

Sacred Heart Parish

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“Take the child and his mother
and flee into Egypt.”

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 26, 2010

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Office Manager
Bookkeeper
Secretary
Music Director/Organist
CCD Coordinators
Home Ministries
Housekeeper
Maintenance Custodian

Fr. Edward J. Pierce
Fr. Kevin Zilverberg
Rev. Mr. Dick Kelley
Anna Lacher
Kris Rehfeld
Mary Wanner
Charlene Blondo
Michelle Coughlin/Dawn Wanttie
Sharon Gould
Marge Guhin
Dennis Sahli

Aberdeen Catholic Schools

Aberdeen Catholic Education Office	226-2100
Roncalli Primary School	225-3460
Roncalli Elementary School	229-4100
Roncalli Jr High and Sr. High School	225-7440

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday	4:30—5:00 p.m.
Saturday	3:30—4:30 p.m.
Mon-Fri	6:30—6:50 a.m.
Saturdays	7:45— 8:05 a.m.

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday	5.00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses (check schedule inside)

Office Hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Youth Groups—Sundays in Parish Hall

Grades 7-12	7:00—9:00 p.m
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BAPTISMS: Pre-Baptism Class for parents required before all Baptisms. Classes are the second Thu. of the month. Next session, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Roncalli Elementary School. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Couples planning marriage must contact their priest at least 6 months before the wedding day. A year in advance is not too early.



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Schedule of Masses

Monday	St. John 7:00 a.m. Int Lyle Walker Family
Tuesday	The Holy Innocents 7:00 a.m. +Ben Schatz
Wednesday	Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas 7:00 a.m. +Gerald Braun
Thursday	Sixth Day in the Octave 7:00 a.m. +Joseph Holzer
Friday	Seventh Day in the Octave 7:00 a.m. +Gerald Braun
Saturday	Octave Day of Christmas Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God 8:15 a.m. +Joseph Holzer

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday	5:00 p.m. +Karl Eckrich
	7:30 a.m. +Anton Rohrich
	9:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Parish Family
	11:30 a.m. +Ken Beckel & Roxana Beckel Block

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the weekend of January 1st and January 2nd

Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Anna Lacher	See Schedule
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Steve Gors	See Schedule
	9:30 a.m. Barry Eske	See Schedule
	11:30 a.m. Rory King	See Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

For the weekend of January 1st and January 2nd

Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sarah Maginess, Caron/Rayce Simes
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Jodi/Andrew Artz,
	9:30 a.m. Avery Joseph, Brianna Birgen, Chase Kucker
	11:30 a.m. Gabriel Heller, Lindsay Hughes, Dominic King

GREETERS

For the weekend of January 1st and January 2nd

Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Carmen Morrison, Pat Derzab, Kathy Lovaas
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Marueen Cantwell, Andy/Mary Raile, Chris/Cindy Mitchell
	9:30 a.m. Daren/TameraKucker, Irma Mork, Tom Werlinger
	11:30 a.m. Vickie Haiar, Kathy Schulz, Stacey Lewno

WE AS A COMMUNITY

Welcome into the Body of Christ Emma Claire Barnett daughter of Steven & Nicole Barnett who was initiated into the Christian Mystery through Baptism December 18.

Extend our Sympathy and Prayers to the family and friends of Ina Mae Torigian whose funeral we recently celebrated.

VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK

Sun., January 2nd Ralph Peterson—229-1146

TRAVELING ICON FOR VOCATIONS

Gen Westerfield will have the icon January 2nd—
January 8th.



FROM THE PASTOR...

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Christmas – Holy Family – New Years

Christmas - We have spent four weeks preparing for the Child. At Last the day to celebrate has come. The Father has answered our prayers, sending his Son as one like ourselves, humbly immersing himself in human life and speaking words we can understand, inviting us to love.

At Christmas, we celebrate God's gift of Jesus to the world. The very name of the day and the season – "Christ's Mass", derived from the Old English way of speaking of it – places Jesus present to us in the Eucharist at the center of the day. Might this Christmas be the beginning of a closer friendship with Jesus, nurtured by the Eucharist?

There are actually four different Masses for Christmas: the Vigil, Midnight Mass, Mass at Dawn, and Mass During the Day. Each has a distinct theme and different readings, reflecting the richness of the mystery of the Incarnation. Even though most of us will attend only one Mass at Christmas, it's a beautiful custom – and well worth our while – to meditate on the Mass readings from the other Masses as well. This can deepen our appreciation for what God has done for us and the whole world in Christ.

Holy Family - God gives the world his Son, who dwells among us, filling us with a love that must be shared. So we, on Christmas, give gifts. Contemplating the examples of gift-givers like the Magi, St. Nicholas, and King Wenceslas can bring a new perspective to our own actions. Who is in greatest need, and what gifts can we give?

Many families have already discovered the joy of giving of themselves to others on Christmas Day: seeking out shut-ins visiting residents of nursing homes or hospital patients, or serving the poor and the homeless; reaching out, as God reaches out to us in Christ. We can consider other alternatives as well: gifting charities in the name of our friends or encouraging our families to center their gift giving energies on those less fortunate, or give as Christ has given to us.

New Years – January 1 is the beginning of a new calendar year, but that's not the reason we celebrate it as a feast. On the Catholic calendar, January 1 is both the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and a day of prayer for peace. We make all sorts of resolutions for a new year, but alongside those efforts, we say a different sort of prayer. God has come to us, not in overwhelming power, but in humility as a child; so, on this day, we pray that the New Year might be marked by humility and peace, brought by Christ and modeled by Mary. *Please note: this year New Years is not a day of obligation.*

These days are very much times of grace for all of us. So much is offered to us that we truly need to just take time to absorb it all in prayer and quiet. May each of you in our parish family and our visitors as well be abundantly blest. We thank you for your many kind expressions of love and generosity to us and to our parish. We, the staff of Sacred Heart, wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Father Ed Pierce

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection	\$17,232.08
Youth Envelopes	\$74.58
Geo-Thermal Remaining Owed*	\$21,497.51



Debt Reduction Crusade **We took in \$910.00 this week.**

As of 12/16/2010, our debt balance is \$713,131.72. Our daily interest is \$107.46.

***Watch the Geo-Thermal Remaining Owed** number above. This amount will be a countdown to paying off our geo-thermal balance. Can you help take this off our books by Christmas?

INTEREST CLUB

Our "Interest Club" is growing. We now have six members who have agreed to pay one day's interest each month. As you can see above, our interest is dropping. Remember, if more than 30 people join in, we will begin to see the principal reduce rather than grow due to interest rates. If you are willing and able to join this effort, please notify the office or simply label the donation as 'one days worth of interest' and drop it in the collection basket or mail.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, Dec 26th

NO Youth Group

Monday, Dec 27th

Social Concerns 4:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Tuesday, Dec 28th

NO RCIA

Wednesday, Dec 29th

NO Religious Education

Friday, Dec. 31st

Parish Office will be closed for the holiday

STHANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who volunteered for and attended the holiday luncheon. It was a success despite the weather. The proceeds, over \$1,100.00, were designated for debt reductions.

Recommended Morning Offering for Home and School

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee my prayers, works, joys and sorrows of this day, for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in unison with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for sin, for the intentions of all my friends and associates, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW

The volunteers at Roncalli Nearly New wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

!! THANK YOU !!

Thanks to all those who prepared and attended the parish breakfasts the past few months. The parish has gained \$838.01 from the last three breakfasts, this does not include what we receive from the KCs. There will be no breakfast the first week of January. Watch for the following breakfasts: January 16th prepared by the Knights of Columbus and February 6th prepared by the Altar Society.

I surrender myself and my feelings of insecurity or inferiority to You. Thank you, Lord, I know You can make me feel whole.

SUPPORT AND HELP

Project Rachel is for women and men who suffer from the pain of previous abortions. Call 1-800-700-7867.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Learn more about a way of responsible parenthood that is supported by the Catholic Church. Call 226-2232 or Sacred Heart at 225-7065.

Annulments: A possible 2nd chance for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more info, call Sacred Heart 225-7065.

Catholic Family Services: Call 226-1304.

Marriage Encounter: to make a good marriage better!

Web site is www.wvme.org or call 362-0924.

Retrouvaille: Help for hurting marriages. Call 988-3763 or 988-3776 or 2021@retrouvaille.org for more information.

Pregnant? Alone? Afraid?: Call BIRTHRIGHT at 229-0258. We are open from 1-4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays of each week.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (an hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament) a New Year's resolution that will bring many blessings into your life! Open hours: Monday 3 a.m., Thursday 12 a.m. and 1 a.m. and Saturday 12 p.m. (noon). Call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001.

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION

The parish appeal for restoration of St. Joseph Cathedral will end December 31, 2010. There is still time to contribute before the end of the month. Every contribution of whatever size is sincerely welcomed as are continued prayers.

Approximately \$2 million has been raised through the parish responses and the diocese is over 90% of its \$16.2 million goal.

GIFTING FROM IRAs

Congress has extended a law that allows individuals aged 70 1/2 or older to make tax-free gifts to a qualified charitable organization using funds transferred directly from your IRA to the ministry of your choice (parish, school, other). The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction. Distributions for the tax year 2010 may be made during 2010 or in January, 2011. Contact your tax advisor or Bette Theobald or Kelly Bartmann at the Catholic Foundation for Eastern SD 888-246-3386 or 605-988-3788 for more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Jn 20:1a,2-8
Pray for safe travel
- Tue. 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5,7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
Pray for pregnant women and their unborn children
- Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5-6 Lk 2:22-35
Pray for those who are isolated, depressed and lonely
- Thur. 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one
- Fri. 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18
Pray for a deeper faith in God
- Sat. Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Pray for our Sacred Heart Parish Family
- Sun. Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Pray for our deacons and seminarians

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

2nd Reading: Col 3: 12-21

Theme: : We honor the relationships of parents and children

Listen to the Word: As you listen to this familiar story again today, what one word or thought really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

Question for Children: When is it the hardest for you to obey your parents?

Question for Youth: In Colossians, St. Paul lays out a way of life for the followers of Christ. As you read through this list, which one of these is most difficult for you to follow? Which one is easiest?

Question for Adults: We are invited to let the word of Christ dwell within us and direct our daily lives. Which one of the life-style suggestions in this reading speaks most loudly to you?

Roncalli High School and the Revitalizing Roncalli capital campaign are excited to announce that the campaign total has now exceeded \$3 million dollars! We are very blessed to have received the support of so many of our friends in the community, and those who have been so supportive of Roncalli and our mission over the years. Your support has allowed us to make a difference in the lives of our students for over 45 years, and we are looking forward to meeting the challenge for many years to come.

RONCALLI SCHOOLS DECEMBER 27—JANUARY 1, 2011

No School All Week

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| Tues. Dec 28 | BBB at Wolves Classic | 7:00 pm |
| Thur. Dec 30 | WR at Webster
BBB at Pine Ridge | 9:30 am
6:00 pm |
| Fri. Dec 31 | BBB at St. Thomas More | 7:30 pm |

PRESIDENT OF ACSS

Applications are now being taken for the position of President of the Aberdeen Catholic School System. Job description and additional information may be found at www.aberdeeroncalli.org, or by calling 226-2100.

INTER-PARISH

Family Rosary: Tue., Dec 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart
Aberdeen Right to Life: Meetings 7:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month in the Brown County Courthouse basement.

Integrity of Action! Clarity of Thought! Learn about marriage in today's world and God's desire for YOUR marriage. Register to attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on **February 11-13, 2011** at Broom Tree Retreat Center in Irene, SD. For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. *A Weekend of Discovery... A lifetime of love!*



NCYC CHOIR AUDITIONS

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Choir) is now accepting applications and auditions for the 2011 choir. This is a phenomenal group of young singers that performed at Sacred Heart in June. Students entering grades 10-12 in the 2011-12 school year are encouraged to apply. Visit the NCYC website at www.CatholicYouthChoir.org for more information. Charlene Blondo is willing to assist parishioners in applying and preparing their audition requirements. She can be contacted at cblondo@parishmail.com.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Jan 9: "Let There Be Light" Epiphany Celebration
6:30 pm social with refreshments
7:00 pm musical entertainment provided by parish musicians
Free Will Offering for high school parish musicians auditioning for NCYC (National Catholic Youth Choir)

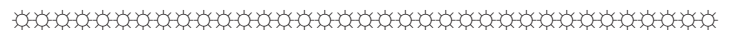
CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS



We invite those who wish to make donations in honor of loved ones during the Christmas season to please do so. Dedications may name one person, a couple or family group. All names



will be printed in the church bulletin. Members may be living or deceased. Please use the form below to send your gift to the parish office, or drop in the collection.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____, to be used for the Christmas flowers at Sacred Heart.

In memory of: _____

From: _____

With dedication to: _____

From: _____