

*St. Teresa of Avila Parish*  
*11600 Atwood Road*  
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 23, 2007**

They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."

— *Matthew 1:23*

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm  
Sunday.....8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

**Daily Masses**

Monday - Saturday.....8:30am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:00pm – 4:30pm

The priests are honored to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at any time; please call for an appointment with the priest of your choice.

**Baptisms:** For the celebration of Baptism, please call the Parish Office, for information.

**Marriage:** If you are a member of our parish, please contact a priest or deacon of your choice at *least* six months in advance of your desired wedding in order to participate in a process of marriage preparation.

**Confirmation:** For teens, the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year preparation process; please contact our coordinator of religious education; for adults not yet confirmed, please call the parish office.

**Ministry to the Sick:** Please call parish office  
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**SUMMONED BY GOD**

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalm** — Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, which means "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
 Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14] 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Mass Intentions For The Week**



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- Monday, December 24:** Christmas Eve  
No Mass Intentions
- Tuesday, December 25:** Merry Christmas
- Wednesday, December 26:** 8:30am Mass  
All Parishioners
- Thursday, December 27:** 8:30am Mass  
+ Ruth McCrillis
- Friday, December 28:** 8:30am Mass  
Bea & Lou Solton
- Saturday, December 29:** 8:30am Mass  
Sick & Homebound
- Saturday, December 29:** 5:00pm  
+ Tom Schuck
- Sunday, December 30:** 8:30am Mass  
+ Albert Tucher  
11:00am Mass  
All Parishioners  
5:00pm Mass  
+ Emery Holmes

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th the parish office will be closed for Christmas. We will re-open on Wednesday, December 26th. Fr. Mike, Fr. Innocent and the parish staff wishes everyone a blessed and safe Christmas.



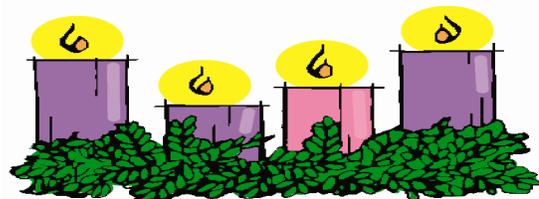
3rd Week of December 2007

**\$9,537.00**

**We Thank You!**  
Our goal is **\$12,000 Weekly**



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



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*Fr. Mike's  
Christmas  
Message*

**EMMANUEL—'GOD WITH US'**

How many times have you used the telephone to get through to the expert? The expert may be the person who sold you your computer, they may be your insurance person, your doctor or in my case lately the telephone company. After a long conversation, how the sweet the words sound "please come to the office". Even better still are the words "I'll be right over to help". So we give the directions to our home and guide the expert down our street and straight to our front door.

How much more helpful is it to have the expert there in person. Emmanuel means God is with us in person. You can all draw out the similarities from the fact the Jesus was born into the world as one of us. We have God with us in person to help us live good lives, make good decisions, and most of all at this time—how to make this Christmas happy.

So lift the spiritual telephone, (which is prayer, the Mass and the Sacraments), and invite Jesus Christ to your homes. His Presence will make this Christmas joyful and peaceful. Christmas and the New Year are times of renewal and new beginnings. With the Presence of Christ, all of us will be more generous hearted, thankful and available to help others. Welcome God in person to your home this Christmas and enjoy yourselves in His company.

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**A Family Ritual & Prayer For Christmas Eve**

Read Isaiah (9:1-5)

**Let us Pray:**

We thank you, heavenly Father,  
For bringing us together this holy night.  
We thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ,  
to be our light and hope on the way of life.  
Bless us as we gather here,  
and bless this Christmas candle.  
Let it remind us of Christ, the Light of the World,  
as it shines in our home.  
Let us remember the poor and homeless  
and let our hearts open to all in need.  
Bless all who are in any trouble this night  
and let them know your care  
through the prayers of the Holy Family.  
Bless our absent relatives and friends (name them)  
give eternal rest and peace to the dead,  
And perpetual light shine on them and especially on (*name*).

*(A member of the family, now lights the candle)*



Christmas Candle

**Blessing (Said by Mom or Dad)**

May the kindness and love of God, our Savior, be  
Upon us and all we Love:  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Christmas Candle



**POINSETTIAS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS**

Once again we would like to fill our sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to donate a red or white poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please bring them to the Church this weekend. They can be left

in the vestibules or on the tables in the back of Church.

**THE GATHERING INN**

The program is struggling to continue to provide nightly meals and shelter for 50 homeless families each night. Your help is needed. The weekend of January 5th & 6th we will have special envelopes for donations. If you can help, please pick-up an envelope. Your donation is very much appreciated.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE  
12/24/07—12/30/07**

<b>Monday, 12/24/07 Christmas Eve</b>		
1:00pm	Confessions	St. Teresa
4:30pm	Children's Mass	St. Teresa
7:00pm	Youth & Young Adult Mass	St. Teresa
12:00am	Midnight Mass	St. Teresa
<b>Tuesday 12/25/07 Merry Christmas</b>		
8:30am	Traditional Mass	St. Teresa
11:00am	Children's Mass	St. Teresa
<b>Wednesday 12/26/07</b>		
9:00am	School Basketball	Parish Hall
5:30pm	Bingo	Parish Hall
<b>Thursday 12/27/07</b>		
9:00am	School Basketball	Parish Hall
<b>Friday, 12/28/07</b>		
12:00pm	School Basketball	Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, 12/29/07</b>		
9:00am	School Basketball	Parish Hall
<b>Sunday, 12/30/07</b>		
1:00pm	St. Teresa Basketball	Parish Hall



**St. Joseph School 9th Annual Crab Feed**

**SAVE THE DATE !!!**

**February 2, 2008**

**5:30pm—12:00am**

**Tickets: \$40.00 per person**

*All you can eat crab, clam chowder in a bread bowl, shrimp, pasta, salad and dessert.*

*Happy hour starts at 5:30pm with discounted drinks and hot crab dip*

*Dinner served at 7:00pm*

*Great music and dancing until midnight.*

*Raffle, prizes, great times, and all proceeds go directly to St. Joseph school.*

*This is an adult only event. No host bar. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL!*

*Reminder: PEP hours are still available for this event.*

*To sign up, call Carissa Lindon at (530) 268-1192*

**Marriage**



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**MARRIED COUPLES:** *Want to give a gift that keeps on giving? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, it's the best gift you will ever give each other and your marriage! Call Dennis & Carrie at 878-3744 or go to [srsregistrar@comcast.net](mailto:srsregistrar@comcast.net) for more information.*

**Helping couples to make a good marriage even better!**

### Parish Ministries Update

**Grounds Committee:** I hope you are noticing the great improvements our workers are doing for all of us, especially the entrance from Atwood Road.

**Senior Group:** The parish has given us it's blessing to form a senior social group, and I have offered to get it started. There have been several meetings of a limited number of interested seniors to discuss what the seniors would like to see the group become. At the senior appreciation luncheon, we passed applications to those who might be interested in participating. The response was excellent. This letter is to these seniors and other new prospective members, who are interested in volunteering for the listed positions. We received over 50 applications at the luncheon; most willing to help. The applications are being reviewed to see what the future members would like from the senior group. There will be a meeting of the individuals involved in organizing the social group in January to lay the groundwork for our first general gathering in February. There is much to be done prior to that time. We are considering daytime gatherings including a welcome-mixer, followed by some food, and ending with an entertaining program. Key volunteers will be needed: Welcome/Social Mixer, Food, Program, Activities. We will also need a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and a treasurer. If interested, contact Paul Petruzelli, 530-823-5591.

**All Heads of ALL ministries please send me, from time to time, the good news of their ministry amongst us. (Fr. Mike)**



### INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 24, 2007: 1:00 – 3:00pm



### CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Christmas 2007 Liturgical Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:30pm (Children's Mass)  
 Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm (Youth & Young Adult Mass)  
 Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Midnight Mass (Traditional)  
 Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 8:30am (Traditional)  
 Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 11:00am (Children's Mass)  
*(Sacred music played before all Masses – Come Early)*

### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, December 31st: 6:00pm Vigil  
 New Year's Day, January 1st: 8:30 & 11:00am

**Giggles:** Sunday after Church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, God," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good God, it's morning."

"Let's exchange presents for Christmas." "Sure, I always exchange yours".

"Some businessmen are saying this could be the greatest Christmas ever. I thought the first one was."

Christmas is the magical time of the year when all our money disappears.