



# St. Mary's Catholic Parish

Albany, Oregon

**December 28, 2003**  
**Holy Family Sunday**

## Calendar

Sunday		
Monday	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Communion service & Rosary Bible Study, duplex Office open 1 - 4 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Communion Service & Rosary
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Communion Service & Rosary Office open 8 - noon
Thursday	10:00 AM	New Year's Mass
Friday	8:00 AM	Communion Service & Rosary Office closed
Saturday	8:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Communion Service Mass Spanish Mass

## Welcome Home

728 Ellsworth SW  
 Albany, OR 97321  
 541-926-1449

Emergency only: 541-990-5552

## Our Mission Statement

*We, St. Mary's Parish, are a people responding to Christ's call to conversion, new life and discipleship with a nurturing Community.*

*We celebrate this new life in Scripture and the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic tradition.*

*Our Celebration impels and transforms us to be Spirit filled individuals who can reach out and minister to all people challenging and enabling them to build God's Kingdom of justice and holiness.*

## Mass Intentions

*Dec. 27 ~ Vinve Schultze*  
*Dec. 28 ~ 8:30 Margaret Rebmann*  
*11:00 ~ Bernard Bender*  
*Jan. 1 ~ Dorothy & Axel Eskeli*

## Year End Donations

Some parishioners wait till year-end to make a donation to the parish. Thank you! We appreciate that very much. Please be sure that your check is dated in 2003 and reaches the office by Dec. 31, 2003 (or is post marked by that date). You can drop off your donation at the office, mail it, or put it through the mail slot on the front door of the office if the office is closed. Thanks!

## Live The Good News - Week of Dec 28

Luke 2: 41-52

Mary, Joseph & Jesus traveled to Jerusalem with the rest of the family for Passover. Jesus was 12 years old. In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus went to the temple. And because he knew so much, was the center of the men's attention. In the mean time his mother and father were searching for him. When they found him, Mary and Joseph didn't understand what he was doing so Jesus returned to Nazareth and was obedient to his parents.  
 ...What fond memories do your parents have about Christmas when they were growing up?  
 ...What memories do you have?  
 ...What memories can you create as a family today?  
 ...What family will you help to create good memories? Maybe it's a family without a home or gifts or a place to go!  
 ...What have you learned about God in your family? What will you share when you get older?

## New year's Day Mass

Will be a special Mass for Peace at 10:00 AM. Please join us in praying that 2004 will be a year of peace and safety for all people.

## At Home With The Word

### Week of January 4

Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-6  
 Matthew 2 : 1-12

Classes: No Classes until January 8 & 9.

## Volunteer Needed

Middle School needs someone to observe the gym activities for three Wednesdays in Jan. from 6:30 to 7:10. If you would like to help, call Ellen @ 926-9327.

## Parish Office Holiday Hours

**Dec. 31 st . 8 - noon**  
**Jan. 1 & 2 - CLOSED**

**Service Project for Dec. & Jan.**

Collect socks & underwear for FACT at all schools. Kids need socks & clean underwear. Can you give to the less fortunate?

**Coffee & Doughnuts:**

**Thanks to All who have offered to help!**

Dec. 28 - K of C

Jan. 4 - Catholic Daughters

Please sign up on the 2004 calendar that is on the coffee & donuts table if you want to help out. Thanks!

**Do You Know Someone Who Would Like To Become Catholic?**

Do you know an adult who would like to be baptized, confirmed or join the Church? Please ask them to call Kathy Reilly , 926-1449 at the parish office or email [stmarysalb@aol.com](mailto:stmarysalb@aol.com) , or invite them to the Catechumenate sessions on Sunday mornings from 9:40 till 10:45 AM .

**High School Youth Group**

Have a Merry Christmas & a good break from school. We need your help cleaning & painting the youth loft - Monday & Tuesday, 12/ 29 & 30. See bulletin insert for more details. Check bulletin board in hallway. Call Rene Jensen Ordeman , 928-8417 for more info.

**CDA Education Contest**

Our annual education contest is now underway. Entries are accepted in Art , Poetry, Poster, Essay and Computer Art. Students in grades four through twelve are encouraged to participate. A copy of the rules and entry/cover sheets are available at the CDA gift shop. For more information, call Teresa Hellman @ 926-4667 or Lois Bartram @ 926-4808 , thanks.

**Mother Teresa of Calcutta :**

**Citizen of the World**

Fri., Jan. 9 @ 7:30 p.m. & Sat., Jan 10 @ 3:30 p.m.

This retreat will focus on the life and spirituality of one considered to be a "living saint" during her life. Time for silence, solitude, sharing and reflection will be included. A movie on Mother Teresa will be featured Fri. night. Presenters: Antoinette Traeger , OSB and Dorothy Pulkka , OSB. Fee: \$110, \$80 commuter, \$55 Sat. only, \$25 deposit. Please register by Jan. 7. For more info, call Shalom Prayer Center @ 503 845-6773 or check the website at [www.open.org/shalom](http://www.open.org/shalom)

**St. Mary 's School Auction:**

Here is your chance for a trip to sunny Mexico or some other tropical destination. St. Mary 's School will be selling raffle tickets for \$5.00 after Mass. You can win a \$1500.00 travel voucher and \$500.00 spending cash. A special Muchas Gracias to Conser Homes, Conser Design & Construction and Conser Realty & Associates for their generous donation. Winner will be announced at the Live Auction on Feb. 28, 2004 . Stop by our table in the Gathering Space and buy your tickets. You may be our lucky winner!!

**Many Believe:**

That the term "Xmas" is an attempt to remove Christ from Christmas. The truth, however, is that Xmas has been an abbreviation for Christmas for at least seven to eight centuries. The letter X is the same as the Greek letter Chi, the first letter in Christ . For this reason, the letter X has been a symbol for Christ for hundreds of years. Xmas was simply a shortening of the word, without the meaning having been changed at all.

**ScripProgram**

How does the school earn money? St. Mary 's School purchases Scrip (gift certificates) from the stores at a discount percentage. The discount rate is set by the store and varies from store to store. The school then sells the Scrip to church and school families at the full face value. When you purchase Scrip, you are not making a donation to the school, you are just trading the school cash for gift for gift certificates, dollar for dollar and the school makes money! Who deserves Scrip for the Holidays? Paper carriers, co-workers, employees, baby-sitters, teachers, neighbors, scout leaders, housekeepers, priests, beauticians, pet sitters and anyone special. Scrip is sold on Wed.'s at hot lunch, Fri.'s after school, Sun.'s after the Masses.

**Bequest Announcement**

Our commitment to discipleship calls us to be good and faithful stewards of all our resources. This call extends to estate planning as well as giving during life. Please consider naming St. Mary 's when you make charitable provisions in your will or living trust. You might also consider making the Church beneficiary of your IRA or a no-longer-needed life insurance policy. Such gifts are appreciated and can have a tremendous impact on the life and growth of our faith community.

Prayer Corner

**For those who are ill or homebound:** Leo & Florence Backer, Claire Bassey , Carol Bentz, Karen Wald Blake, Maynard Bussell , Robert Chambers, Michael & Dylan Clemons, Wally Craig, Lucille Donnelly, Joyce Edwards, Bessie Fischbach , Martha Foulke , Stu Gourley , Gabriel Harrison ( Kases ' 4 yr old grandson), Dorothy Heintzman , Larry Holt, Dorothy Hull, Duane Hurley, Mary Jensen, Jessica Leaming , Theresa Mann, Bob Martinak , Henrietta Mielke , Erin Mitchell, Ruth Moersch , Bertha Morey, Mrs. Osredkar , Glenn Paben , Sharon Parent, Norma Racette , Marian Rief , Emma Rogers, Joe Tolomei , Mrs. Schamp , Toni Schwandt , Wilma Smith, Larry Stephen, Tom Strassmaier , Omer Watte , Chris Westgaard , John Williams

**For Special Intentions:** We pray for peace throughout our entire world. We remember our family members and friends who are serving in the military: Andrew, Carl Alvarez, Joey Ballard, AR Beck, Bill Biebe , Vicki Borst , Jason Bullock, Cindy Bullock, Michael Coker, Katie Dunten , James Durham, Trisa Engel, Fred Felde , Ryan Fera , Kip Ferguson, Michael Fox, Sean Goryer , Ryan Grant, Darin Gregg, Michael Hagan, Florentino Herrera Jr., Staci Hoskins, Linda Huehey , Zac Johnson, Katy Joynt , Phil Kase Jr., DeShawn Leonard, T. J. Lockwood, John Maloney, Arron D. Massey, Joshalt Mitcank , Mark Moll, Jon Mumper , J.R. Munoz, Joshep Nelson, Nathan Nofziger , Joshua Peterson, Larry A. Robles, BJ Rodriguez, Beniot Rodriguez, Daune Rutherford, Tony Sabias Jr., Makeo Santos, Tony Santos, Jesse Schnablegger , R. Schoultz , Suzanne Smith, Matthew Sonder , Justin Strassmaier , Simon Thomassian , Travis Trupp , Cody Truett , Kyle Van Hess, Charles Venard , in memory of Donald Walters, Nathan Ward, Andrea Westfall

**For the repose of the souls of:** Joesph Blickenstaff and all those killed in attacks and terrorism around our world.