

**DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2004**  
**THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: Dec. 13, 2004

MON, 8:00 AM Helen Ruth Coleman  
 TUES, 8:00 AM Lee Short  
 WED, 8:00 AM Earl Coleman  
 THURS,  
 FRI, 8:00 AM Otto Wells  
 SAT, 5:30 PM Charles & Ellen Pratt  
 SUN, 8:00 AM The People of the Parish  
 10:00 AM Milo Crist, Sr.

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK OF:**  
**DECEMBER 18TH & 19TH**

**CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

SAT, 5:30 SUN, 8:00 SUN, 10:00  
 C. Jeanne DeGonia Don Thompson Jan Coleman  
 L Ken Missey Mahlon McNabb Charlie  
 Schloemer

**LECTORS**

SAT, 5:30 SUN, 8:00 SUN, 10:00  
 Jeanne DeGonia Sharon Forrester Stephanie Bone



**\*MUSIC\***  
 SAT 5:30-Chala Short  
 SUN 8:00-Rebecca Richards  
 SUN 10:00-Anita Govero



**! SERVERS!**  
 SAT 5:30-Rebecca Neier & Rebakah Pashia  
 SUN 8:00-Jinnger Rogers & Garrick Zinecker  
 SUN 10:00-Caitlin Bone & Todd Thebeau



**DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
 SATURDAY: Aaron East  
 SUNDAY: Jim Chazelle

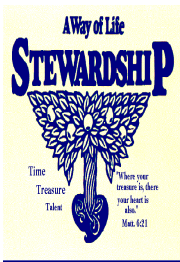


**GIFT BEARERS**  
 5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Darling  
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Randy Davis  
 10:00 Aona DeClue & Georgia DeClue



**HEAVENLY DUSTERS**  
 Susan Mathis & Sharon Forrester

**ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP OPEN**  
 1st Sunday of Every Month  
 SUZANNE SHORT 438-4787



**ENVELOPES .....\$3,245.00**  
**LOOSE.....\$208.00**  
**CHILDREN .....(2) ... \$3.00**  
**Christmas Gift ..... \$45.00**  
**Retired Religious ..... \$10.00**  
**Seminary ..... \$35.00**  
**Solemnity of Mary .....\$20.00**  
**Human Development ... \$5.00**  
**Immaculate Conception \$32.00**  
**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL.\$75.65**

**FOR THE WEEK OF:**  
**December 5,**  
**2004**

**NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00**  
**RECEIVED: \$3,550.00**

**P** We will NOT have PSR classes this week (December 15th) because of Christmas Vespers at the High School. We WILL have classes next week December 22nd.

**S** The Parish Council will not meet this week.

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**  
 The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who helped, donated and attended their Christmas Bazaar this past weekend. **THANK YOU.**

**QUILT WINNER ..... Russell Murdick**  
**DOLL HOUSE WINNER .... Phyllis Long**

**ATTENTION SERVERS!!!**  
**PLEASE call Gail at the Rectory (438-4686) and volunteer for the Christmas Masses.**

**TOUCHDOWNS WITH ST. JAMES**  
**THIS WEEK WINNERS ARE:**  
**High Score: MaryAnn Woodland (116)**  
**Low Score: Patty Boyer (18)**

**READINGS:**  
**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Ps 25:4-9 Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23 Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13 Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:3-4,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17  
**Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**  
**St. James Chursh**  
 Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM  
**St. Joseph Church, Bonne Terre**  
 MONDAY, December 20th at 7:00 PM  
**EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES**  
**St. Joachim, Old Mines**  
 SATURDAY, December 18th Noon - 4:30 PM  
**St. Stephens Church, Richwoods**  
 TUESDAY, December 21st 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS**  
**Friday, December 24 – 7:30 PM**  
**Saturday, December 25th - Midnight**  
**Saturday, December 25th – 9:00 AM**  
**SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY**  
**December 26th – 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM**

**ST. JAMES 175TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK MEMORIAL**  
 Looking for that great gift for someone?  
 Why not purchase a cookbook!  
 You may purchase cookbooks at the Rectory Office.  
 \$10.00

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**  
 When all the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over, don't you both deserve a beautiful weekend away together? If you agree and need more information about Marriage Encounter Weekend, call 314-469-7317 to learn about the upcoming 2004 weekends.

**You are Great!!**  
 Yes, we mean you. You seem surprised. You are great because you are doing great things. They may appear to be little things, but your consistent concern, week after week, as you contribute to the St. Vincent de Paul Society is a great thing. And especially to the children who bring can goods. **Thank You.**

**GOOD NEWS**  
 Third Sunday of Advent  
 Isaiah 35:1-6,10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11  
 John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

Amos preached social justice. Hosea demonstrated compassion. Jeremiah was undaunted in the pursuit of truth. The Old Testament prophetic books challenge us to witness these values in our own time. Prophets are deeply involved in society's concerns.

The author of Isaiah 35, in the sixth century B.C., encounters a dispirited community of exiles. Defeated in battle and driven from their homeland, they are without hope. The prophet responds by recalling the joyous memories of the exodus from Egypt. A second exodus is in store, symbolized by the healing granted to the blind, the dead, the lame, and the mute.

The author of James tells the suffering Christians to be like the Palestinian farmer who eagerly anticipates the winter and spring rains. Suffering demands patience. This was the case for the Old Testament prophets who spoke out in spite of persecution. Modern prophets must be equally strong.

Matthew initially describes John the Baptist as a fiery preacher of judgment and reform. Now he addresses the Baptist's dilemma during his imprisonment. John learns that Jesus is not preaching fire and brimstone but curing the sick, raising the dead, and consoling the poor. John must have wrestled with this seeming contradiction, yet he remained true to his personal call. As a result, John found himself not in Herod's palace but in Herod's prison.

Baptism is a call to a prophetic career. The expression may vary with each individual: speaking out against injustice; denouncing leaders interested only in personal gain; offering hope to the distraught; embracing the lonely and the sick. These examples may not seem as dramatic as the adventures of an Isaiah or a John the Baptist, yet they are in that same great prophetic tradition. To be prophetic is to become involved.

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