke 1:39-45

Promise and fulfillment come together as Elizabeth greets Mary and John recognizes Jesus.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

***Readings for Christmas and next weekend:***

*The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas at the Vigil Mass*

First Reading     Isaiah 62:1-5  
 Second Reading   Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
 Gospel             Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

*Christmas – Mass at Midnight*

First Reading     Isaiah 9:1-6  
 Second Reading   Titus 2:11-14  
 Gospel             Luke 2:1-14

*Christmas – Mass During the Day*

First Reading     Isaiah 52:7-10  
 Second Reading   Hebrews 1:1-6  
 Gospel             John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

*December 31, 2006 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

First Reading     Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
 Second Reading   Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
 Gospel             Luke 2:41-52



*Rosary Cathedral Parish Office Staff would like to extend prayers of peace, joy and love to everyone this Christmas season and throughout the coming year.*

**Offertory Report for  
December 16 & 17, 2006**

120 Regular Offertory Envelopes	\$	3,272.75
Loose	\$	507.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,780.70</b>
Mailed Offertory	\$	83.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,863.70</b>
Average 25 weeks	\$	3,744.50
Weekly Needed	\$	6,388.40
Total Year to Date Needed	\$	159,710.10
Total Year to Date Received	\$	93,612.45
Shortfall Year to Date	\$	66,097.65
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	77.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	20.00
Christmas	\$	165.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	240.00
Parish Partnership Program	\$	586.00

**Cathedral Christmas Premiere**

For some time cathedral director of music, Paul Monachino, contemplated the creation of a festive musical arrangement of the Gospel Acclamation written specifically for the Christmas season. In addition, he thought a new setting of Psalm 98 for Midnight Mass might be a good companion for this project.

For many years Midnight Mass was special to Cathedral parishioners Ruth and John Lewandowski. Ruth was a lector for this Mass each year until her death in 2005. When contacted about assisting with this project the Lewandowski family responded warmly with a generous gift to the parish that allowed the Cathedral to commission a Responsorial Psalm for Midnight Mass and a Gospel Acclamation for the Christmas season. This newly composed music will be dedicated to the memory of Ruth and John Lewandowski and heard for the first time at Midnight Mass this Christmas.

The composer of this work is Dr. Daniel Laginya, Organist-Choirmaster at the Cathedral of Saint Columba in Youngstown since 1981. A native of Warren, Ohio he is a graduate and, since 2002, a faculty member of Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music.



**The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Normal business hours will resume on Wednesday, December 27 at 9:00 AM.**

**A Family Perspective:** In the gospel Elizabeth told Mary "blessed is she who believes the promises made by the Lord." We celebrate Jesus' birth because He revealed God's promises of unconditional love, eternal life and the greatness achieved through service to others. If, like Mary, you believe these promises, blessings come. It is a Merry Christmas for believers.

**TAKE NOTE:**

If you would like financial contributions to be credited to the 2006 tax year, all gifts must be postmarked or contributed **and** in the parish office by **Sunday, December 31, 2006**. If mailed, the postmark date must be 2006. If the postmark is 2007, IRS regulations stipulate that the donation must be credited as a 2007 donation, even if the check date is 2006.

**Counseling Assistance Fund.** The holidays can be a stressful time for those who have been harmed by sexual abuse, especially by representatives of the Church. Counseling is a vital part of the healing process for these survivors. The Counseling Assistance Fund, created by the Catholic Conference of Ohio, can help individuals who are reluctant to contact the Church for help. For more information or to submit a claim, go to the website at [www.counselingassistancefund.org](http://www.counselingassistancefund.org)

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG  
WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE  
FRUIT OF THY WOMB.



23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wieczor Koled  
“Evening of Carols”  
St. Hyacinth Church  
Corner of Parkside and Victory  
Sunday, January 7, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.  
Free Admission ~ Refreshments to follow in the  
School Hall

The concert will consist of choirs from surrounding churches performing Holiday music in English, Polish, and other languages. St. Hyacinth is located at 719 Evesham Avenue, Toledo, 43607.

A “Night of Wisdom” is being held for college students and young adults at St. Wendelin Parish Life Center, 323 North Wood Street, Fostoria, OH on Saturday, January 13, 2007 from 6:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Registration: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost: \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per married couple. You are asked to bring one of the following to share: soup, bread or dessert. Fr. Bob Wilhelm’s topic will be the “Humanity of Jesus.” The evening will also include live music, card games, board games...whatever participants bring to enjoy with others! For more information contact Sr. Rita Schroeder at: 419-244-6711, ext. 332 or [rschroeder@toledodiocese.org](mailto:rschroeder@toledodiocese.org). Babysitting available for \$5 per child. You are also welcome to attend the parish Saturday evening Mass at 4:30 p.m.



**Monday, December 25, 2006 - Christmas**

- 12:00 a.m. Christmas Midnight Mass (Cath)
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Cath)
- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Cath)

**Tuesday, December 26, 2006**

- No Mass Today
- Parish Offices Closed

**Wednesday, December 27, 2006**

**Thursday, December 28, 2006**

**Friday, December 29, 2006**

**Saturday, December 30, 2006**

**Sunday, December 31, 2006**

**PARISH REGISTRATION:**

Please notify the Parish Office at 419-244-9575 when you have a telephone number and/or address change so we can keep our records current. New members are always welcome and can register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Baptisms are celebrated at Rosary Cathedral on the third Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m. Parents of first-born children are required to attend a one-hour preparation conference before the baptism. Call the parish office at 419-244-9575 for more information and to register for the conference.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Marriages at Rosary Cathedral are celebrated on Fridays at 5pm or 6pm, Saturdays at 10am, 12 noon, and 2pm. Engaged couples should contact the parish office a minimum of six months in advance in order to complete the necessary preparation. At least one member of the couple MUST be in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Confessions are heard each Saturday from 3-4pm in the Cathedral. Communal Reconciliation services are also held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:**

When admitted to an area hospital, parishioners should contact the Parish Office in order to receive a pastoral visit, the Sacrament of the Sick, or Holy Communion.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the Bishop’s Daily Mass Chapel every First Friday of the Month following daily 7am Mass until 12 noon.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DAY & TIME	SAT Dec. 30 4:30 PM	SUN Dec. 31 9:00 AM	SUN Dec. 31 11:00 AM	SAT Jan. 6 4:30 PM	SUN Jan. 7 9:00 AM	SUN Jan. 7 11:00 AM
DEACON	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran
LECTORS	1. J. Dillon 2. J. Paden	1. J. McKittrick 2. B. Gackstetter	1. T. Desmond 2. S. Avina	1. S. Blaskovic 2. J. Felton	1. M. Glowacki 2. E. Glowacki	1. L. Reiter 2. J. Malhoit
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	3. M. Canales 4. B. Beerbower	3. J. Neuser 4. R. Gackstetter	1. M. Tran 2. M. Warrick 3. D. Pribor 4. R. Angelo 5. I. Angelo 6. E. Salazar	3. P. Felton 4. J. Zimmel	3. T. Marciniak 4. J. Marciniak	1. S. Schneider 2. M. J. Flores 3. R. Knowles 4. M. Knowles 5. D. Tomczak 6. C. Keran
MC's	D. Demski	D. Hoffman	M. Leasor	M. Leasor	D. Demski	D. Hoffman
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Dillon <i>Need</i>	C. Gackstetter C. Lightfoot T. Taylor	J. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez M. Marquez	M. Blaskovic G. Hoffman	P. Dysard T. Dysard	K. Ramos J. Ramos T. Ramos
USHERS	H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi	C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic	C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi