

Sunday	December 22	Fourth Sunday in Advent 10:00 Mass Intentions: The health of Lou Morand; Peace in the Middle East; Our leaders of Church and state Ministers:Lana Douglas-Hardin, Brenda West
Monday	December 23	St. John of Kanty
Tuesday	December 24	7:00 PM—Christmas Eve Mass for the people of Rosary, living and deceased
Wednesday	December 25	The Nativity of the Lord 10:00 Mass
Thursday	December 26	St. Stephen
Friday	December 27	St. John, Apostle
Saturday	December 28	The Holy Innocents 5:15 Mass for Richard Griffin, and in honor of his 32 nd Wedding Anniversary from Mom and Dad
Sunday	December 29	The Holy Family 10:00 Mass Intention: Ray Etrych, requested by his brother Patrick; The health of Lou Morand, Peace in the Middle East; Our leaders of Church and State Ministers: Mark and Carol Carlin

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sirach 3: 2 – 6, 12 - 14

Colossians 3: 12 - 21

Matthew 2: 13 – 15, 19 – 23

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

Please Remember These Friends in Prayer

Ethan & Heather Hutton	Patrick Sieve	Nicole Arvanitis	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
George Selaty	Tanil Family	The Kolmetz Family	Julie, Ron & Marty Morin
Alma Bojanic	Kay Morhard	Ronnie Trotty	Lauren Reagan
Lena Luongo	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Brenda Lumpkin	Marcelle Douglas	Fred Kammerer
Mary Seymour	Trisha Powell	Don Pitts	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Tanya Crawford
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	David Clausen	Joy
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Gene Hill	Pat Bartkowski
Hardin Family	Joe Mnich	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Louise Adams	Lyle and Janet Dolin	Helen Hill	Jeanette B. & Honey
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Brian Stump	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Bobbie & Ron Smith	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Kerry Barnes
Brenda Gilchrist	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Mrs. Zaciek	Grandma K.	Mike Malinowski	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	Ernestine Stephens
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Roger Olson	Vocations	Eliisa Bojanic	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Pat Roberts
Donna Asmar	Ira Sears	Phyllis Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Natalie
Raina Smith	Patricia Pickett	Shareen Poole	Calvin Steward
Ellen Keerean	Villanueva Family	Mary Alice Murphy	David & Terrance Green
Laura Babala	Michael Thornton	Mila Hadjantoni	Mary Fibich
Rosalind Roberts	Milan Family	Hannah Thompson	Francine Rosemberg
Andrew McLaughlin	McClendon Family	Thomas Zigulis	Kirk Pittman
Cornelia Carnes	Monique Harper	Susan Jess & Andre	Danielle
Michael Vasquez	Michael Vasquez	Ron Buzenski	Elvira Darolfi
Alexis Marsden	Fern Mulila	Zenab's Mother	Dorothy Vanderlip
Special Intentions	Tayshon Whitfield	Shannon Barnes	Allan Krupp
Carl Lewis	Carlos Gutierrez	Deborah Crawford	Joy
Bill McCauley	Karen Frahm	Lydia	Joseph Stokes, Jr.
Patricia Keller	Michael Shea	Chris Shea	Taylor Wright
The Wright Family	Joanie Stanesic	Judith Wilson-Heard	Dr. S. E.
Melvin Nash	Gary & Yvonne Boelstler	Nehmat & Family	Greg Varano
Burma Gilchrist	A. J.	Marjorie Perdue	Kelsey P.
Donna & Dennis Olson	Gary & Carl Blazkiewicz		

PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Sgt. Muddy Peha Spc. Gregory Trotty Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon
Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs Winn Butler George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens Tonya Gray
Lance Corporal Kenneth Coleman, Jr., Gary Didilus

CHRISTMAS AT ROSARY

Advent draws to a close this week. This weekend the Christmas boxes are packed, thanks to volunteers, and ready to be distributed after Mass. We invite everyone to participate in the “turkey procession” from the garage into the church, welcoming our visitors, and the distribution of boxes, either in church or through deliveries. Also, please help decorate our church for Christmas. Remember, our Masses will be Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at 7 PM and Wednesday, Christmas Day at 10. Both Masses will be followed by a social hour. We invite you to bring special Christmas baked goods to share. Try to spread the word about the times for Masses, especially to those who make a point of coming to Rosary at Christmas time who might not get our bulletin.

FINANCES

Last weekend our Offertory collection totaled \$1,247. 25 envelopes were used. Why?? Remember last weekend the weather was miserable. There was heavy snow and the streets were not plowed. Hopefully those who were unable to be here will make up their missing contribution this week. Also, please remember our idea of asking friends and relatives to make contributions to Rosary in place of Christmas gifts. Money received at Christmas is not subject to the 7% tax the Archdiocese puts on all other contributions. So far many Rosary parishioners have expressed their positive feelings about this idea, and we are getting donations!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sarah Amman, daughter of Chuck and Sue Amman, old-time Rosary members, gave birth to a baby daughter this week. She and her husband live in Honduras.

A TRUE CHRISTMAS STORY

Once upon a time in December, 2013, a very dedicated man was assisting an older lady with household chores. He was a meticulous worker—cleaning, polishing, disposing of trash. She was rather eccentric, cherishing her collection of beloved curios. As the master-cleaner worked behind the heavy draperies, the corner of the curtain brushed against a metal figurine on the mantle next to the window. This figurine, in turn, fell against a manger scene on the mantel, knocking over the statue of the Wise Man bearing gold to the

newborn baby. The Wise Man hit the ground and the face and arms, made of china, were totally smashed, although the body, an elaborate papier-mâché construction, was still intact. The master-cleaner was devastated. There was no way the statue could be salvaged. He swept up the tiny pieces and took them to the trash can. When he confessed to the old lady she was stunned. She had great sentimental attachment to this crib set and for days she could hardly even talk to the man. She accepted the fact it was an accident and let him keep his job cleaning, but it was clear she was terribly upset.

The master-cleaner was upset also. He went to the trash can and gathered the remnants of the statue and just spent time looking at the pieces. Could they be restored? He took a couple of pieces, fitting the tiny fragments together, like a jigsaw puzzle. He knew he was totally inept using Super Glue but he found another type of glue and decided to try this. It took two weeks, and many hours using a magnifying glass, but slowly the fragments came together. The glue was almost like skin, holding things together. Another miracle—some left-over auto touch-up paint matched the colors in the figurine exactly, and the visible cracks were covered over. The china parts were attached to the papier-mâché torso and the figure was restored! The old lady looked on in disbelief. She declared that it was better than the original.

Now think about this scenario in terms of Christmas. Like the statue knocked over by the progress of many projects, our soul is often “smashed”—destroyed beyond hope of repair. Even we “Wise Men and Women” are not safe from this downfall. And yet, Jesus, who comes to us this Christmas, is indeed a “master-cleaner,” patiently working to put us together even after we have decided there is no hope—it’s the trash bin for us! Faith is the glue that allows the broken parts of our spiritual life to be pieced together again, restored. The Christmas message gives us hope that God’s forgiving love will indeed make us better than ever.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Darius Cunningham	Sunday
Mike Chahoua	Sunday
Garrett House	Sunday
Joyce Lewis	Monday
Kenzie Jones	Monday
John P. Morand	Saturday