

Influenza Outbreak Response: Step 1

Reminders:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze (or cough/sneeze into your elbow – not your hand). Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water (using the appropriate technique for at least 20 seconds), especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Stay home if you get sick. If you do come to Mass, do not drink from the chalice or receive communion on the tongue. Share the sign of peace by a bow or a wave; do not hold hands with others.

*From the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Youngstown
with gratitude to the Diocese of Davenport for their assistance with this material*

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Participation at Mass:

- Sunday Obligation: The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days of Obligation (Canon 1247) is the ordinary expectation of Catholics. Obviously, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness, travel, or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you are not feeling well, especially during this time of concern, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.
- Sign of Peace: Members of our congregation should not be offended if someone chooses not to shake the other person's hand at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and still come to Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say, "Peace of Christ be with you," to avoid bodily contact or one might wave slightly at the other person.
- Reception of Holy Communion: While it is the teaching of the Church that the fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ is contained in the Holy Eucharist under the form of the Host that is distributed at Mass, the Church has also extended the privilege to receive communion in the form of wine. However, if you are feeling sick, please receive communion in the hand, and refrain from receiving communion under the form of the Blood of Christ.
- Pregnant Women and Persons with Compromised Immune Systems: Persons who have been directed by their medical advisors that they are particularly susceptible to infection (or to complications due to the flu in particular) may choose to refrain from any practices by which they might come in contact with germs, including shaking hands, receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, and drinking from the Chalice.

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DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN CREATE A NEW LOGO CONTEST !

Are you creative, imaginative, inspired? Do you know and love your Church?

WHAT: the official Diocese of Youngstown logo!

WHO: parishioners, students, members of the Diocese of Youngstown

HOW: Create a logo that represents the Diocese of Youngstown
Think of symbolism for our Church . . .
e.g., six counties/geographic location, our patron St. Columba, the people,
the current face of the Church, sacraments, history of the region,
anything that represents who we are as a diocese
(see Mission Statement on reverse)

ENTRIES: color, hand-drawn or computer generated, no larger than 8 x 10
include name, age, parish and/or school

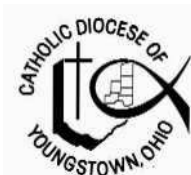
WHEN: entries must be received at the Chancery by December 31, 2009
(144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503)

Judging will be completed by a committee under the direction of Bishop Murry.
The winner will be announced in January, 2010.

The winner will have the honor of having his or her design used as the official logo
of the Diocese of Youngstown on letterhead, brochures, forms, booklets and more.

In addition to "bragging rights," the winner will be pictured in the Catholic Exponent
with Bishop Murry and receive a cash prize.

This is the current logo ►



◀ What is your idea?

**SHOW YOUR CATHOLIC CREATIVITY AND DESIGN
THE NEW OFFICIAL DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN LOGO!**

Questions: Nancy Yuhasz 330-744-8451 or nyuhasz@youngstowndiocese.org

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

We are people of God in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. Blessed with a rich variety of backgrounds and talents, we are a living reflection of the Universal Church

Through our baptism, we continue Christ's mission to further the kingdom of God through the human family. We share our living faith by proclaiming the Gospel in word and example. Together we celebrate Christ's presence in worship and sacraments.

In a spirit of justice, mercy and love, we dedicate ourselves not only to minister to the people in the six counties of the northeastern Ohio but also to minister to the world community.

Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for December 2009 / January 2010

December 6, 2009 (2nd Sunday in Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

December 20, 2009 (4th Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given of herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

January 3, 2010 (Epiphany of the Lord)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The three kings in today’s Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

January 17, 2010 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits – the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

January 31, 2010 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

December 13, 2009 (3rd Sunday in Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today’s Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the man who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.”

December 27, 2009 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

January 10, 2010 (Baptism of the Lord)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved son,” is also identified as a “servant” by the prophet Isaiah. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

January 24, 2010 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, Saint Paul writes to the Corinthians, “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.” Because its individual members do collectively make up the body of Christ, that body’s health and well-being are the responsibility of the members – we are the stewards of the His Church.

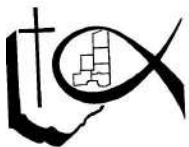
Word, Worship & Service

Connecting Parishes with the Diocesan Offices of Catholic Schools, Worship and Catholic Charities

Word, Worship & Service is a quarterly publication distributed through *Communiqué* and on the web at www.ccdoy.org. Its purpose is to provide information on how the Diocesan Offices of Education, Worship and Catholic Charities are serving you—our parishes, Catholic Institutions and friends in the Diocese of Youngstown.

“The Church’s deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable.”

— Pope Benedict XVI
Deus Caritas Est



Catholic Diocese of Youngstown

Many families need assistance this Christmas

During the months and weeks before Christmas, Catholic Charities receives numerous phone calls from parishes, schools and compassionate members of the community asking what they can do to make Christmas brighter for our client families. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate all of the generous donations of food, winter coats, toys, clothing and other items that help us help others in Jesus’ name.

This year, Christmas will be difficult for many families in our diocese. Both the unemployed and the working poor—those who have experienced reductions in their hours at work and those whose wages have not increased along with the rising cost of living—will find it difficult to put gifts under the tree for their children. In fact, even those of us who are fortunate enough to have “good” jobs are hesitant about spending money, as each day more and more Americans learn that job security no longer exists. However, Catholic Charities has been blessed to see that those who can give are giving in order to help others. This year’s First Step for Change effort was the most successful in the campaign’s six year history, raising over \$40,000 to provide material assistance with food,



formula, diapers and other items to pregnant women and families with children ages 0-3. Additionally, our first “Keep the Kids Warm” campaign held this past winter raised an astonishing \$60,000 to provide utility assistance to families with children. Catholic Charities is hoping this giving trend continues into the year ahead. Catholic Charities will rely on additional support from our parishes and the community to meet an increase in need that has skyrocketed nearly 30% in the emergency assistance program alone.

If you are interested in making a Christmas contribution to Catholic Charities, visit our website at www.ccdoy.org or call the Catholic Charities agency in your county Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your loved ones!



What is the Diocesan Liturgical Commission?

There are a variety of diocesan boards and commissions that support the work of the diocesan offices and, in some instances, are consultative to the diocesan bishop, Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J. The Office of Worship is grateful to have a very dedicated and knowledgeable group of clergy, religious and lay men and women who serve on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. They are consultative to the bishop, and focus their work on four areas: art and architecture, Christian initiation, music, and worship. The commission consists of twelve members appointed by Bishop Murry and two ex-officio members. Currently, the ex-officio members are Msgr. Robert Siffrin, Vicar General, and Mrs. Fran Amer, Director of the Office of Worship. The appointed members are Mrs. Sandy Bailey; Rev. Michael Balash, executive secretary; Mrs. Pat Campbell; Rev. Pat Ferraro; Mr. Ron Goulish; Rev. Bradford Helman; Dr. Daniel Laginya; Ms. Joan Lawson; Msgr. Peter Polando; Sr. Isabel Rudge, OSU; Sr. Marilyn Ruffin, HM; and Mr. Bruce Sekancik.

In addition to tasks related to the specific areas of focus listed above, the entire Commission contributes to the annual Liturgy Day offered on the first Saturday of February. This year's event will be on February 6, 2010, at St. Charles Parish, Boardman. Rev. Michael Woost, professor of liturgy at St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, contact the Worship Office at 330-744-8451.

2009 Golden Apple Award Winners

Through the generosity of the Donahue Family Foundation of Pittsburgh, the Golden Apple Award honors outstanding individuals who teach in Catholic schools. The diocese recognizes and deeply appreciates the unique charge these teachers have to the development of each student. Their selection, from a field of many outstanding educators in the Catholic schools, is recognition of the commitment and witness of all the Catholic school teachers throughout the diocese.

The 2009 awardees are:

Mary Ann Critell	Ursuline Preschool and Kindergarten, Canfield
Teresa DiNarda	St. Louis Elementary School, Louisville
Patricia Hampu	Regina Coeli/St. Joseph Elementary School, Alliance
Mary Ann Huzicka	St. Christine Elementary School, Youngstown
Carmella Manning	St. Michael Elementary School, Canton
Richard Mattiussi	Cardinal Mooney High School, Youngstown
Clara Tolson	St. Paul Elementary School, Salem



The award consists of an unrestricted cash award of \$5,000, a certificate, a Golden Apple paperweight, and a Golden Apple lapel pin, presented to the awardees. A selection process at the school and diocesan level was used to determine the awardees. In addition to being a full-time teacher who has taught in the school where they are currently teaching for at least three full years, these teachers must give evidence of the following: professional development, commitment to students and school, leadership qualities, service to Church and community, teaching skills, and role model as a Catholic educator.

Keep the Kids Warm



Keep the Kids Warm provides special assistance

If you have made a gift to the 2009 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, thank you! You have helped us to make a difference in your community and others across the Diocese of Youngstown.

Although Catholic Charities receives 66% of the funds raised through the Bishop's Appeal, the goal of this diocesan campaign has remained unchanged for the past several years. Therefore, there is no "new" money to help make up for the loss of community

and government funding that our agencies have been experiencing in the years leading up to and including the current recession.

Special efforts like First Step for Change and Keep the Kids Warm raise money to help meet the increased demand for family support and emergency assistance. 100% of the funds collected through Keep the Kids Warm help the Catholic Charities agencies provide direct utility assistance to families.

Dollars Making a Difference for Families

Vicky and Bob came to Catholic Charities as a last resort. Bob's hours at work had been cut significantly, and Vicky was a stay-at-home mom raising the couple's two young children. The family had been scraping by for the past six months, picking and choosing which bills were most important, and which they could afford to pay.

When they received a notice that their electricity would be shut off at the end of the week, Vicky and Bob did not know what to do.

A friend told Vicky about Catholic Charities, and she made an appointment to meet with a case worker.

Vicky and Bob's income made them eligible for assistance to cover a portion of their bill. The Catholic Charities caseworker also called the electric company to negotiate a payment plan so that the couple could pay back what was owed.

Funding from Keep the Kids Warm makes stories like this possible.

Some Facts about Keep the Kids Warm

- *Keep the Kids Warm raised over \$60,000 in 2008*
- *100% of the funds collected through Keep the Kids Warm are returned to the county in which they were collected.*
- *Catholic Charities provided utility assistance to 8,208 people last year.*



Catholic Charities helped Vicky and Bob's family stay warm this winter.

**Special Collections for
Keep the Kids Warm
will be held at parishes
throughout the Diocese of
Youngstown between
December 26-27, 2009
and
January 9-10, 2010**

**Contributions for
Keep the Kids Warm
may also be mailed to**

**Catholic Charities
Keep the Kids Warm
P. O. Box 614
Youngstown, Ohio 44501**

**Please make your check
payable to
Catholic Charities**

Utility Assistance: A Growing Need

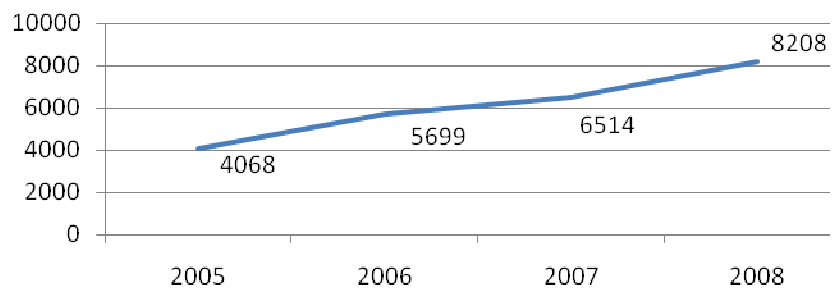
Over the past several years, Catholic Charities has seen an increase in the need for utility assistance. Rising energy costs coupled with the current economic crisis have made it increasingly difficult for families' incomes to keep up with inflation.

Working with other social service organizations—both Catholic and non-Catholic alike—Catholic Charities has been able to pool resources to help qualifying clients. However, the demand is greater than the available resources.

Catholic Charities is typically able to pay a portion of the utility bills presented to us, some of which are thousands of dollars in arrears.

When we can, Catholic Charities advocates with utility companies either to negotiate the amount owed, or to establish a payment schedule so that our clients can pay back what is owed.

The chart below illustrates the increase in the number of utility assistance clients receiving direct assistance, advocacy, or both from 2005-2008:



We Need You to Keep the Kids Warm

In order for the 2009 Keep the Kids Warm campaign to parallel last year's success, we need you—the caring parishioners and friends of Catholic Charities—to participate. Whether you can give \$5 or \$500 every gift has an impact greater than you can imagine. If you supported Keep the Kids Warm last year: THANK YOU!

We are hopeful that our diocesan parishes will consider a second collection for Keep the Kids Warm between the Feast of the Holy Family (December 26-27, 2009) and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9-10, 2010). In 2008, over 1/3 of the parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown supported Keep the Kids Warm. We received other donations from generous people in the community concerned about the needs of others during these difficult economic times. If your parish chooses not to participate, you can still mail a gift to our post office box provided above.

One way to show your gratitude for all of the gifts that God has blessed you with is by helping those who are less fortunate. Thank you for your compassion toward those who are hurting right now, and for supporting the work of Catholic Charities in your diocese.

If you have any questions about Keep the Kids Warm or any information in this publication, please call Catholic Charities at 330-744-8451, ext. 328.



“Come. You have my Father’s blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me.”

Matthew 25:34-36



Attn: Bulletin Editor and Parish Vocations Committee

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs

December 2009/Cycle C

First Sunday of Advent -- November 29, 2009

“Strengthen your hearts in holiness.” Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest,? Call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 6, 2009

Are you seeking “knowledge and full insight to help you determine” your vocation in Christ as a priest? Call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 13, 2009

“All were questioning in their hearts.” Are you considering a vocation as a priest? Call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 20, 2009

“It is by God's will that we have been sanctified.” How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, Call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Christmas -- December 25, 2009

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, Call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Holy Family -- December 27, 2009

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Vocation General Intercessions

December 2009/Cycle C

First Sunday of Advent -- November 29, 2009

That all those now discerning their vocations will be alert and responsive to the invitation of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 6, 2009 That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 13, 2009

For men and women called by the Lord to be messengers of salvation as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that Christ's peace will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 20, 2009

That the faithful response, "Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord," will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

Christmas -- December 25, 2009

That like Mary who pondered the mystery of Jesus' birth, Catholic families will pray for and treasure vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, we pray to the Lord.

Holy Family -- December 27, 2009

For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

Dec. 6th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Abortion – the direct, intentional killing of an unborn girl or boy – is not health care. Abortion robs an innocent child of his or her life, and robs mothers of their peace and happiness. For 25 years, the Project Rachel post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church has helped women move beyond their grief and remorse after abortion, helping them find peace by accepting God’s forgiveness and by forgiving themselves and others involved in the abortion decision. Abortion funding can only increase the number of dead and grieving.”

~ Cardinal Justin Rigali, Statement for Respect Life Sunday, September 29, 2009

Dec. 13th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Yet how many children are neither loved, nor welcomed nor respected! How many of them suffer violence and every kind of exploitation by the unscrupulous! May children always be accorded the respect and attention that are due to them: they are the future and the hope of humanity!”

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Greeting at Visit to the “Holy Infant of Prague,” September 26, 2009

Dec. 20th FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Every child asks for our love. This night, then, let us think especially of those children who are denied the love of their parents. Let us think of those street children who do not have the blessing of a family home, of those children who are brutally exploited as soldiers and made instruments of violence, instead of messengers of reconciliation and peace. Let us think of those children who are victims of the industry of pornography and every other appalling form of abuse, and thus are traumatized in the depths of their soul. The Child of Bethlehem summons us once again to do everything in our power to put an end to the suffering of these children; to do everything possible to make the light of Bethlehem touch the heart of every man and woman.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Midnight Mass, December 25, 2008

Dec. 27th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

“Children, and those who are dependent on us due to disability or age, offer us the opportunity to grow in patience, kindness, and love. They teach us that life is a shared gift, not an encumbrance. At the end of life, we will be judged on love alone.”

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Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Ministry
Diocese of Youngstown
Natural Family Planning Bulletin Quotes – December 2009
Published monthly on www.cathdoy.org. Click on the “Communique” tab.

Dec. 6th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Couples who practice Natural Family Planning find that by discussing and prayerfully discerning their aspirations and concerns about the size of their family, they find it more easy to address issues in other critical areas of their marriages: finances, "in-law" strategies, how to rear their children, and many other issues.

--Couple to Couple League website

Dec. 13th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
What is natural family planning?

Natural family planning is a general name for the methods of family planning that are based on a woman's menstrual cycle. A man is fertile throughout his life, while a woman is fertile for only a few days each cycle during the child-bearing years. Some believe that NFP involves using a calendar to predict the fertile time. That is not what NFP is today.

--Married Love & The Gift of Life: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Dec. 20th FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

If parents are not living the sexual ethic taught by the Church, then they cannot teach these values to their children. If parents are not living chastity in their marriage, then they cannot expect their sons and daughters to live chastity as single persons. If parents refuse to practice periodic abstinence, as required by natural family planning, then how can they expect their vibrant teenagers to practice total abstinence?

-- Fr. Matthew Habiger, O.S.B., Ph.D.

Dec. 27th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Contraception does not exist to welcome another person into the world. It is intended to prevent the *coming into being* of another person. Its action is to separate, or suppress. Contraception is not family planning--it is family avoidance. That is radically different from being a good steward over one's fertility and co-operating with God *and His design* to space and limit births in a marriage. The latter perspective honors God as author of life, the former does not.

--Theresa Notare, Director of Natural Family Planning, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Intercessions for Life

December 2009

Dec. 6th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For young women in crisis pregnancies:
that they may receive loving support and guidance,
and consolation from our Blessed Mother;
We pray to the Lord:

Dec. 13th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For all physicians and healers:
that they may fulfill their obligations to patients
with a sense of the sacredness and dignity of human life;
We pray to the Lord:

Dec. 20th FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For all children:
that their beauty, joy and innocence may serve as reminders
that each child is a precious gift from God;
We pray to the Lord:

Dec. 27th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

For those who are lonely or estranged from their families:
that they may find consolation and healing
during this Christmas season;
We pray to the Lord:

“The medieval theologian William of Saint Thierry once said that God – from the time of Adam – saw that his grandeur provoked resistance in man, that we felt limited in our own being and threatened in our freedom. Therefore God chose a new way. He became a child. He made himself dependent and weak, in need of our love. Now – this God who has become a child says to us – you can no longer fear me, you can only love me.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Midnight Mass, December 25, 2008

Sharing Hope In Tough Times

Reflections & Prayer Intention Suggestions for Your Bulletin: December 2009

December 6, 2009:

Reflection: Remember that the Lord does great things every moment so don't become discouraged in the midst of life's struggles.

Prayer Intention: That all people will be sustained by the knowledge that God's power can accomplish anything.

December 13, 2009:

Reflection: Let us follow the command of today's Gospel and share our surplus with those in need; give at least one item from your closet to charity this week.

Prayer Intention: That all who have abundance may share with those in need.

December 20, 2009:

Reflection: Your time and attention are the best gifts you can give your family; it costs nothing but its worth is priceless.

Prayer Intention: That Christians will reach out to each other with the gifts of time and attention during this holy season.

December 27, 2009:

Reflection: Do not let financial frustrations tear your family apart; spend time together each day talking about your blessings.

Prayer Intention: That families will remain united even in the face of hardships.

Alternate/Extra #1:

Reflection: Share the light of Christ this season by taking a card from a Sharing Tree to buy a gift and brighten the Christmas of a stranger.

Prayer Intention: That the light of Christ will shine through many selfless acts of generosity.

Alternate/Extra #2:

Reflection: Christmas is not about the quantity of gifts you give or receive but about the love with which those gifts are presented and accepted.

Prayer Intention: That all will acknowledge that love is the greatest gift to give or receive.