**Sunday December 28th, 2014**

**St. Ann Catholic Mission**

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“We of St. Ann Parish, being of the family of Christ, commit our lives to Gospel values in the community in which we live and worship. Through Eucharist, Spiritual development, Evangelization and Ministry, we show that we love and serve all persons as brothers and sisters in Christ.”

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**Sunday Mass:**
9 a.m.
(Rosary: 8:30 a.m. prior to Mass)

**Tuesday:**
Word & Communion Service: 10:30 a.m.

**Holy Days:**
5:30 p.m. - Mass

**Adoration:**
1st Friday of the Month 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation/Saturday:**
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
(at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 26½ & H Roads, Grand Junction)

**Parish Staff:**
Pastor: Fr. Don Malin (970) 242-6121
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Parish Council
Tori Hellmann, President
Judy Cole, President-Elect
Joyce Valentine, Vice President
Bethel Davis, Patricia McComsey,
Jim Selcke and Joy Selcke,
Darius Shurden

Please call the parish office to arrange Holy Communion for the homebound.

Welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today!
If you are a newcomer to the area, please stop by the Hospitality Room and pick up a Registration Form.

Parishioners... complete the “Change Form” if you’ve had a recent change in information, for example, telephone number, address, e-mail, family composition, etc.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

Christmas in the secular-materialistic world of the country in which we live ended on December 25. For us Catholics, Christmas has just begun. That is why you are getting a Christmas bulletin on the 27th of December! Christmas is a twelve day celebration beginning at sundown on December 24 and ending at sundown on January 6. In the old Roman calendar, the Sundays after Christmas changed on Epiphany (January 6) and were counted as Sundays after Epiphany. Now we call them Sundays in Ordinary Time I.

In my neighborhood when I was growing up, a family who was part of the Orthodox Church didn’t celebrate Christmas with gifts on December 25. That day was just a Feast day. The important day for the children was January 6. Now that I am older, I have a greater appreciation for this plan of celebration for one heavenly reason and one earthly reason. If we would celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday and Epiphany as a time of gift giving, the meaning of the coming of the Messiah as the lowly infant would be more clear. As it is, the feast becomes burdened with too many themes. In a more worldly way, if we Catholics would copy our Orthodox cousins, we could take advantage of the “After Christmas” and “End of the Year” sales!

Seriously though, we received the tradition of celebrating our greatest feasts from our Jewish forebears, who celebrate extended feasts of Rosh Hashanah, and Hanukkah over eight days. Indeed, much of the Catholic world still preserves much of this idea of the eight-day festive celebrations. It is only in England and her colonies (or former colonies) that the festival has been truncated to a night and a day.

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Mass Intention: Charles McDermott by Arlene McDermott

- Sunday, December 28th 9:00 am Mass and Conversation
- Thursday, January 1st 9:00 am Mary Mother of God Holy Day Mass (Fr. Jim)
- Tuesday, January 6th 6:00 pm Latin Mass (St. Ann’s) Fr. Don
- Thursday, January 8th 5:00 pm Council Meeting

St. Ann Mission Weekly Financial Update
We’re grateful for the compassion, generosity and hope with which God blesses our St. Ann family.
Collections for Sunday December 21st, 2014: Total Offering: $750.00
Capital Improvement Contributions: $120.00

DMF update from the Diocese
DMF Status as of December 1st, 2014: Pledges $11,648.00 (including donations), Donations $11,038.00 The St. Ann’s DMF Goal for 2014 is $14,548.00.
Total 2014 Unpaid Pledges: $410.00
Thank You!

There are numerous opportunities for parishioners of St. Ann’s to help make a difference in the lives of people in the Grand Valley. Some of these opportunities include:

- **Child & Migrant Services**, 721 Peach Avenue, Palisade. Karalyn Dorn, director. Phone: 234-9460
- **Mesa County Migrant Ministries Community Thrift Shop**, 721 Peach Avenue, Palisade, Dee Farney. Phone: 464-1187 or 464-5146.
- **Holy Family Catholic School**, 786 26½ Road, Grand Junction. Julie Aubert, principal. Phone: 242-6168. (Development Office, Phone: 242-3292).
- **Newman Center at Colorado Mesa University**, Hunter Darrouzet, director. Phone 241-3670.

Liturgical Roles for Next Week
Sunday: January 4th, 2014

Mass Intention: Kaitlin Shurden by Darius & Gina Shurden

(Ministry Schedules are posted in the Hospitality Room).

Eucharistic Ministers: Irene Binggeli, Darla Beasley & Bethel Davis

Celebrant: Fr. Jim Plough

Lectors: 1st Dave Almandi 2nd Anita Martinez
Server: Ruth Partyka
Environment: Mary Commons & Ana Farnsworth
Musicians: Barb Griffin & Jerry Huber

Greeters: Marilyn Stroh & Bethel Davis
Counters: Ron Drapeau & Anita Martinez
Ushers: Marilyn Stroh & Don Pilarski
Coffee Hosts: Widegren Family
Please remember in your prayer the following: Barb Griffin, Steve Hall, Rex Widegren, Harold Mowery, Charlotte Trujillo, Ginny Fernandez, Nancy Taylor, Father Don’s sister, Judith, and Mary & Allen Brock.

Thank you to the caring people of St. Ann’s for your prayers and many acts of kindness. They were very much appreciated. I am feeling better and have every hope this will continue. Pat McComsey

A Very Big Thank You to our anonymous parishioner for your thoughtful gift of our new kneelers. Your caring act will be appreciated for years to come. We also want to thank the men that installed them. St. Ann’s is indeed blessed.

The Ladies Annual Christmas Party was another success. There was an abundance of yummy food and the gift exchange brought lots of laughter and fun. It was rewarding to see the amount of groceries donated to the food bank. The Christmas Spirit was alive. And, thanks to our social committee for all your hard work.

Please let: Mike, 464-5024, stannmission@q.com or DeAnn, 434-9772, deannsmallwood@yahoo.com know if you have anything you’d like in the bulletin. DeAnn is also available after Mass during coffee and communication time.

Please Note: Anyone who would like information added to the Calendar, Please Contact DeAnn or Mike. The monthly calendar is simply a “draft” so dates may be added or deleted as necessary.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet on Monday, January 12 at 1:00pm at St. Mary's Hospital in the Volunteers Conference Room. For more information, please contact Carol at 245-1952 or Joan at 255-9020.

Thank you, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Carol

You’re invited!! If you are a Grand Valley Youth (middle through high school) interested in joining other Catholics in an evening of faith and fun, then LifeTeen is for you! Our next LifeTeen mass and event is set to be held on January 10 at Fruita’s Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The evening begins with mass at 5pm followed by food, music and a scavenger hunt (dress warmly). End time is 7:30. Hope to see you there!

**FOOD FOR THE EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM**

We are now taking donations of non-perishable food to help feed the homeless men we will be hosting Jan. 5-19th. Things like nuts, granola or breakfast bars, packaged cookies and crackers, individual servings of oatmeal, cereal (raisin bran is a favorite), condiments for sandwiches. Food can be brought to the parish office. Closer to Jan. 5th, we will begin taking perishable food such as cheeses and cold cuts, milk, bread, fresh fruit, etc.

Furthermore, we are impoverished for the shortening of the holiday. My whole purpose in writing is to encourage you to make this holy day, Christmas, and its holy season last for the full twelve days.

Fr. Don

Happy New Year!

**EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM 2015:**

Christ gave all of humanity dignity through the incarnation. We can keep dignity alive for others, through our actions.

This year IHM will be serving as the emergency shelter provider for the homeless from Sunday, Jan 4th through Monday morning, Jan 19th. Overnight volunteers are needed for each night of the two weeks. Also, volunteers are needed for breakfast from Monday morning, Jan 5th through Monday morning, Jan 19th. For more information call the IHM office at 242-6121.

Happy Birthday & Thank You!  
(Jan 2nd)