

# Triad

*We welcome you here. We welcome you without reservations, regardless of your circumstances of faith or life.  
We welcome those who seek, those who doubt, those who wish to deepen an existing faith.*

## DECEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

### *Holy Trinity Episcopal Church*

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### *Sunday Schedule*

**8:00 am**

Eucharist Rite I

**9:15 am**

Adult Forum (*coffee at 9*)

**10:30 am**

Sunday Eucharist Rite II (*with music*)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Church School

*Refreshments after the 10:30 service*

The Rev. Karen Burnard, *Rector*

William Bausano, *Choir Director*

Frank Jordan, *Organist*

Nicole Murphy, *Communications  
Coordinator*

Tammy Glancy, *Sexton*

Chris Church, *Senior Warden*

Susan Kay, *Junior Warden*

Steven Elliott, *Treasurer*

Jack Southard, *Assistant Treasurer*

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Joel & Mandy Zylstra, *Campus Ministers*

Stacey Mighton, *Student Intern*

Lauren McHenry, *Student Intern*

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## RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS



A parishioner recently said something which really resonated with me...something about the meaning of Christmas being not just what we learn in the church, but what we know as educated people (you know, the understanding that major world religions and their primary tenets/holy days are related to world history). Yet, I wonder how many people can accurately articulate, with some detail, the meaning of Christmas, a major holy day in all of Christendom. How many people really know the sacred story of the Nativity, the essence of Christmas?

The story of a baby's birth, especially the birth of Jesus, is a story for all ages. Holy Trinity is one of few churches where our children tell the story on Christmas Eve: many other churches now do the same during Advent. Here, on Christmas Eve, we gather to witness our

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children as the angel Gabriel and Mary in the Annunciation, as Joseph and Mary seeking a place to stay in Bethlehem, as shepherds and angels and Wisemen (bringing Epiphany into the picture). Our older youth serve as the lectors, reading the Story, as our youngest cherubs enact it...the rest of us adding our voices through singing of carols.

This is a vital experience for all of us, God's children young and old. By acting out the sacred drama, the youngest among us begin to learn the meaning of Christmas. One year as an angel, another as a shepherd. Then Gabriel, Joseph or Mary, or even a wise guy! Each year the story becomes more and more a part of us, whether a character in the drama, a lector, or a person singing in the pew. Each year, together we marvel at the meaning of Christmas: Emmanuel - God with us - first in the form of a vulnerable infant.

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me for ever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.\**

I hope you will bring your children on December 5, 12 and 19 (after the 10:30 service) to be cast in the nativity story and to rehearse. Encourage them to invite their friends so that they will learn the story too. Last but not least, since Holy Trinity may be the only church around with children acting out the story on Christmas Eve, invite others to come and see. The service is forty-five minutes or less, a joyful offering for children of all ages.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,

Karen+

\*Name that tune!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Forum

On Sundays, December 5 and 12, parishioners will share their personal stories. Their theme is *Moments of Grace and Gratitude*. Each of these two Sundays there will be at least two people sharing personal stories of events and moments in their lives of special meaning. We are grateful for Cleve Callison, who began these kinds of forums, during which we get a special glimpse into the sacred lives of our Holy Trinity friends. On Sunday, December 5, Jenny Callison and the Bements will share their moments of grace and gratitude. Bruce Ford and Devin Rodgers will share their moments of grace and gratitude on December 12.

Adult Forum on December 19: *Annunciation, Advent and Christmas Traditions in Art*, Bonnie Mason presenting.

Adult Forum will NOT meet on Sundays, December 26 and January 2.

Episcopal Church Women

ECW will meet at noon on **Tuesday, December 7** at the Knolls Commons for lunch. All are welcome to this event which is held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Knitting Group

The Episcopal Church Women will be meeting **Thursday, December 16**, from 10 am-noon at the Knolls. This group meets on the third Thursday of each month to knit prayer shawls, though all forms of handiwork and projects are welcomed. For more information, contact Dorothy Samter (524-7483).

Community Dinner

Will be held at Holy Trinity **Wednesday, December 22** at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft.

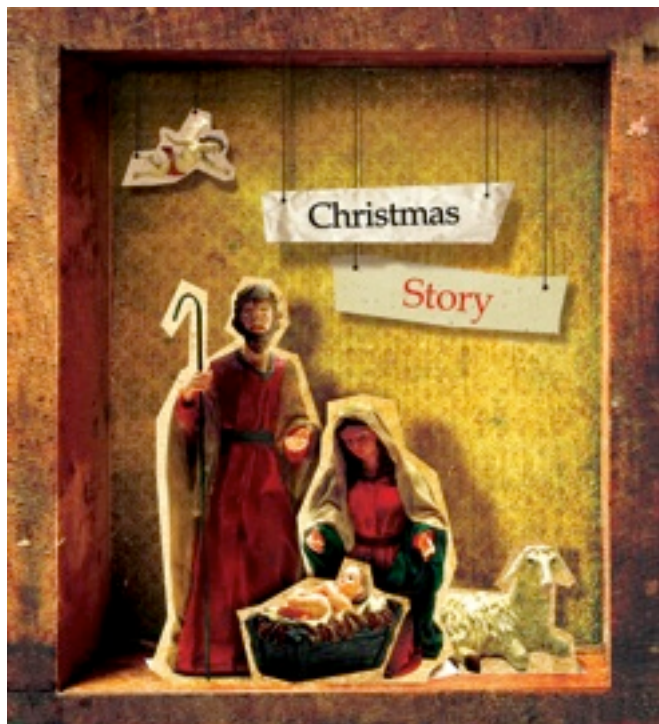


## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Advent and Christmas Worship

I Advent	November 28	8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I	10:30 am Holy Communion, Rite II
II Advent	December 5	8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I	10:30 am Holy Communion, Rite II
III Advent	December 12	8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I	10:30 am Holy Communion, Rite II
5:00 pm Lessons and Carols			
IV Advent	December 19	8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I	10:30 am Holy Communion, Rite II
<b>The Eve of the Nativity, December 24 (Friday)</b>			
5:00 pm Family Carol Service with children/youth presenting the Christmas Story			
11:15 pm Festive Holy Communion & Candlelight Service			
I Christmas	December 26	8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I	10:30 am Holy Communion, Rite II
II Christmas	January 2, 2011	8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I	10:30 am Holy Communion, Rite II

### CHILDREN/YOUTH NATIVITY PLAY SCHEDULE WITH KAREN BURNARD



Once again, Holy Trinity's children and youth will be presenting the Christmas Story at the early service on Christmas Eve. All children and youth are encouraged to participate.

#### CASTING:

Sunday, December 5th, after the 10:30 service, in the nave.

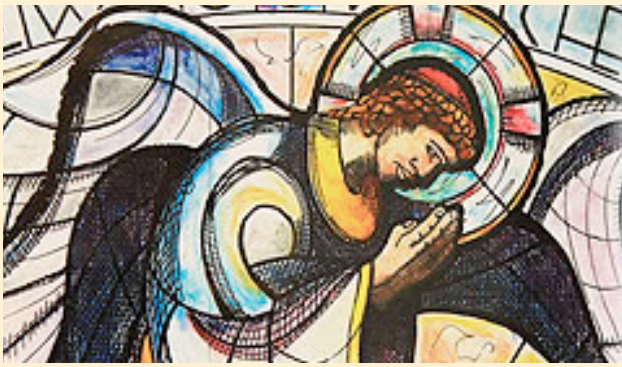
#### REHEARSAL:

Sunday, December 12th, after the 10:30 service, in the nave.

#### DRESS REHEARSAL:

Sunday, December 19th, after the 10:30 service, in the nave.

This year Christmas Eve is Friday, December 24th. The cast should be at church by 4:30 at the latest on Christmas Eve. The service begins at 5:00 pm. Bring your families, neighbors, and friends for this dramatic telling of the sacred story. This service does not include Holy Communion.



## Annual Holy Trinity Silent Retreat

**WHERE:** Transfiguration Spirituality Center, Glendale (Cincinnati)

Yes, there is a new name and new additional lodging and dining room in the former St. Mary's "Rest Home". The space has been completely renovated including private bathrooms with each room. Come experience the new direction of the Sisters in the Community to support our spiritual journeys.

**WHEN:** January 28-30, 2011

**HOW:**

- Live together in community for a weekend, 5 p.m. Friday – 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Rest in private single or double rooms for women, men and couples.
- Eat communal meals in the guest dining room.
- Observe The Daily Offices with the sisters; morning, noon, evening and night.
- Browse and borrow library resources available for use anywhere in the convent.
- Sit silently in one of three chapels
- Walk in peaceful grounds and neighborhood
- Tour the chapel with St. Jacqueline and be surprised why you will need a flashlight.

**WHY:** Discover the mysterious ways God silently moves within each of us as we come to better understand one other and God.

**WHO:** You, members, friends, family.

## Nominations for Vestry

If you think someone has the gifts and temperament to serve on the Holy Trinity Vestry (or as a convention delegate), please ask that person if you can suggest him/her to Rob Thomas, Nominating Chair. Convention delegates must be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church. Thank you!

**A note from Bishop Nedi Rivera,** who visited Holy Trinity with her husband, The Rev. Robert Moore, on Sunday, November 7:

*Beloved in Christ,*

*What an amazing congregation Holy Trinity is! Great liturgy (the incense was a delightful surprise!), fabulous ministry, children, young people! Clearly God's Grace is active at Holy Trinity.*

*Thank you for your warm hospitality and the fun conversation at the forum. It was great to be with you...*

*Benediccion,  
Nedi*

## "Break the Cart" Sunday fills a Truck!

Special thanks to Dick and Anne Lodge, Frank Jordan, and all of you who brought food for "Break the Cart" Sunday, November 21st. On Monday, November 22nd, Frank and Dick filled a truck with the food they boxed for the Oxford Choice Food Pantry. Thank you all!

## Concert of Sacred Choral Music

The Miami University Chamber Singers and Choraliers, William Bausano, conductor, will perform a concert of sacred choral music on the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. The performance begins with sacred choral works by Vittoria, Casals, Rachmaninoff, Pärt, and Lauridsen, performed by the Miami University Chamber Singers. The Choraliers will perform Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols," with Jacquelyn Davis, harpist. Performances are Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4, at 8:00 p.m. at Kumler Chapel on Miami University's Western campus. Tickets are available at the Shriver Center Box Office, 529-3200.



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Faith in Action through  
Community Engagement & Service

## Faith in Action through Community Engagement and Service (FACES)

### December Preview:

**Sunday, Dec. 5th: 12 pm - 1:30pm**

**Brunch and Dialogue:** Join us for a meal and good conversation today as we gear up for the holiday season.

**Friday, Dec. 10th: 5 - 9pm**

**Progressive Dinner:** Our friends at Faith Lutheran are hosting a progressive dinner that will take place at three different homes. We'll be meeting at Faith Lutheran at 5pm. Please let Mandy ([zylstraj@muohio.edu](mailto:zylstraj@muohio.edu)) know if you are interested in going to this by Friday, December 3rd.

**Sunday, Dec. 12th: 5 - 8pm:**

**Lessons & Carols, Dinner, and White Elephant Gift Exchange:** This is our final FACES event of the Fall Semester, we'll join Holy T in Lessons & Carols and Dinner at 5pm, and then we'll have a final White Elephant gift exchange & Egg Nog afterward. (Bring a wrapped gift: anything from your room or less than \$5)

**THANK YOU** to all of you who donated toiletry supplies for our friends at the Drop Inn Center!!

### Advent Quiet Day at Redeemer

Saturday, December 4

9 am until 3 pm

Join us as  
**Bishop Breidenthal**  
leads a day of prayer  
and meditation  
on the theme:



***Embracing our Connection:  
How We Can Participate in the  
Incarnation of Jesus.***



Please make your reservation  
by **December 1:**  
[www.redeemer-cincy.org](http://www.redeemer-cincy.org),  
321-6700, or the sign-up sheet  
in the narthex.

Please bring a packed lunch.  
Beverages will be provided.

*Sunday School*

Ellen Phelps' class and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be on break December 26 and January 2. Both groups will resume Sunday, January 9.

*Happy New Year!*

**Missing Keys**

Holy T is missing a ring of church keys. They can be identified by a pink plastic tag attached to them. If you are able to locate them, please return them to the church office. Thank you!

**Altar Flowers**

Please contact the Holy T office if you would like to give the altar flowers on Sunday, December 19.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 I Advent 7:30 PM AA (OR)	29	30 11:00 AM Prayer Grp (OR) 12:00 PM Bible Study (OR) 7:30 PM AA (UC)	1	2 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (UC)	3 Office Closed	4
5 II Advent 7:30 PM AA (OR)	6	7 11:00 AM Prayer Grp (OR) 12:00 PM ECW Lunch (Knolls) 7:00 PM Vestry (OR) 7:30 PM AA (UC)	8	9 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (UC)	10 Office Closed	11
12 III Advent 5:00 PM Lessons & Carols 7:30 PM AA (OR)	13	14 11:00 AM Prayer Grp (OR) 12:00 PM Bible Study (OR) 6:00 PM Serve City 7:30 PM AA (UC)	15	16 10:00 AM Knitting Group (Knolls) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (UC)	17 Office Closed	18
19 IV Advent 7:30 PM AA (OR)	20 Triad Submissions	21 11:00 AM Prayer Grp (OR) 12:00 PM Bible Study (OR) 7:30 PM AA (UC)	22 5:30 PM Community Dinner (UC)	23 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (UC)	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve 5 PM Family Carol Service & Christmas Story presentation 11:15 PM Candlelight Service	25 Christmas
26 I Christmas 7:30 PM AA (OR)	27	28 11:00 AM Prayer Grp (OR) 7:30 PM AA (UC)	29	30	31 Office Closed New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day

*A Hearty Toast of Thanks ...*

- ◆ to Mary and Neil Poppendeck who have stepped forward and offered to coordinate grounds, gardens, and I Hate Litter;
- ◆ to volunteers who could and would help with weeding, trimming, deadheading, raking, collecting litter and trash whenever the call came forward;
- ◆ to those who generously contributed to permanent and seasonal plantings, benches, patio, professional maintenance to provide places of peace and beauty;
- ◆ to master gardeners who guided and counseled on the care and plan for our grounds and gardens;
- ◆ and, to parishioners who spoke often of their appreciation,

I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve and coordinate the vision for Holy Trinity's grounds and gardens.

*Sally Southard*

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

*Christmas Poinsettia Offering*

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of poinsettias:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Cost: \$10 per plant. Please return your order form and payment to the Holy Trinity Office no later than Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Make your check payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and write "Poinsettia" on the memo line. Thank you!*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

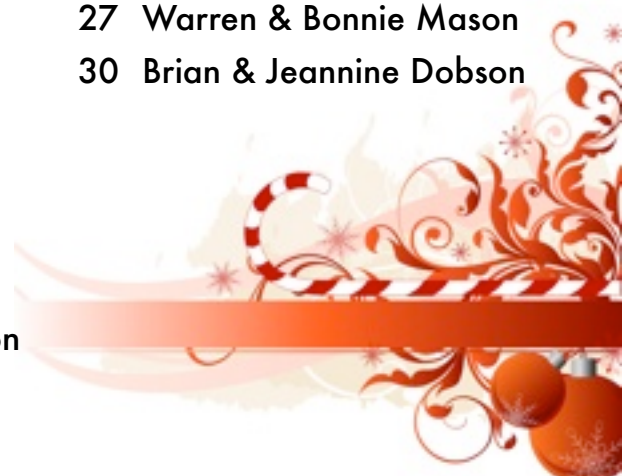
**December Birthdays**

- 3 Bob Phelps
- 6 Kelly Hansel
- 7 Sarah Michael
- 9 Mike Stahr
- 11 Bill Bausano  
Rob Thomas
- 12 Barbara Pontius  
Erica Dierling
- 15 Dianne Hutchinson
- 16 Barbara McCabe
- 18 Ed Demske

- 20 Doug Hamilton  
Morgan Stahr
- 21 Phyllis Hollenbaugh
- 22 Brent Bartels
- 23 Al Lindsey
- 24 Katie Hamilton
- 25 Mary Sue Houk
- 27 Rebecca Lukens
- 28 Mary Margaret Callison
- 29 Nicholas Morton

**December Anniversaries**

- 15 Robert & LaVerne Pruden
- 24 Jim & Barbara Reid
- 27 Warren & Bonnie Mason
- 30 Brian & Jeannine Dobson



## 'No fault' asphalt

The San Pedro de Macorís city government has been diligent during the last year paving roads in marginal neighborhoods. This is progress. Paved roads are better than dirt roads, right?

However, there are unintended consequences. The asphalt streets and concrete curbs are generally higher than the surrounding land. They disrupt natural and pre-existing drainage patterns. The paved streets act as giant serpentine dams winding through the neighborhoods. When it rains, dirt side-streets fill with water and mud. Houses are filling-up with water.

Responses have taken various forms. People band together to tear-up the asphalt to create breaks across the pavement to restore water drainage.

People raise the floors of their houses (but not the ceilings and door jambs, so watch your head!). Some have simply abandoned their homes. These are poor people without the resources to remodel their homes (not to mention the cost and disruption when everything inside the house gets soaked – most people simply have mattresses lying directly on the floor, for instance). We have helped several people with their unexpected expenses and driven others to their homes on side-streets that used to drain well, but now become flooded, muddy messes when it rains.

You might think that the city government would offer some relief or would have done some basic civil

engineering analysis before starting construction. You might think that this was all avoidable. Well, that kind of thinking does not usually get one very far here. We are told by Dominicans that the road paving projects are more about the contracts for the asphalt and concrete than about civic improvement or development. Sounds cynical, perhaps, but it is believable. Meanwhile, poor people are left to deal with the unintended consequences.

Hippocrates wrote "First do no harm" in his treatise *Of the Epidemics*. As interventionists working in church health programs, we cannot afford to turn our backs on unintended negative consequences. The community health staff here works hard to properly plan projects, monitor them for troubles, and make corrections before problems occur. As ambassadors for Christ, how could we justify anything less?

Keep praying, Michael



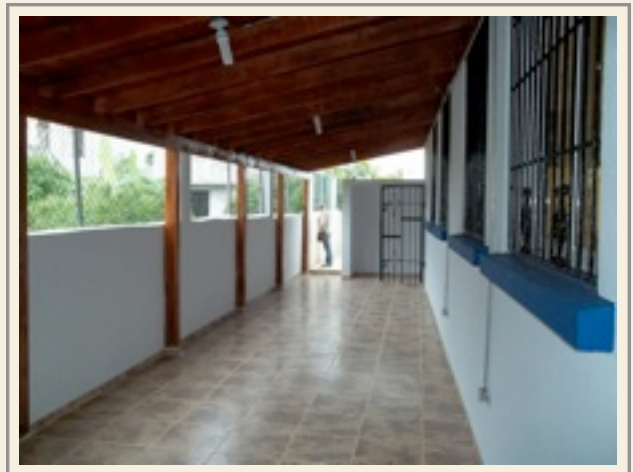
*Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as SAMS missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macorís in the Dominican Republic.*

Check out the Dohn's mission videos on their YouTube channel:  
[www.youtube.com/user/DohnFamily](http://www.youtube.com/user/DohnFamily)

The videos can also be found on their website:  
[www.dohnfamily.org](http://www.dohnfamily.org)

## PICTURES OF THE WEEK

From Michael Dohn ([DohnFamily@sams-usa.org](mailto:DohnFamily@sams-usa.org)): *The photos below show what has been done with the 'Alley' behind the Clinic that Holy Trinity helped to paint on the last mission trip. It is ready for Rehabilitation to move some of their equipment into the area.*



## DECEMBER LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

	December 5 Advent II	December 12 Advent III	December 19 Advent IV	December 24 (Late Service)	December 26					
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> (8 am)	Kathleen Carels	Carty Ellis	Al Lindsey	N/A	Rob Thomas					
<b>Eucharistic Minister I</b> (Chalice I)	Peter Williams	Bill Bausano	Rich Bement	Dick Smith	Bob Benson					
<b>Eucharistic Minister II</b> (Chalice II)	Carty Ellis	Jennie Kiffmeyer	Lila Mason	Rob Thomas	Dick Smith					
<b>OT Lector</b> (First Lesson)	Glenn Julian	Eleanore Vail	Rosalyn Benson	Rosalyn Benson	Kathleen Carels					
<b>Psalm</b>	Chris Church	Kathleen Flanagan	Carty Ellis	Kathleen Carels	Bruce Ford					
<b>NT Lector</b> (Second Lesson)	Mandy Zylstra	Mary Cayton	Ginger Smith	Mary Cayton	Jennie Kiffmeyer					
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jim Michael	Oliver Mogga	Emily Murphree	Kathleen Flanagan	Dick Nault					
<b>Acolytes</b>	Crucifer	Steve Elliott	Crucifer	See Schedule Below	Crucifer	Laura Harlan	Crucifer	See Schedule Below	Crucifer	Bob Benson
	Altar	Brittany Stokes	Altar		Altar	Kathryn Hamilton	Altar		Altar	Wagner Mogga
	Torch	James Stokes	Torch		Torch	Nina Stahr	Torch		Torch	Andrew Mogga
<b>Greeters</b>	Ted & Harriett Schmitt	Elaine Brandner, Anne & Dick Lodge	Yero Peterson, Kathy McCabe	Dick Nault, Schmitts	Dick Nault, Jack Southard					
<b>Oblationists</b>	Jessica Toglea	Elaine Brandner, Anne & Dick Lodge	Kathy McCabe	Dick Nault, Jack Southard	Dick Nault, Jack Southard					
<b>Healing Minister</b>	Lila Mason	Kathleen Flanagan	Lila Mason	Kathleen Flanagan	Kathleen Carels					
<b>Flowers</b>	Mary Cayton	Sally & Jack Southard	OPEN	Gary Martin	Dobsons					
<b>Ushers</b>	Jack Heitsman, Sharon Seidel									
<b>Coffee</b>	John & Susan Harlan	Barbara Ellison	Neil & Mary Poppendeck	N/A	Barbara Hamilton					
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dick & Ginger Smith									

### Acolyte Schedule December 12 & December 24

<b>December 12:</b>	<b>Advent III (Gaudete) – Eucharist</b> Kathy McCabe [c] Martin Ganey [a] Ethan Hamilton [t]	<b>Advent Service of Lessons and Carols – 5 PM</b> Bob Benson [c] Andrew Mogga [t] Wagner Mogga [t]
<b>December 24:</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Family Service – 5 PM</b> Brittany Stokes [c]	<b>Feast of the Nativity - 11:15 PM</b> Laura Harlan [c] Choir cross Kathryn Hamilton [a] Ethan Hamilton [t] Steve Elliot [c] Clergy cross Kathy McCabe [t] Stephanie McCabe [t]

***N.B.** We will use the traditional Gospel Procession at this service with Clergy cross and all four torches.*

**January 2011 Lay Ministers**

	<b>January 2</b>	<b>January 9</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>January 30</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> (8 am)	Rich Bement	Kathleen Carels	Carty Ellis	Al Lindsey	Rob Thomas	
<b>Eucharistic Minister I</b> (Chalice I)	Bill Bausano	Carty Ellis	Lila Mason	Rich Bement	Bill Bausano	
<b>Eucharistic Minister II</b> (Chalice II)	Bob Benson	Jennie Kiffmeyer	Rob Thomas	Peter Williams	Bob Benson	
<b>OT Lector</b> (First Lesson)	Bruce Ford	Oliver Mogga	Devin Rodgers	Eleanore Vail	Kathleen Flanagan	
<b>Psalm</b>	Glenn Julian	Emily Murphree	Sharon Seidel	Rosalyn Benson	Bruce Ford	
<b>NT Lector</b> (Second Lesson)	Jennie Kiffmeyer	Dick Nault	Ginger Smith	Kathleen Carels	Glenn Julian	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jim Michael	OPEN	Diana Uhlman	Mary Cayton	Jennie Kiffmeyer	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Crucifer	Crucifer	Crucifer	Crucifer	Crucifer	
	Altar	TBA	Altar	TBA	Altar	TBA
	Torch	Torch	Torch	Torch	Torch	Torch
<b>Greeters</b>	Ted & Harriett Schmitt	Elaine Brandner, Anne & Dick Lodge	Yero Peterson, Kathy McCabe	Dick Nault, Jack Southard	Anne & Dick Lodge	
<b>Oblationists</b>	OPEN	Anne & Dick Lodge	Kathy McCabe, Barbara McCabe	Dick Nault, Jack Southard	Anne & Dick Lodge	
<b>Healing Minister</b>	Lila Mason	K. Flanagan	Lila Mason	K. Carels	K. Flanagan	
<b>Flowers</b>	Tom & Angie Schultz	Dick Nault	Bill & Barbara McKinstry	Al & Ruth Lindsey	George & Barbara McCabe	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jack Heitsman, Sharon Seidel					
<b>Coffee</b>	Diana Uhlman & Susan Kay	Warren & Bonnie Mason	Jim & Sarah Michael	Bob & Rosalyn Benson	Bill & Mary Bausano	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Betty & Glenn Julian					

**If unable to serve, please find a substitute &  
call the office if there is time. Thank you!**

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