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**Weekend of December 6th & 7th, 2008**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

Isaiah 40:4

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

December 8 of this year will mark the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Blessed Pope Pius IX. By this action the Pope affirmed that the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a truth revealed by God to the Church. The meaning of this dogma is that by God's grace Mary was preserved free from original sin from the first moment of her existence. In this way God prepared her to be the mother of his Son and our Savior. For Roman Catholics the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation, meaning that we must attend Mass on December 8. We do so in order to praise God for choosing Mary to be the mother of Jesus Christ. ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))

**Our Mass Schedule for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

*December 8<sup>th</sup>*

St. Anne at 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm  
St. Philomena at 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm

**Pastor**

Fr. Trey Nelson

**Associate Pastor**

Fr. Jamin David

**Bookkeeper**

Carol Guillot

**Office Manager/Secretary**

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**Reconciliation**

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

**Daily Masses**

Monday 5:00pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am Assumption

**Weddings**

*There is a required 6 month process of preparation. Wedding dates are tentative until first meeting with priest*

**Funerals**

*Please contact church office for help with arrangements*

**Baptisms**

*Contact office for the dates and times of baptism seminars and baptisms*

**Emergencies**

*Call 369-6656 and follow directions given on voice mail message*

# From the Tee Box

*A Weekly Letter from Our Clergy*

The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6-7, 2008



Dear Friends:

Happy Advent! This is my first opportunity to write to you during this holy season. Last weekend you heard from Fr. Jamin. There are 3 things that I would like to talk to you about in this week's column: 1. Our youth retreat (held from Nov. 21-23), 2. the final schedule of Mass times and locations for St. Anne and Assumption, and 3. a thought about the season of Advent itself. First, our weekend high school youth retreat. I have been doing retreats for almost 25 years, and I can honestly say that this retreat was the best ever. Of course, the credit goes first to God, but a lot of the credit goes also to our teenagers. They made this experience absolutely awesome. They entered into the retreat from the first moments that we were there. They related openly and respectfully to one another, and they truly touched my heart. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of the retreat. During the next couple of weeks you will notice display boards in church with photos from the weekend. I offer my special thanks to our adult leadership team (Kathy Landry, Philip Blanchard, Angela Bergeron, Yvette Hebert, and Ann LeBlanc) and to our 2 college students who were an incredible help (and witness) throughout the weekend (Drew Hock and Sarah Gravois.) Kathy and I are having an initial conversation about the possibility of offering another retreat sometime in the Spring.

Secondly, the final schedule of Mass times and locations. Our Mass schedule for Christmas Eve will be 4:00pm at St. Anne and 6:00pm at Assumption. For Christmas Day it will be 8:00am at St. Anne and 9:30am at Assumption. Beginning the very next weekend (December 27 and 28) and continuing on a permanent basis, our weekend Mass schedule will be Saturday 4:00pm at St. Anne, Sunday 8:00am at St. Anne, and Sunday 9:30am at Assumption. After much prayer and an appropriate amount of discussion and discernment, this is our final decision. For a detailed explanation, you can read my letter to our Parish Council of Ministries posted on our parish website (at [www.renewthebcc.com](http://www.renewthebcc.com).) Just click on the Parish Council tab.

Thirdly, a thought about Advent itself. As I write this letter to you, it is about 10:00pm on Monday night, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Many people have commented today, "can you believe it's already December?" I don't know why

time seems to go by faster and faster. Some say that it happens as you get older, others because we're busier and busier. Either way, I have not heard anyone recently say that time, for them, seems to drag on by slowly. Maybe in his own way Jesus knew that this would be our reality, when he said, "Stay awake! Be alert! You know not the day or the hour." Either way, I think we all know how valuable time is. For, to say that time is valuable is to say that life itself is valuable, something that we should not take for granted nor put off living to the fullest. In last week's Gospel, Jesus ended the lesson by simply saying, "what I say to you I say to all—watch!" The meaning of "watch" and the meaning of our Advent theme for this year, "take the time to make the time" are pretty much the same. In life, we can "watch" in one of two ways: by sitting on the sideline and putting off the important things or by getting actively involved. What do you and I need to take the time for at this point in our lives? Who do we need to make more time for? God? Prayer? Family? Reconciliation with God and others? Letting go of past hurts? Better physical health? The storm is over. It's time to return to the calm. If you feel like you've lost some of the calm in your life, let Advent calm you. Peace be with you. Amen.

## NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS**

**Grades K through 8th**

Grades K through 5th: Mondays, 4:30pm till 5:30pm  
Grades 6th through 8th: Mondays 5:45pm until 6:45pm  
Landsmann Center  
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**High School Religious Education**

**Landsmann Center**

Course 3

January 26, 2008

7:00pm until 8:15pm



December 2008



**Baptisms & Seminars**

The next baptism seminar will be  
**Tuesday, February 3** at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Landsmann Center.

**Parents are to contact Mrs. Kathy Landry prior to the  
Baptismal Seminar at 369-2130.**

Any questions regarding seminar, please call  
Mrs. Kathy Landry. Please call the church office to  
schedule baptism. Unless otherwise noted, baptisms  
always take place on the *third Sunday of the month* after  
the 9:15am Mass at Assumption Church.

**ATTENTION 2009 SENIORS**

KC 1099 will again award its Catholic Youth Leadership  
Award (CYLA) to two outstanding Catholic seniors. Ap-  
plications are due by December 15th. Call Kathy Landry  
at the church office for details and an application form.  
Applications can be turned in to Kathy Landry or the  
AHS Guidance Department.

**25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

**February 22, 2009**

**3:00pm**

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy at Sa-  
cred Heart Church honoring couples on their 25th, 50th  
and 65th or longer wedding anniversary. The families of  
honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and  
reception afterward in the Sacred Heart School gym.  
Couples should contact their parish office and let them  
know they will be attending. The registration deadline is  
Tuesday, February 9.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His  
Son. In our present time God sends priests and religious  
especially to prepare the people to receive His Son. If  
you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or  
email Father Matt Lorrain at (225)336-8778,  
mlorrain@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

**Assumption Arc in Napoleonville & Country Store**

**4201 Highway 1**

**(985)369-2907**

**Live Christmas Trees & Poinsettias**

**8:00am until 5:00pm**

The Knights of Columbus Council 1099 of Napoleonville  
has completed another successful Thanksgiving Food  
Drive. This would not have been possible without the  
food and cash donations from you, the good people of our  
church parishes.

Too often we forget to say *Thank You*. Please accept our  
grateful thanks and know that over 75 families had a hap-  
pier meal Thanksgiving Day because of your generosity.

To sum it up, we the Knights of Columbus, Father Trey  
and Father Jamin would like to say THANK YOU for  
your kindness and generosity.

The church office will be closed Monday, December 8 for  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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**St. Anne Mass Schedule for  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Monday December 8, 2008**

**12:00 noon**

**Reader:** Jan Bergeron

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sophie Bergeron,  
Wendy Baldwin,

**Sacristans:** Henry & Elaine Adolph

**7:00pm**

**Reader:**

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sacristans:**



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE...**  
*burns this week in memory of:*



*Assumption Church*  
 George & Twilla Cavalier & Sons

*St. Anne Church*  
 Eddie "Mule" Daigle

**A Prayer for Our Soldiers**

Dear Lord, give them the wisdom to lead, and the humility to follow. Grant them the dedication to work untiringly for their country, its people and our freedom. Teach them to be the best they can be, for themselves and for the others around them. Fill them with the strength, the courage, and the willingness to do the job they are called to do. Help them to believe in truth, speak out for justice, defend the flag and uphold the American ideals that make our country the wonderful land it is. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

**The Bayou Parishes**  
*Weekend Mass Schedule*

**Saturdays**

4:00pm St. Anne Church  
 4:00pm St. Jules Church  
 4:00pm St. Philomena Church  
 6:00pm St. Elizabeth Church

**Sundays**

8:00am St. Anne Church  
 8:00am St. Philomena  
 8:30am St. Jules Church  
 10:00 am St. Anne Church  
 10:00am St. Philomena Church  
 10:45am St. Elizabeth Church

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

*November 29 & 30, 2008*

St. Anne Offertory	\$2,847.00
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	<u>\$1,103.00</u>
Total	\$3,950.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

The collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious* will be taken up the weekend of December 13-14, 2008.

