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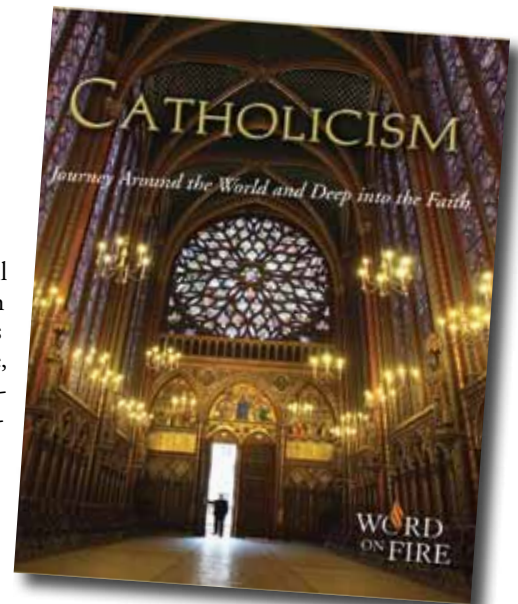
CATHOLICISM is a groundbreaking documentary Series and multi-media study program newly released by Word On Fire. The DVD series takes viewers around the world and deep into the faith, spanning more than 50 locations in 15 countries, and stunningly filmed in high-definition cinematography.

CATHOLICISM illustrates the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic faith

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This event is created and hosted by Father Robert Barron. Fr. Barron is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and recognized as "one of the Church's best messengers" and great teachers of the Faith. He is a prominent theologian, author, speaker, and cultural commentator.

St. Peter's Learning Center is offering the Catholicism project beginning mid-January 2012. Each class is a combination of a DVD segment, workbook and small group discussion. This 11 week program will offer the same class session three times a week (Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday morning). Individuals will be asked to choose a class day/time with the option to attend an alternate class, if needed. Each class session will approximately two hours. Registration and additional information is



available on the parish website www.saint-peterslincoln.com.

More information about the Catholicism Project may be found on page 5, on www.CatholicismProject.org and on www.WordOnFire.org.

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of Catholicism
today!*



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CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The giving tree in the church vestibule benefits families served by Catholic Social Services. Remove a tag from the tree and place the unwrapped gift and tag under the tree. Deadline for gifts: Sunday, December 18th.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS

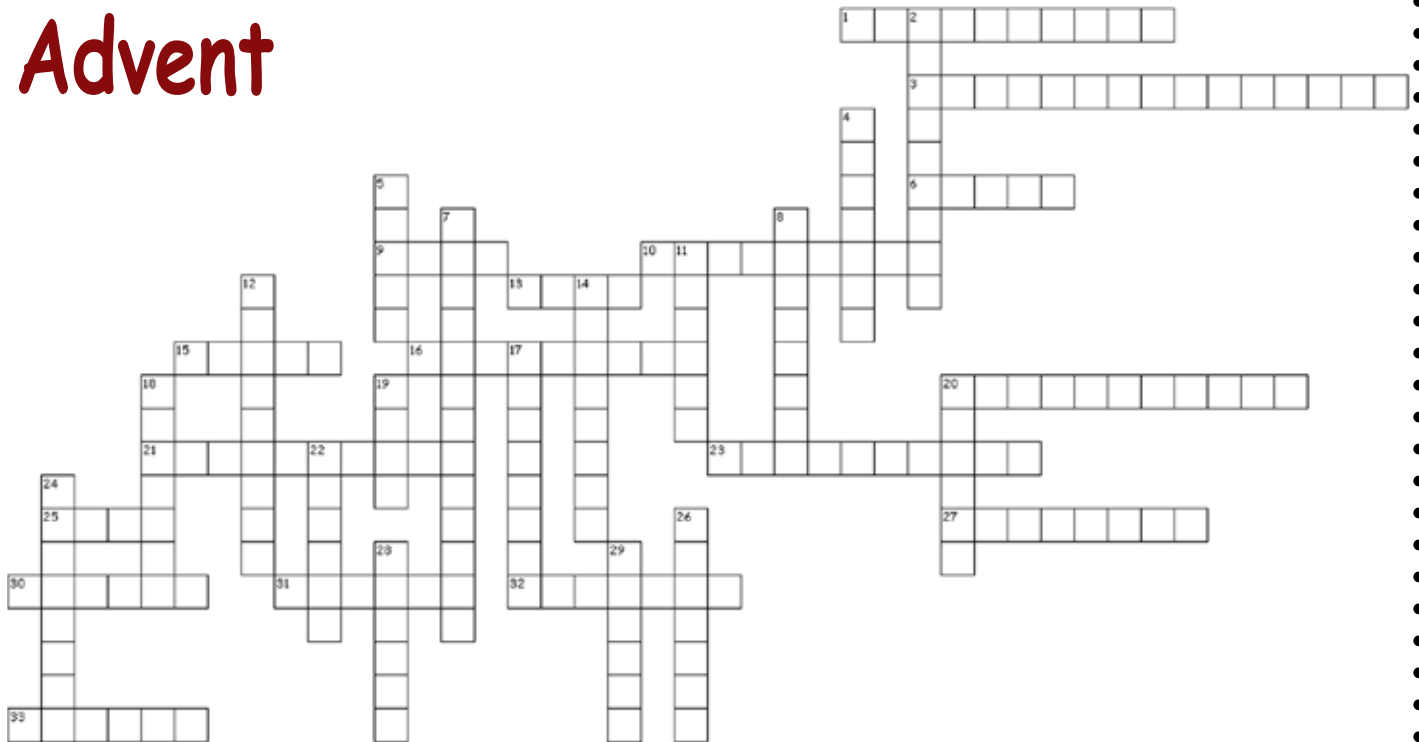
Junior high students are collecting money for food baskets for the needy from Lincoln parishes. Please take an envelope from the Christmas tree next to the Scrip counter and donate what you can to help this worthy cause. Questions? Contact Jeremy Lepper @ 328.2872, 499.1477 or Jlepper@stpeterslincoln.com.



2011-2012 Parish Council

Back, l to r: Dave Jarecke; Kurt Daberkow; Dave Snitily; Dean Martin; Steve Maddox; Mike Messineo, president; Pat McCashland, vice president; front: Father Christensen; Becky Pollock; Jody Olsson, secretary; Ann Hovis, treasurer; Rogene Villamonte; Lisa Kerrigan; Michelle Wagner. Not pictured: Lisa Hupp.

Advent



Across

1. the custom of a 9-days nightly procession of Joseph and Mary searching for the inn that is traditional in Mexico
3. the special booklet published by St. Peter's for Advent
6. the opposite of darkness
9. the light in the sky that the wise men followed
10. Deliverance from sin and its consequences
13. the color of the candle lighted on the third Sunday of Advent
15. the bedding in the manger
16. used to depict the 28 generations in the genealogy of Jesus
20. the act of getting ready for an occasion
21. The final 8 days of Advent use these special "O" statements
23. the mother of the Christ child
25. another name for the wise men
27. another word for our Savior
30. the bed where the Christ child was laid
31. A prayer at Mass that is not used during Advent or Lent
32. To remain or rest in expectation
33. A title for Jesus Christ

Down

2. the wrapping of a baby
4. the anticipated Savior, the 'anointed one'
5. the name of the child who's birth we are awaiting
7. The third Sunday of Advent is also known as this
8. a special one is used to count down the days in Advent
11. the season of preparation before Christmas
12. the end of the Advent Season
14. a scene set up consisting of Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus (and others)
17. Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to the feast of this saint (Nov. 30)
18. a vow, the expectation of something to come
19. left by the door on the eve of St. Nicholas' feast
20. conversation with God
22. the color of the candles lighted on the first, second and fourth Sundays of Advent
24. this Feast day is a Holy Day of Obligation and is celebrated on December 8.
26. symbolizes the love and light in the family that comes from Jesus Who is the Light of the World
28. contains 4 candles that are successively lighted on the 4 Sundays of Advent
29. the saint better known as "Santa Claus"

The Mass Is Changing

As part of the recent Priest Lecture Series Father Christensen presented some of the changes to the Roman Missal which includes the updated English translations of many of our existing prayers. He began by explaining that the word “Mass” means message and we gather to offer the unbloody sacrifice of Calvary and receive the risen and glorified body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ in Communion. The changes that we will hear and use at the Mass was implemented the first Sunday of Advent, November 27.

Father went on to say the Church in the English speaking countries has been blessed with this opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, and to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives.

Now is the time to seize the opportunity given to us for all Catholics in the United States to deepen, nurture, and celebrate our faith through the renewal of our worship and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. In a history lesson Father explained that prior to Vatican II, the Mass was universally

prayed in Latin throughout the world and the priest kept his back to the congregation. Vatican II opened the Mass to be prayed in the language of the people so that all could understand and participate more fully. The new Mass translation restores the uniqueness and prayerfulness of the original Latin while helping us to focus on the mystery of the Mass.

Father Christensen reviewed the new text for the congregation, including the Gloria and Creed, and explained that the changes are rooted in Scripture, both Old and New Testament. One example is our response to the invitation to Communion where we currently say “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.” The new response is found in the story of the centurion at Capernaum (Mt 8:5 and Luke 7:1) “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed. All of the Mass changes are listed on our parish website.

A slide-show presentation of a recent Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Vasa and



Fr. Christensen gave two presentations on the Mass and the new English translation that began Nov. 27th.

pictures from past special liturgies from Holy Week, Easter and Corpus Christi were also shown.

The presentations ended with the prayer and the concluding words from the Latin Mass, “Ita Missa est.” These words translate “Go you are sent” and are a reminder that as Catholics, we are sent out into the world with a message to share – the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Children love to anticipate

...and there is a small child in all of us!

The Advent season is filled with preparation and expectation. We are getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Sometimes we are so busy with the material aspects that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity. The word “advent,” comes from the Latin “adventus” means “coming” or “arrival.” The season of Advent is focused on the “coming” of Jesus as Messiah, Christ the King. Our worship, scripture readings, and prayers prepare us spiritually for Christmas (His first coming), as well as His eventual second coming.

Since Advent looks forward to Christ’s birth and Incarnation, it is an appropriate way to begin the Church Year. Advent is not part of the Christmas season, but a preparation for it. It is just as important to prepare for Christ during Advent as it is to celebrate the Christmas season.

During all of the hustle and bustle of this year’s Advent season, let us strive to keep this season one of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on flesh of the Virgin Mary. When we shop and bake, may we remember to purchase and prepare something for the poor. When we clean our homes, may we distribute some of our possessions to those in need. And when we are decorating our homes, may we remember to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts for our Savior to dwell by receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

May our 2011 Advent Adventure booklet help you to prepare your family for a beautiful and blessed Christmas.



Download your copy of *Advent Adventure* today!





Our Hearts, Our Prayers: A DREAM FULFILLED



This campaign for our church/school facility additions to the south and east has almost reached our \$1.8 million goal. Several hundred pledge cards are still out. With continued generosity our parish can go over goal and add the west parking lot extension. A preliminary campaign finance report will be in the December 18th bulletin issue.



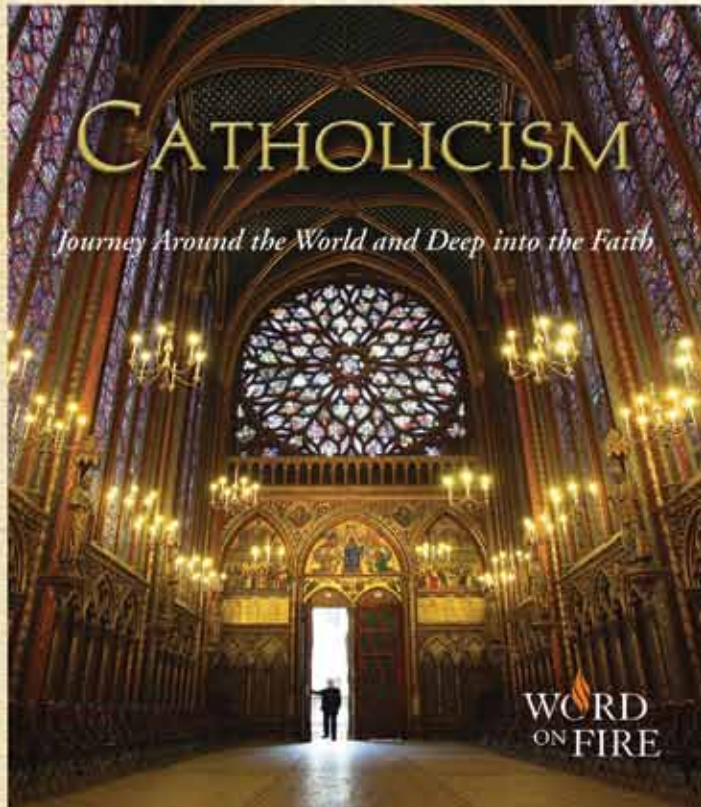
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Father Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago, and one of the world’s great and most innovative teachers of the Catholic faith. He is the founder of **Word on Fire Catholic Ministries**.

Week #	Monday 7 – 9 pm	Thursday 7 – 9 pm	Saturday 8:45 – 10:45 am
1	1/16	1/19	1/21
2	1/23	1/26	1/28
3	1/30	2/2	2/4
4	2/6	2/9	2/11
5	2/13	2/16	2/18
6	2/20	2/23	2/25
7	2/27	3/1	3/3
8	3/5	3/8	3/10
9	3/12	3/15	3/17
10	3/19	3/22	3/24
11	3/26	3/29	3/31

Registration and additional information is located on our parish website:

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Additional questions:

Call Lynette at 402.328.2866

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For the Record

New Members

Nick Armentrout	Troy & Teresa Holthaus
Andrea Auer	Kim Imel
Matthew & Alicia Babcock	Kristine Kavanaugh
Ronald & Janice Bell	Jennifer Lahners
Todd & Pamela Bengtson	Donovan & Jennifer Lempka
Michele and Mark Bischoff	Joshy & Angela Madathil
Kirsten Bohlig	Adan & Jessica Martinez
Justus & Rosanne Bohnart	Michael & Sarah Maseth
Rosalind Cleek	Diane Mattison
Todd & Patricia Duncan	Jill McGhehey
Rick & Jodi Frager	Elizabeth & Patrick Norris
Derek & Lisa Gregory	Kathleen & Jeremy Schultz
Stacie Hamm	Tucker & Elizabeth Shockey
Claudia & David Holding	Joseph Synhorst

Baptisms

Allen Leo - son of Shawn & Laura Allen
 Eli John McPherson - son of Ryan and Rachel Baumert
 Camilla Georgina - daughter of Joe Hernandez and Nicole Bennett
 Cayleigh Louise - daughter of Shea and Amanda Bopfield
 Alexis Jo - daughter of Adam and Sarah Classen
 Peyton Marie - daughter of Eric and Mary Beth Himmelberg
 Natalie Lynn - daughter of Erich and Rebecca Hohl
 Charles Haynie Norrie - son of Patrick and Elizabeth Norris
 Roni M. and Alan H. - sons of Christopher and Rose Nguyen
 Isaaq Ryann - son of Richard and Joey Olsen
 Gianna Marie - daughter of Landon and Jessica Parks
 Kyler Christopher - son of Christopher and Katrina Reha
 Hadley Ann - daughter of Jason and Tara Stille
 Jeslyn Marie - daughter of James and Tamera Toof
 Samuel Andrew - son of Matthew and Laura Tritt
 John Williams - son of Christopher & Kathleen Vetch
 Ava Cecelia - daughter of Aaron and Amanda Wiegert
 Cass Charles - son of Tolynn & Melissa Wiles

Death

Ronald Righter - *October 1, 2011*

Marriage

Nicholas Espinosa & Jessica Higgins - *September 24, 2011*
 Philip Pick & Nicole Heidemann - *October 1, 2011*
 Jeffrey Bohling & Michaela Buckbee - *October 28, 2011*



Remember
to keep

Christ
in **CHRISTMAS**

Mass Attendance

All parishes in our diocese were asked to take a Mass attendance census the first two weekends in October.

	Weekend of Oct. 1/2	Weekend of Oct. 8/9
5:30	500	399
8:00	489	515
9:30	805	871
11:30	394	635
Totals	2,188	2,420
	50%	56%

Total Catholic population is 4,295 individuals.
 Our church seats 850 people.

Advent Crossword

Answers - Across: 1. Las Posadas; 3. Advent Adventure; 6. Light; 9. Star; 10. Salvation; 13. Pink; 15. Straw; 16. Jesse Tree; 20. Preparation; 21. O Antiphons; 23. Virgin Mary; 25. Magi; 27. Emmanuel; 30. Manger; 31. Gloria; 32. Waiting; 33. Savior; **Down:** 2. Swaddling; 4. Messiah; 5. Jesus; 7. Gaudete Sunday; 8. Calendar; 11. Advent; 12. Christmas; 14. Nativity; 17. St Andrew; 18. Promise; 19. Shoe; 20. Prayer; 22. Purple; 24. Immaculate Conception; 26. Candles; 28. Wreath; 29. St Nicholas

Saint Gabriel the Archangel

The Church celebrates the feast of the Archangels on September 29th which includes Sts. Gabriel, Michael and Raphael. These three are the only named Archangels in Scripture and they share the same feast day.

The name Gabriel means "God is my might." St. Gabriel is a special messenger of God and is the patron saint of communication workers.

St. Gabriel is referred to by name four different times in Scripture. He appears in both the Old and the New Testament in the Book of Daniel and in the Gospel of Luke. In Daniel 8 and 9, Gabriel appears twice

to the prophet Daniel as a messenger sent from God to reveal the true meaning of a vision experienced by Daniel and to explain a prophecy that Daniel did not understand.

Gabriel was given the great privilege of announcing the future births of both John the Baptist and Jesus. Gabriel appeared to

Zechariah to announce that Zechariah's wife, Elizabeth, who was thought to be barren, would bear him a son and he was to call him John. (Luke 1:5-19)

Then, Gabriel appeared to Mary to ask her to become the mother of our Lord, Jesus. "...the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph... And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." Gabriel tells Mary that her relative, Elizabeth, has also conceived a son "for nothing is impossible for God." (Luke 1:37) Mary responded, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26-38)



Plans are underway for the 2012 Soupor Chili Cook-Off, and you are invited to be a part of all the fun!

The Soupor Chili Cook-Off booths have been a staple of the event and everyone waits to see the great themes which parishioners bring to life. Don't wait - sign-up and start planning your booth idea.

Contact Christy Heinzmann – 304.3897.

SOLD! It's auction time, too. Please consider making a donation to the silent or live auction. Theme baskets, hand-made crafts or jewelry, sporting event or theatre tickets, a vacation retreat, your handyman services, flight vouchers, gift certificate, etc... no item is too big or too small! We are especially in need of time shares and special dinners.

Contact Valerie Snitily – 420.7364



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