

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn December 16 through Dec 23 for James and Ruby Freeman.

Offerings for the sanctuary light are available beginning throughout the month of January. Each candle burns for seven days, and the candle is replaced every weekend. If you would like to make an offering of \$5.00 in honor or in memory of a family member, friend, etc., please call the office or print "sanctuary light" on an envelope and drop in the collection. Also, write your name so we can contact you if that week has been taken.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Theo Nathaniel Huff**, son of Andrew and Regina Huff, who was baptized on Saturday, December 8. May God make His presence known to him always!

MARY'S FEAST – Wow! A wonderful group of parishioners at Mass at St. John's on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. I could just picture Mary dancing for joy in heaven! Your presence (and singing) made it a beautiful celebration.

THANK YOU – "Thanks to all for your prayers and well wishes. May all have a blessed Christmas and a grand New Year." (Mary White)

From Loaves and Fishes: "Thank you for your \$650.00 donation. We feed around sixty families each month. This costs around \$1,000.00 each month. We could not do this without your help. Every penny goes to buying food. God Bless You!" (This money is part of the 10% we promised we would give to charity from our raffle proceeds.)

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – "*ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS.*" As of today, the amount pledged to the United Catholic Appeal is **\$11,315**, which is 89% of our goal. 68 households have responded thus far, which is 33% of parish participation. We are very close to our goal of **\$12,705**. Thanks!

MEETINGS – No meetings this week - preparing for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – You will find the Christmas and New Year Mass schedule on the **cohort page** of the bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5, on Wednesday, December 19, 6:45 PM. The children will have their Christmas Party this night, and each child should bring one piece of fruit to make fruit baskets for our shut-ins. No meal will be served.

No classes for Grades 6 through 12 for the next two weeks. Classes will resume January 6!

ELECTRONIC BANKING – The amount of collection given from Electronic Banking will be listed in the bulletin each week. One last time, if you are interested in giving this way, ask for either Julie Stephens, Lorrie Gilland, or Janice Simon at the Napoleon State Bank and they will assist you in filling out the necessary form.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – Have you checked to see if you are scheduled for the Christmas and New Year celebrations? We need you for our liturgical celebrations!

OPEN DOOR TOUR – Sunday, December 30, 1:00-5:00 PM, the Batesville Deanery welcomes you and your loved ones to tour the 19 beautifully decorated churches of our deanery. Bask in the sacred spaces dressed in their finest during this Christmas season and offer a family prayer while there.

DON'T MISS IT – State Patrolman Kyle Black will be the presenter of our next coffee talk on Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 PM. This presentation, "Safe and Secure," will be in our Parish Hall. **All Greeters are asked to be present for this talk.**

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – Class will be held Sunday, January 7, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon at St. Louis, Batesville in the Deanery Resource Center. Fee is \$40 for books and materials. Call 812/212-4951 to register.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A 4-year-old girl loved to go to Sunday school and learn about Moses. But she suddenly lost interest in going.

"Why don't you want to go, honey?" her mother asked.

"Oh, I just don't like to go to Sunday school since Moses died," the girl answered. (via Rev. Dr. Ken Curtis, Fallon, NV)