So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16
Thank you to everyone who donated flowers in memory of and in honor of their loved ones. Special thanks to the Art and Environment ministry for their work to make our worship space beautiful again this Christmas season.

_In Memory of:_

- Paul Alix
- David Anderson
- Mark Anderson
- Rose Bandura
- Pren Beveridge
- Arnie Callahan
- Walter & Irene Cieslak
- Parent of Bill & Dorothy Clark
- Ralph Coenen
- John & Thelma Coogan
- Scott Allen Coogan
- Marjorie Dahl
- Mary Margaret Dransfield
- Stephan E. Duba
- Cindy Frey
- Mr. & Mrs. August Goetsch
- Tom Goetsch
- Helen & Willy Gogola
- Claire & Joe Gogola
- Adelbert Greiner
- Margaret & Milan Hains
- Staff Sargent Joseph Hamski
- Sister Virginia Handrup
- Mr. & Mrs. Chester Hoffmann
- Rita Holtz
- Leon Hughes
- Aleksandra & Peter Johnson
- Don Johnson
- Jeff & Joyce Johnson
- Joe Jozaitis
- John & Lola Jozaitis
- Allie & Ted Kemen
- John Kopp
- Raffaela Kowalczyk
- LaFaive & McManus Families
- Lannoye Family
- Robert Lasky
- Leo W. Lichter
- Bill Linn
- Maire Family
- Mandli Family
- Mason Twins
- Henry Meyer
- Ildo Miceli
- Maria Carmela Miceli
- Mary A. Moe
- Harold Moldenauer
- Lloyd & Eva Marie Nail
- Ambrose Nefzger
- David Nefzger
- Bill Neu
- John & Marie Nord
- Rosa B. Ojanen
- Elizabeth & Georg Pasternak
- Michael & Irene Pecsi
- Stanley & Edith Peddle
- Donald M. Perusich
- Marko & Barbara Perusich
- Richard J. Perri
- Henry Petersen
- Edward & Kathryn Pleet
- Gazy & Mary Pochiber
- Prewo Family
- Rizalino Rafi
- James & Alma Reiherzer
- Mary Rizzo
- Frank & Rosalie Rizzo
- Rodriguez Family
- Kay Ruffolo
- Benny Savaglio
- Karl Schroeder
- Millie & Allan Schroeder
- George & Anna Schuljak
- Guido & Norma Schumann
- Mary Sereno
- Kenneth Sheldon
- Sylvester & Rita Smith
- Harold (Butch) Smoger
- Sosa Family
- Vieno M. Stalo
- Virginia Stanis
- John E. Starling, Sr.
- Clarence "Sonny" Stedl
- Paul Terpstra
- Lyla Rose Tomany
- Herbert Treder, Sr.
- Rose & Joe Tyunaitis
- Tyunaitis Family
- William Weisner
- Anne Winius
- Gerald Zastrow

_In Honor of:_

- Timothy & Adam Darnell, Army Reserve & Air Force
- Bev Foster
- Kirschbaum Family
- Agnes Kowalczyk
- Ethan Mason
- Gramma and Papa Sichmeller
- Tomany Grandchildren

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Dear Parishioners of Saint Anne,

As the Year of the Lord 2011 comes to an end, we give thanks for the many blessings we have received, while also recognize that, perhaps more than in past years, sentiments of uncertainty rise up in our hearts from time to time. There are even a few recent polls, which state that for the first time, the majority of Americans no longer believes that the future will bring better days.

Some of this uncertainty comes from an economy, which has lost steam. Many have lost jobs. Some of it is simply a product of living in the Age of Media, which tends to distill and intensify negative trends or events. Good news does not sell newspapers, which means that we always hear a lot more about the darkness than about the light.

Christmas, 2011. Our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ, is born into this same world. As Isaiah prophesies, he comes to bring hope: “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shone.” (Isaiah 9:2)

Planted in the present, it is difficult for us to grasp that his coming is not an event only of the past, like some far off rumbling of thunder, meant for another people in another place and time. Rather, we suffer the very same darkness and share the very same need of every single person ever born. We most urgently need the warmth and presence of this divine Light, which is the joy of a sure and certain path into the days ahead and into the Eternity that awaits beyond.

From this perspective, and the Christmas experience of a loving and personal God, who holds each of us as close as any mother ever held any child, we lift our heads and walk with confidence into the future. We are no longer a people who walk in the cold of darkness, for Christ is born! Unto us, a Savior has come! He is the Promise of our Hope.

Merry Christmas! May God bless you and your families in 2012!

Father Bob
Sunday Worship
Saturday 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 a.m. &
Sunday 10:15 a.m.
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Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
262/942-8300
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Website: www.saint-anne.org
Blog: saintanne.wordpress.com
Visit us on Facebook

Life Long
Faith Formation:
262/694-0026

Parish Office Hours
Monday through Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Catholic Schools
www.allsaintskenosha.org
www.kenoshastjoseph.com

Kenosha Area Young
Adult Catholics:
Facebook: KYAC

Daily Worship
Tuesday 6 p.m.
St. Catherine Medical Center
Chapel
Wednesday, Thursday 6 p.m.
St. Anne
Friday, 8 a.m. St. Anne
Saturday 9 a.m. St. Anne
1st & 2nd Wed. 10:15 a.m.
Prairie Ridge Sr. Campus
7900 94th Avenue
1st Thursday 10:15 a.m.
Prairie Villa Sr. Apts.
9500 81st St.
2nd Thursday 10:15 a.m.
Grande Prairie Rehab
10330 Prairie Ridge Blvd.
1st & 2nd Friday 10:15 a.m.
Wynwood Assisted Living
7377 88th Avenue

Baptisms-
Congratulations!
Contact the parish at least
2 months in advance to
register for a Baptism
Reflection
Weddings-Blessings!
Contact Fr. Bob at least
6 months in advance
Reconciliation
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m.
Or by appointment
Anointing of the Sick
Contact Fr. Bob
942-8300

Parish Membership/
Orientation-
Please Join us!
Saturday, January 14 at
9:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 11
at 9:30 a.m.

It is not necessary, but
would be helpful if you
call ahead so we know
how many to plan for.
We look forward to meeting
you!

Faith in our Future
414/769-3321
P.O. Box 673107
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0504

Listening devices are
available during Mass.
Please see an usher/
greeter wearing a green
name tag.

Whether you are new to our church or just visiting, we are pleased to have you
share in this celebration of the birth of Christ.

Bulletins are always available outside both the east and west entrances.
You can also find them on our website, www.saint-anne.org

Parish Mission Statement
We, the members of St. Anne Catholic Church in Pleasant Prairie, WI are a
community devoted to:
  ✦ Enthusiastic prayer and worship
  ✦ Heart-felt hospitality and
  ✦ Actively involving parishioners in the life of the parish

Empowered by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to:
  ✦ Servant leadership
  ✦ Christian discipleship and lifelong growth in faith
  ✦ Reaching out in charity, compassion, and justice for those in need
**In preparation of January 1**

**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

We are presenting the readings and reflection questions for the following week so that we can prepare in advance.

**Gospel**

LK 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**Theme:** In the fullness of time

**Adults:** As I reflect on the God-Child, what does it say to me about the love of God for us all?

**Children:** I know that God loves everyone. Is there anything I can do to become more loving this new year?

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**First Weekend of the Month**

The INNS Ministry serves the homeless on the 2nd weekend of the month. Our monthly collection on the first weekend of the month is similar to our “Feed the Hungry” food collection on the 3rd weekend of the month. We are invited to bring items to the altar steps to serve the homeless of our community. Our Inns ministry will take these items the following weekend to Grace Lutheran Church when they serve the Homeless as part of the Inns Program—Interfaith Network Nightly Shelter. Please be generous during this time of giving.

Socks  Toothpaste &
Undergarments tooth brushes  Boots/Hats/
Pajamas Backpacks or  mittens/scarves
Personal size duffel bags  Winter coats
Hygiene products

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**2012 Stewardship Commitment Update**

Our parish has been blessed with 917 households. During this Holy season, we are celebrating our blessings and accomplishments. Soon we will be entering the new year and together we will work towards St. Anne’s parish goals for 2012.

Many thanks to the 247 households that have returned their 2012 Stewardship Commitment form. These households represent 27% of our parish membership.

If you haven’t already returned your 2012 Stewardship Commitment form, please return it to the parish office or drop it in the contribution basket at Mass. Using this information, St. Anne parish will be able to plan and to work together towards meeting its 2012 goals. Ministry participation is renewed annually. (your involvement in a ministry does not carry over from year to year) and your parish looks forward to your involvement in 2012. Thank you.

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**This Week at St. Anne**

**Monday, December 26**
Parish Office is closed

**Tuesday, December 27**
11:30 a.m. Theology discussion group
No Mass this evening

**Wednesday, December 28**
10:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion Prairie Ridge Sr. Campus
5:30 to 6 p.m. Reconciliation
6 p.m. Mass  St. Anne

**Thursday, December 29**
6 p.m. Mass  St. Anne

**Friday, December 30**
Parish Office will close at noon
8 a.m. Mass  St. Anne

**Saturday, December 31**
No Mass or Reconciliation this morning
5:15 p.m. Mass in honor of Bevec and Albrecht families

There will be no Hospitality served or Fair Trade this weekend. Fair Trade will see you in February.

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**
There will be no 8:15 a.m. Mass today
10:15 a.m. Mass  Don Johnson

**Monday, January 2, 2012**
Parish Office will be closed

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The next New Member Registration/Orientation sessions will be Saturday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m. & Saturday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m.
**First Communion 2012**

Our preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist begins with PARENT orientation and formation on **Sunday, January 15th and Monday, January 16th**. Parents who want their children to receive First Communion here at St. Anne in May must register and participate in one of the two formation sessions. Registration forms may be found in the Information Kiosk or can be requested by email at eduncklee@saint-anne.org.

**Career Coaching Meeting**

Practical, proven approaches to help you get hired into that “right job”. (Isn’t it time that you got the job that you really want!?)

The next Career Coaching meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2012. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm in the gathering area of our church.

The format for this meeting will include a roundtable discussion of each attendee’s current employment situation followed by a focused discussion by our facilitators on the best proactive steps to use in finding a job opening and then landing right-fit employment.

In addition to the general open discussion, each attendee will have an opportunity to discuss the particular employment challenges that he/she is facing. We have an excellent opportunity for networking, so please bring copies of your résumés or handbills. After we conclude the general session, we will break into smaller groups so that our subject-matter knowledgeable facilitators will be available to guide attendees through one-on-one coaching, providing specific support, and answering individual-specific questions.

Please join us on **Thursday evening, January 5**. Anyone who is seeking career/employment changes is invited to attend the meeting. We also welcome those who wish to contribute their employment and/or networking information or coaching. If you have questions prior to the meeting, please contact Ed Hauser at 577-3345, or at ed@insights4success.com.

**The Next Opportunity to Visit Your Sister Parish, La Sagrada Familia**

Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) is the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s Sister Parish in the Dominican Republic. As a member of the Archdiocese, we remind you that this is your sister parish, too! This year marks the 30th Anniversary of this special relationship and our bonds of sharing faith and friendship remain strong.

The next mission trip to La Sagrada Familia will take place **February 28-March 7, 2012**. If you are interested in joining us on this journey or have questions, please call 414-758-2280 or e-mail sagradafamilia@archmil.org. You can also visit the website at: [http://www.archmil.org/Parishes/Sagrada-Familia/visiting.htm](http://www.archmil.org/Parishes/Sagrada-Familia/visiting.htm) for trip details. **Deadline to register: January 6th.**

**Flowers of the Field Pledge Suggestion**

Periodically, the Flowers of the Field Capital Campaign Team will provide suggestions on ways to consider your pledge. Here’s a lesser known tidbit for retirees to consider.

**Attention Retirees**

Leaving a legacy: Plan for your future

Retirement can often bring great joy – as you embark on new activities, hobbies and events that allow you to embrace life to the fullest. If planned well, retirement can also be a time when you are enjoying the financial fruits of your labor, finding comfort in knowing that you’ve saved for a rainy day. If you’ve taken advantage of a retirement fund within your company or independently, you’re probably anticipating the great joy of leaving behind some of your good fortune with loved ones and/or charities that have great meaning to you. Most people don’t realize that they may be able to donate a portion of their retirement account to the parish and PAY NO TAXES on the distribution.

If you are at least 70 ½ years of age, you may be able to donate up to $100,000 (Until 12/31/2011) under the current law from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to charitable organizations of your choice. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and it may count towards your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), the amount that you are required to withdraw beginning the year you turn 70 ½.

What legacy will you leave behind for your loved ones and your favorite charities? If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact your financial, tax or legal advisor for information concerning your particular situation.

As we mourn her loss, the entire St. Joseph family recognizes the enormous impact Sister Virginia has had, not only on generations of students, but on the local Catholic community as well. Her legacy of high academic standards, even higher moral values and an expectation of excellence was an integral part of St. Joseph High School and is forever ingrained in the fabric of St. Joseph Catholic Academy.

Our parishioner Dr. Pete Emer will be leaving for La Sagrada Familia on January 9 to conduct an eye clinic again. He is hoping to take a suitcase full of children’s leather baseball gloves. If you have any you are no longer using or would like to provide some, please bring them to St. Anne Gathering area or the Parish Office.
Archbishop Listecki is extending an invitation to join him and his brother bishops from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, as well as the diocesan bishops of Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, on their Ad Limina trip to Rome, February 10-17, 2012.

Every diocesan bishop in the world is required by canon law to travel to Rome every five years to make a report about the state of his diocese to the Holy Father and the offices of the Roman Curia, and to pray at the tombs of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. This trip, called the ad Limina visit, brings bishops literally to the thresholds of the Apostles. During the trip you will pray at the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul; celebrate Mass in the great Basilicas and Churches of Rome; and be part of an audience with our Holy Father, Benedict XVI.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Peter’s Way Tours Inc., at 1-800-225-7662, ext. 14, or email angela@petersway.com.

A Christmas Video Message from Archbishop Listecki
As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki would like to share a special Christmas video message for the faithful of southeastern Wisconsin. For his thoughts on the true meaning of Christmas, and his wish for a blessed new year, please visit tinyurl.com/ListeckiChristmas

Blest Art Display
Blest Art will be visiting St. Anne on behalf of the Catholics in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Their mission is to support Catholic families in the Holy Land. For centuries, the Catholics of Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for Christian artisans to support their families by the dignified work of their hands in the land of Christ’s birth. The proceeds from Blest Art’s mission support community programs such as schools, elderly centers, churches, and clinics. Should you decide to purchase a piece of art from the Holy Land you will support your fellow Catholics who choose to stay and protect the holy sites where Jesus himself lived. The display will be here after Masses on January 7 & 8. You can also view and order carvings from www.BlestArt.org.

Urgent Ministry Need
Dismas Ministry urgently needs a pastoral response volunteer to assist the director of this local and national prison outreach with inmate mail of a spiritual nature. Volunteer must have computer and internet access. Contact Ron Zeilinger, Director at dismas@dismasministry.org or 414-379-7601.

Christmas Ministry
Thank you to everyone who helped make this Christmas a bit brighter for someone this year. You provided 262 gifts for children through Urban Outreach, 34 for clients of the Kenosha Achievement Center, 48 for residents of Wynwood Assisted Living, 50 bingo prizes for residents at Wynwood and Grande Prairie Rehab as well as gift baskets for families.

Thank you especially for your gift of time and companionship. Some of the tasks you took on this busy time of year were creating tags, setting up the tree, wrapping gifts, delivering gifts, playing bingo with an elderly person, singing Christmas carols with them, making gingerbread houses, decorating a living space for the infirm, helping with a tree lighting for those grieving and helping with a children’s holiday party.

Many kudos to Lynne Sutphin who coordinated all of this beginning in the summer. Blessings to you and all your helpers!

Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.
~ Mother Theresa
What is Christmas?
Twas the night after Christmas
Relaxed in his house,
Santa was reading a book from his spouse.
The book was the Bible
The story was old,
How Christ came at Christmas
As prophets foretold.

“I can hardly believe it,”
Said jolly St. Nick
As he pondered God’s message
It cut to the quick.

“I thought I was Christmas
I make presents each fall,
But God sent the best kind of present of all.
He sent His Son Jesus
To die for my sin,
I’m really not Christmas
For Christmas is Him.”
~Gladys Waller

Weekly Financial Stewardship
Budgeted Income in December $74,890
Budgeted Income per week (4 weeks) $18,723
1st Weekend in December $ 8,684
1st Weekend Offertory $ 467
Electronic Contribution on the 5th $11,234
2nd Weekend in December $ 8,730
2nd Weekend Offertory $ 815
3rd Weekend in December $ 8,887
3rd Weekend Offertory $ 559
Electronic Contribution on the 20th $10,774
Online Giving month to date $ 1,534
SCRIP month to date $ 5,171
Other month to date $ 1,935
Total Income $58,791

Fiscal Year to Date July 1 to November 30, 2011
Revenue $362,119
Expenses $380,978
Deficit $ (18,859)

Stewardship through SCRIP
Remember Walt Disney’s Pollyanna? She played the “Glad Game”, seeking to find something good in everything and everyone. She was a delightful optimist and positive thinker. In another perspective, in Irving Berlin’s White Christmas, Bing Crosby sings:

When you’re troubled and cannot sleep,
Count your blessings instead of sheep,
And you’ll fall asleep, counting your blessings.

In today’s troublesome world, it’s too easy to focus on the bad and negative. Sometimes, it takes a real effort to play the “Glad Game” or count our many blessings instead of troubles.

Each St. Anne member has been blessed. Our talents and gifts as a community are expansive and are reflections of God’s love. God is working through our extended family, and is waiting and ready to do more through each of us, and through this parish. Do you SCRIP for St. Anne?

SCRIP Sales Week ending 12/18/11
Online Orders 1 $ 1,525
Thursday Night 10 $ 2,802
At church 119 $31,051
Total 130 $35,378