

# Holy Family Newsletter



Feb-Mar 2012

## Rosary Sodality Minutes

**January 17, 2012**

The Guild meeting took place after the 6:30pm Mass. Fr. Schott opened the meeting with a prayer. Jacqui Scharfenkamp read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report.

**OLD BUSINESS: 1.)** Soup supper was discussed. We served 400 people and had a profit of \$1914.50. President Betty Onken thanked everyone who made the soups, donated ingredients, sandwiches, desserts and their time. Dates for next year to be determined.

**2.)** Two funerals were held in December. Lidderdale Country Store catered for both, so we provided workers. **3.)** Our Thanksgiving Tree and Christmas Family gifts had a great response. Thanks to all who donated. Betty delivered Christmas goodie trays to our nursing home parishioners. They were appreciated. **4.)** Parish Potluck was held Sunday, January 15. Discussed holding it Saturday night after Mass. Will discuss more at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS: 1.)** Bingo Dates: Mallard View - Feb. 20, May 14, & Aug 13; Carroll Health Center - March 26, June 25, & Sept. 24; Regency Park - April 16 & July 16. **2.)** Guild dues are \$10. Only 26 out of 65 ladies have paid their dues. Discussed getting a list to Sue to send out envelopes for ones who haven't paid. Jacqui will do this. **3.)** Catholic Schools Week Mass is January 28. Michelle Pudenz will line this up. **4.)** Ash Wednesday is February 22. Lenten Tree will be in back of church. Please be generous. **5.)** Church Pork Chop Dinner is March 18. We will be serving grilled pork chops this year. Cost will be Adults/\$8. and Kids 5-12/\$5. and under 5/free. We will send tickets to active and retired priests in the area. **6.)** Church cleaning will be March 30 & 31. First Communion will be April 14. Prom is April 14 at Carroll High and April 21 at Kuemper. Graduation will be May 20 for Kuemper & South Central Calhoun and May 27 for Carroll High. Next meeting is September 25, 2012. Meeting adjourned. Jacqui Scharfenkamp Secretary/Treasurer.

## **STEPPING STONES (December)**

### Baptized in Christ:

Emma Grace Campbell (daughter of Robert & Erin Campbell)



### Died in Christ Full of Hope in the Lord:

+Rose M. Ludwig (December 1)

+Lowell B. Daniel (December 19)

**Feb. 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY MASS & ASHES: 8:00am**

**Tuesdays: March 6, March 20 & April 3**

**Lent Reconciliation 6:30pm**

**Lent Devotions 7:00pm**



**ROSARY SODALITY:** Our Rosary Sodality provides **leadership** for most of our parish activity and pays for all the church/sacristy expenses. All this leadership and financial help is a great benefit to our parish. I urge every woman in our parish to support our Rosary Sodality. Say "yes" when asked to help. Volunteer. Support the Guild with your annual \$10 dues. Please use the envelope mailed to you. Our whole parish thanks you.



**Holy Family Parish, Lidderdale**

**Pork Chop Dinner**

**Sunday, March 18 -- 10:00am-1:00pm**

**At Holy Family Parish Hall**

**Adults/\$8.00 Children 12-5/\$5.00 Under 5/Free**

## **Our Stewardship: Nov 29, '11—Jan 24, '12**

### **Parish Income:**

<i>Adult Church Support</i>	\$ 23,951.47
<i>Youth Church Support</i>	7.00
<i>Loose Offerings Church Support</i>	396.45
<i>Rental Property Income</i>	1,075.00
<i>DAA from Diocese</i>	2,060.44
<i>Choir Income</i>	50.00
<i>Candle Money</i>	84.05
<i>Dividend/Interest Income</i>	106.39

### **Total Income:**

**\$ 27,730.80**

### **Parish Expenses:**

<i>Priests Salary</i>	\$ 191.67
<i>Priests Health Insurance</i>	71.00
<i>Secretary/Bookkeeper Wages</i>	134.75
<i>Housekeeper Wages</i>	17.96
<i>Janitor Wages</i>	42.92
<i>Lay Employees' Benefits</i>	21.84
<i>Telephone - Rectory &amp; Hall</i>	23.04
<i>Church Supplies</i>	94.49
<i>Office Supplies-Computer &amp; Copier</i>	85.60
<i>Food &amp; Provisions</i>	21.66
<i>Postage &amp; Freight</i>	328.00
<i>Presbyteral Council Dues</i>	50.00
<i>Utilities-Gas &amp; Electricity - Church/Rectory</i>	1,787.51
<i>Utilities-Gas &amp; Electricity - Hall</i>	413.16
<i>Utilities-Water &amp; Garbage - Church</i>	66.29
<i>Utilities-Water &amp; Garbage - Rectory</i>	3.95
<i>Utilities-Water &amp; Garbage - Hall</i>	49.05
<i>Property &amp; Liability Insurance</i>	358.50
<i>KCSS Assessment</i>	17,703.30
<i>Diocesan Administration</i>	477.00
<i>Religious Education Assessment</i>	390.00
<i>Cemetery Expenses</i>	150.00
<i>Miscellaneous Expense</i>	3.09

### **Total Expenses:**

**\$ 22,484.78**

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IT SEEMS TO ME... February 2012 – *Father Schott*



**#1 A New Year!** – January is nearly past, but I want to congratulate you on helping us begin 2012 with a positive financial balance. I am so proud of you. I hope that we began 2012 with a positive spiritual balance as well, with a stronger faith, deeper trust in God, a more firm hope, and a richer love for God and for all. I pray that 2012 will be another year of spiritual growth/progress for each of us.

**#2 Our property and how we protect it**

One of the blessings of 2011 has been Fr. Dale Reiff's taking residence in our parish rectory. It is great to have our parish house being used, plus Father Reiff graciously offers a morning Mass the first Sunday of each month and several weekdays each week. Other benefits are that he pays rent each month and by living in the house provides an important degree of protection to our property.

Our insurer (Catholic Mutual Relief Society) did an on-site inspection in 2011. For 2012 they asked us to do a self-inspection, which Joe Daniel and I completed Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Our property is in great shape, and I expect we will receive a positive report. Our property & liability insurance premium is \$3,202..

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**COFFEE & ROLLS:** On the First Sunday of every month after 8:30am Mass. Call Katie Daniel 822-5592 to sign-up to chair a Sunday.

**#3 The new Roman Missal**

I appreciate your learning the new responses. In a few months we will know them by heart. I have been using the same options for a couple of months but will begin introducing some alternatives.

The Greeting. I have been using the third (the most simple) option: *The Lord be with you.* This greeting comes from the Old Testament *Book of Ruth 2:4* and has been the traditional Latin greeting in Catholic liturgy: *Dominus vobiscum.*



The first option is also a biblical text, a verse from St. Paul's *Second Letter to the Corinthians 13:13*– *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* Except for a few words this is a greeting we have used for the past 40 years. The second option, also a biblical text, a verse from St. Paul's *Letter to the Romans 1:7*– *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* We see in these three options the Roman Missal's preference for prayer texts drawn from Sacred Scripture, rather than human compositions.

Our Response. The Latin response to each of these three greetings is *Et cum spiritu tuo*...which the Roman Missal translates literally: *And with your spirit.* In the December newsletter I noted that this response we make reminds us that at Mass we participate in a spiritual activity. We recognize that we are spiritual persons, animated by the Holy Spirit.

The earliest tradition of this text (*And with your spirit*) makes clear that the *spirit* referred to is not the soul of the presiding deacon/priest/or bishop but rather the *spirit* he has received through ordination. When we hear the presider's greeting (*the Lord be with you*), we recognize that the ordained presider is giving us a spiritual gift (*the Lord*), a gift he is able to extend because he has been ordained to do so. By the sacrament of Holy Orders this deacon/priest/bishop has been conformed to Christ so that he can bring Christ to others in his ministry: *The Lord be with you.* Our answer (*and with*

*your spirit*) recognizes that we are engaged in a spiritual exchange, a gift from the Lord, offered by one set aside by the Church to offer this gift.

The Penitential Act. The word "act" is significant. This previously was called "the penitential rite." The word "act" reminds us that this is not a substitute for the sacrament of Reconciliation. This "act" does not forgive sins. Instead it reminds us that as sinners we need God's mercy, so that we can actually hear the word of God and celebrate the Holy Eucharist). The presider's invitation to this penitential act clearly notes this: *Let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.* Few of us enjoy being reminded that we are sinners. However, this humble acknowledgement of our need for mercy does open our hearts to God's grace.

There are three forms of this penitential act. The first is the traditional *confiteor* (*I confess to almighty God...*) that I have *greatly sinned in what I have done and what I have failed to do.* "Greatly" sinned is a more literal translation and another invitation to honest humility. We tend to excuse ourselves, but even the smallest sin is a great evil. Then we say: *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.* This three-fold (superlative) statement of self-accusation & repentance is meant to remind us of the superlative nature of God's mercy and great love.

The second form is a new translation of what we been using. Presider: *Have mercy on us, O Lord.* Response: *For we have sinned against you.* Presider: *Show us, O Lord, your mercy.* Response: *And grant us your salvation.*

The third form is similar to what we have been using. The presider addresses *Lord Jesus* with three statements of Christ's merciful actions. The response is: *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

**#4 Lent** begins February 22. Begin to think about how you will grow spiritually this Lent. Additional Reconciliation, Masses, devotions will be available and announced in coming Sunday bulletins. – *Father Schott*