



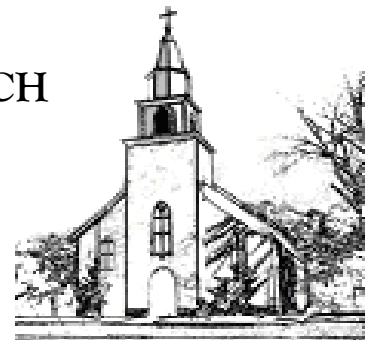
Established: 1872

# SACRED HEART & ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

305 Church Street, Loretto, TN 38469

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### January 3, 2010



Established: 1885

Off: 931-853-4370 Fax : 931-853-4373

Email: [office@sacredheartloretto.com](mailto:office@sacredheartloretto.com)

Website: [www.sacredheartloretto.com](http://www.sacredheartloretto.com)

#### PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Tomy P. Joseph, MSFS

931-853-4371

[frtjp@sacredheartloretto.com](mailto:frtjp@sacredheartloretto.com)

#### DEACON

Rev. Mr. Samuel C. Beckman

931-853-4831

#### MASS SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Saturdays –Sacred Heart

8:00 a.m. Sundays -St. Joseph

10:30 a.m. Sundays - Sacred Heart

8:00 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays- Sacred Heart

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays- Sacred Heart

6:00 p.m. Mondays Communion Service– Sacred Heart

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays, Adoration and Benediction– Sacred Heart

**Holy Day Mass Schedule: 8 a.m. at St. Joseph - 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart**

**Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday (Closed on Holy Days and Holidays)**

|   |                    |                       |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Secretary &amp; Bookkeeper:</b>        | Donna Hindman      | 853-4370              |
| <b>RCIA Director:</b>                     | Deacon Sam Beckman | 853-4831              |
| <b>DRE:</b>                               | Katy Thomas        | 852-2483              |
| <b>Sacred Heart Parish Council Chair:</b> | Karen Woodall      | 766-7887              |
| <b>St. Joseph Parish Council Chair:</b>   | Jay Thomas         | 852-2483              |
| <b>Sacred Heart Finance Board Chair:</b>  | Michael Cestaro    | 853-6946              |
| <b>St. Joseph Finance Board Chair:</b>    | Mary Evers         | 845-4393              |
| <b>Annual Committee Coordinator:</b>      | Vicki Beckman      | 853-6391              |
| <b>Music Ministry:</b>                    | Dianne Mc Masters  | 853-4984 Sacred Heart |
|   | David Beckman      | 853-5021 Sacred Heart |
|   | Leah Reeves        | 853-6866 Sacred Heart |
|   | Barbie Marks       | 845-4024 St. Joseph   |

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Any day by appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Requires 4 months preparation period. Please call the pastor and talk to him directly.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Any day by call, usually on 1st Fridays and Saturdays of every month.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Church

7:35 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. Sunday at St. Joseph Church

**Faith Formation Program:** Wednesdays: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Readings for next week:** January 10: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11, Psalm 104, Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7, Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

**Sacred Heart School, 307 Church Street, Loretto, TN 38469**

**Sacred Heart School Principal:** Mrs. Catherine N. Bradley Office Phone # 853-4388

**Sacred Heart School Office:** Mrs. Anthionette Beuerlein Office Fax # 853-4388

## OUR MISSION

We the people of Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Parishes, resolve to build up a living, loving, vibrant community of God's people who reach out to others around, cutting across the differences with a heart to accept, respect, integrate and follow the footsteps of Jesus, our Master and walk towards His Sacred Heart.

### From the pastor's desk

#### "What sort of New Year's Resolution should a Christian make?"

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a New Year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31st and January 1st. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31st. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make?

Common New Year's resolutions are: to quit smoking, to stop drinking, to manage money better, and spend more time with family. By far the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating healthier. These are all good goals to set. However, [1 Timothy 4:8](#) instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The vast majority of New Year's resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. This should not be.

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions, because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself?

[Philippians 4:13](#) tells us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." [John 15:5](#) declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has chance for success, depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God honoring and/or is not in agreement in God's Word, we will not receive God's help in fulfilling the resolution.

So, what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions:

- (1) Pray to the Lord for wisdom ([James 1:5](#)) in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make;
- (2) Pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you;
- (3) Rely on God's strength to help you;
- (4) Find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you;
- (5) Don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead allow them to motivate you further;
- (6) Don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. [Psalm 37:5-6](#),

"Commit your way to the **LORD**; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

Lovingly your pastor,

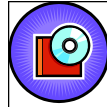
Fr. Tomy P. Joseph. MSFS

## Thoughts on Priesthood...

### Relationship

*Since the priesthood is rooted in Christ, it is by its nature in the Church and for the Church. Indeed, the Christian faith is not something purely spiritual and internal, nor is our relationship with Christ itself exclusively subjective and private. Rather, it is a completely concrete and ecclesial relationship.*

Address to clergy of the Diocese of Rome, May 13, 2005



## HOLY LAND DVD SHOW

Fr. Tomy brought a DVD from the Holy Land when he was there. The DVD will run about 2 hrs. He will show it on Sunday afternoon, January 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the PLC. A wide screen T.V. will be furnished by Green's Store. Everyone is welcome to come and see the DVD.

On Monday evening, January 4 at 5:30, he will show the DVD of his Mom's funeral in India. He invites everyone to come and see the Indian funeral culture.



## SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Pauley Andrew Niedergeses, brother of Elnora Williams, brother-in-law of Lucille Niedergeses and uncle of Ann Hartsfield, Marie Fowler, Ruthie, Bobby, Louie, Mark, Mike & Danny Niedergeses. May God grant him eternal rest.

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Christine Kamarad, sister-in-law of Anna Mae Beuerlein and aunt of Sarah Landtroop and Margaret Reeves. May God grant her eternal rest.



## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

Natural Family Planning is fertility awareness, the knowledge of a couple's fertility. It is a means of reading a woman's signs of fertility and infertility. The Couple to Couple League teaches three basic signs of fertility which can be used both to achieve or postpone pregnancy. With the Couple to Couple League we teach NFP within the moral constructs of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, with an emphasis on the teachings of Pope John Paul II and the Theology of the Body. Couples learn of God's vision and plan for marriage and family, and how to live out their sexuality while upholding and respecting the dignity of each other and their union. If you are interested, please sign up so we know how many couples to plan for. Classes are planned to begin in January. For more information, call Teaching Couple Jay & JoAnne Beam at (931) 565-3535. Even more information and registration are found at: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR DAVID ELLIS

Thank you to everyone who gave in the second collection for David Ellis. \$ 700.00 was collected for him. Fr. Tomy and Deacon Sam went to visit him on Tuesday afternoon. He is very grateful to everyone and asked to please keep him in your prayers.

## 4th DEGREE K OF C MEETING

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will have their regular meeting on Monday, January 11th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. All 4th Degree K. of C. are invited to attend.



## 2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES

As we begin the new year, most of you have received your contribution envelopes. If you have not, contact the church office. As you may have already seen, the gold envelope for the Bishop's Annual Appeal is included in this year's packets. You may send it directly to the diocese or you may put it in the collection basket and the Church office will send to the diocese each week. Your envelope will not be opened until it reaches the diocese. Please make you check separate for the BAA than from your church contributions. Some have also had concerns about their I.D. numbers being changed. Please call the Church office as soon as possible if you have any questions so that we can get everything in order for the new year.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2010

**Altar Society Meeting**— The Ladies Altar Society will meet on Wednesday evening, January 6 at 7:15 p.m. in the PLC. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. If you are new to the parish and would like to become a member of the Altar Society, please contact Connie Passarella.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**— The Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:15 p.m. in the PLC. All members are invited to attend. If you are new to the parish and would like to be a member of the K. of C. contact Richard Rohling.

These organizations do so many things to help our church, school and parish community. Please support them so that they can continue their ministry for Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishes.



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE -1- 3- 9 - 2010**

**Sunday, Jan 3– The Epiphany of the Lord-** Mass 8 a.m. St. Joseph, Intention– L & D of St. Joseph Parish, Mass 10:30 a.m. SHC, Intention– L & D of Sacred Heart Parish, Legion of Mary 1:30 p.m.

**Monday Jan 4** Communion Service 6 p.m., **Seniors meet 1- 4 p.m. in the PLC**

**Tuesday, Jan 5–** Mass 8 a.m. Intention—+Sophia Kress

**Wednesday, Jan 6–** Adoration 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mass 6:30 p.m. Intention- + Freeman & Annie Fowler , Altar Society meeting in PLC 7:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan 7–** Mass 8 a.m. Intention +Sophia Kress

**Friday, Jan. 8–** Mass 8 a.m. Intention +Rosamma Joseph,

**Saturday, Jan. 9–** Mass 5:30 p. m. Intention- + Elizabeth Henkel, Anniversary

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION FOR — January 9-10 – 2010**

| <b>Masses</b>                | <b>Saturday 5:30 p.m.</b>                               | <b>Sunday 8:00 a.m.</b>                          | <b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>                                   |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Deacon Sam Beckman<br>Lawrence Roberts<br>Lena Augustin | Deacon Sam Beckman<br>Miriam Green<br>Bill Frost | Deacon Sam Beckman<br>Sue Vess<br>Don Simbeck              |
| <b>Lectors</b>               | Bill Frost<br>Andy Etienne                              | Tommy Bottoms, III<br>Bob Beuerlein              | Don Simbeck<br>Sue Vess                                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Volunteers  | Volunteers                                       | Jeff Methvin, Dr. Ray Methvin,<br>Bob Burbank, Louis Kress |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | Courtney King, Drew King<br>Jacob Harris                | Matthew Hardiman<br>Riley Littrell               | Kristen Woodall, Dalton Neese,<br>Cade Rohling             |



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**December 27, 2009**

**Sacred Heart**

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Christmas Loose        | \$ 263.00  |
| Christmas Envelopes 58 | \$ 1315.00 |
| Loose                  | \$ 174.00  |
| Envelopes 89           | \$ 3119.00 |
| School Pledges 23      | \$ 1405.00 |
| Envelopes to school    | \$ 55.00   |
| For Henkel Property    | \$ 900.00  |
| David Ellis Collection | \$ 693.00  |

**St. Joseph**

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Loose– Christmas       | \$ 60.00  |
| Envelopes– Christmas 8 | \$ 125.00 |
| Loose                  | \$ 34.00  |
| Envelopes 12           | \$ 866.00 |
| Vigil lights           | \$ 6.00   |

**Thank you for your gifts to God.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



Thank you to everyone who helped with decorating the altar throughout the year. The 2010 calendar is open. If you would like to decorate the altar in 2010, call Lily Cestaro or Connie Passarella to get your date reserved.

**LIFE QUOTES...**

Life is like an onion: You peel one layer at a time and sometimes you weep. ~Carl Sandburg~

A good life is inspired by love and guided by knowledge and faith. ~Bertrand Russell~

We learn who we really are and then live with that decision. ~Eleanor Roosevelt~

## January Birthdays



### Sacred Heart

- 1-3– Richard Beckman
- 1-4– Sherry Kimbrel, Kayla Noblit
- 1-5– Lorene Rigling
- 1-6– Seth Augustin
- 1-7– Erin Hartsfield
- 1-8– Bill Kress

The birthday breakfast and brunch will be Sunday, January 24th after the Masses. Everyone is invited to come, bring food and enjoy the fellowship. Anyone who would like to host the brunch, let the church office know.

Please remember our sick and shut-ins and let Fr. Tomy know so he can visit and pray for them.



**In Hospital**– Neal Weaver– Vanderbilt  
Declan Giles – Vanderbilt Children’s

**In Nursing Facilities**–  
**(Mitchell Hollinsworth)**– Jeanie Kollefrath, Sylvester Hollman  
**(NHC- Scott)** Charles Hollmann,  
**(NHC– Brink)** Ruby Evers, Margie Krick, Alberta Joiner,  
D. T McMasters, T. L. Green  
**(Country Cottage)** Helen Evers, Bill Ayers  
**(Sunnyside)** Marie Fisher  
**(Merrill Gardens)**– Helen Pottkotter  
**(Summit)** Jean Kollefrath, Sonny Augustin

**In Home**– Lucille Niedergeses, Raymond Brown, David Ellis,  
Alisha Brooks, Johnny Etienne, Thomas Hardiman, Hilton French,  
Karl Lesy, Barbara Kizer, Dana Bearden, Elnora Williams, Thomas & Mamie Pettus, Anna Mae Beuerlein, Kevin Pettus, David Kress, Agnes O’Connor, Joe Boylan, James Patt, Chuck Neese, Maurice Ayers, Albert Kerstiens, Kathy Sullivan, Georgia Simbeck, Doris Ann Parrish, Doris Nell Burch, Jan Etienne, Jerry Scott, Mary Catherine Henkel, Kay White, Carol Ann Sandrell, Buddy Collins, Harlan McGee, Michael Weaver, Bruce Alsup, James & Irene Johns

## Something to think about...

Life can only be understood by looking backward, but it must be lived by looking forward.

Luke 9:62

### . True Christian Stewardship is Prayer, Sacrifice, Mercy.

- ◆ **Prayer** is the first and most important duty and joy of every faithful follower of Jesus Christ. With prayer you can obtain guidance from God, participate in God’s Providence over the lives of others, obtain the strength to do good and avoid evil, and pour out a myriad of blessings, both tangible and mystical, upon the whole world. Prayer is true treasure and there is where your heart should be. Whoever loves God prays.
- ◆ **Sacrifice** is the second and next most important duty and joy of every beloved child of God. Christ offered the ultimate Sacrifice to God--His own prayerful suffering and death on the Cross. We poor imitators of Christ ought to make little sacrifices and practice self-denial in all aspects of our lives. Prayer and Sacrifice combined are a powerful force in the world. Are you not getting what you ask for in your prayers? Add self-denial to prayer and this combination cannot fail to obtain great favor from God. “Prayer and Sacrifice--these are my strengths.” (St. Therese of Lisieux).
- ◆ **Mercy** is essential to the life of every sinner who hopes to obtain sufficient mercy from God to eventually enter into Eternal Life. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” (Mt 5:7). We can practice mercy for others by forgiving injury and insult, by doing good to those who do harm us, and by praying and sacrificing for those in need, be they friend or foe. We can practice being merciful through the spiritual and the temporal works of mercy. The practice of mercy includes offering our time and talents to those in spiritual or physical need. It also includes giving alms. The giving of alms can be in the form of material goods, such as food or clothing, or in the form of money.