The Crèche, One of the Christmas Season’s Most Cherished Symbols

Crèche, also spelled creche, cresch or 'kresch, is a French word that means ‘infant bed.’ This word applied to the perennially beloved Christmas symbol of the Nativity scene. In Italy it is known as presepe; in Spain and Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America the name has multiple translations including belén, nacimiento or pesebre. In Poland it is known as szopka, from Polish for "small crib", in the Croatian language jaslice and in Belarus as baśka. From the word Bethlehem. In Russian and Ukrainian culture there was a type of portable Christmas puppet theatre called vertepl.

Christian nativity scenes usually show Jesus in a manger, along with Joseph and Mary, all in a barn or cave intended to accommodate farm animals. A donkey and an ox almost always accompany them, reflecting not just the necessity of animals for a manger, but also an allusion to Isaiah Chapter 1, verse 3: "an ox knows its owner, and an ass its master's manger; but Israel does not know, my people has not understood." The scene sometimes includes the Magi or Three Wise Men (with or without a camel), shepherds and sheep, angels, and the Star of Bethlehem. The traditional scenes that show the shepherds and Magi together are of course not true to the Bible story, since the Magi arrived much later (Matthew 2:1-12) than the shepherds (Luke 2:7-16), and since Matthew indicates that the Holy Family were no longer in the stable at that stage.

For the Christmas season, two nativity scenes are put on display at the Vatican. The first is put inside the Vatican Basilica. The second, placed in the Piazza San Pietro before the Christmas Tree, was made by Saint Vincent Pallotti.

Although drawings and paintings existed earlier, St Francis of Assisi is credited with the invention of three-dimensional nativity scenes. Some fairytale versions claim he used statues or costumed people, but Thomas of Celano, the biographer of Francis tells how he only used a straw-filled manger set between a real ox and donkey. According to Thomas, it was beautiful in its simplicity with the manger acting as the altar for the Christmas Mass.

In 1562 the Jesuits put up a crib in Prague which is considered the first crib of the modern kind. The tradition was brought into Spain from Naples during the reign of Charles III of Spain.

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In Provence, in the South of France, nativity scenes are sometimes composed of hundreds of small painted clay figurines, called santons, representing all the traditional trades and professions of old Provence. Because of their cultural value the santons are often collected as art or craft objects, regardless of their possible use in a nativity scene.

In Mexico and in certain parts of Central America, it is traditional to build the nativity scene on December 16, the day of the first Posada. In Colombia, Christmas decorations including the pesebre and the Christmas tree are put in place on December 8, a holiday known as Dia de las Velitas (Candle's Day). Traditionally, the scene is completed as time goes by. Baby Jesus is not added until December 24, and in the following days the shepherd is placed. The Three Wise Men are not included in the nativity scene until January 6, Three King's Day. The nativity scene is traditionally not taken down until Candlemas on February 2, which marks the end of the Epiphany season. In Latin America, it may be taken down near January 15, when the holiday season is over and schools, colleges, and companies are preparing to reopen.

Here at St. Ignatius, the blessing of the Christmas manger will take place during the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Throughout the Christmas season, we invite everyone to visit this shrine to pray. This year, a new figurine will be added to our scene. Rebecca, one of the villagers, will be added in memory of long time parishioner, Dorothy Jones. Members of the Art and Environment Committee purchased this figurine to honor her for the many years the Jones family assembled and cared for the manger scene.

Throughout the many countries where our faith shines brightest at Christmas time, one can be certain to find the joy of peace and contentment found in the beauty and simple majesty of the Nativity scene. Take some time after Mass during this Christmas season to stop and reflect on the first chapter of the message that is Christ the Lord, as represented in our own parish Crèche.
St. Ignatius Gabriel Update

- On September 11, two weeks early!, one of our Gabriel moms gave birth to a healthy baby boy!
- 'Linda', whose baby is due December 13, was touched by the generosity of anonymous volunteers who donated much needed baby items.
- 'Joanie', whose baby girl is due October 19, was given much needed items from anonymous donors.
- 'Kerrie', whose baby is due in January has reconciled with mom. Her baby is due on grandma's birthday! Her greatest need: to be reconciled with her mom - they have! (Wonder if the due date had anything to do with it!)
- Mom in need called Respect Life Office on a Friday needing baby clothes, and did we have a mattress? Volunteers had donated those very same items the week before. Her baby was due the following Tuesday!
- 'Mayla', new to Houston, and baby due in December, needed maternity clothes. An SOS put out to St. Ignatius Mothers of Young Children was answered quickly. Our Gabriel mom was given the maternity clothes she needed.

The generosity of our parish families has touched the lives of our Gabriel moms in need. They have been given hope and maintained their dignity. Abortion, once seen as the only answer to their 'problem' is no longer the answer. Life for their babies and hope for the future is what, with your help, they have been given.

Big thanks to the Moms of Young Children, anonymous donors who lovingly drop baby items off at the church, and families who call wanting to donate baby items. Thank you dear Amber, (no last name!) for your special and lovely paintings! We treasure the kind words you wrote. Big hug to you!

The Annual National Life Chain

On Sunday, October 7, 2007, Respect Life Sunday, the National Life Chain took place from 2 - 3:30 pm. 117 of us stood along FM1960 holding signs (nothing graphic allowed), standing as one for the Unborn and praying for an end to abortion. The 117 included parishioners from St. Anne's, St. Maximillian Kolbe, St. John Newmann, Lutherans for Life (26 strong), and other Christian churches. One car passing by waved and asked what we were doing. When told, they pulled into the parking lot and joined us. Within seconds their friends, who had been driving behind them, saw them and joined us as well. These teens were part of the youth group at another local church. They promised to spread the word and to join us again next year.

One man holding a sign wondered out loud why more did not understand the importance of the message we were trying to convey. Almost in frustration he asked for a sign from above. 'Were we really getting through to someone', was his cry. That same morning in Luke's Gospel we heard how faith, even as small as a mustard seed can achieve wonders, and I replied to him, 'See that young woman over there with her five sons? Her faith once was as small as a mustard seed, and today, thanks to the Gabriel Project, here she is standing one with us.' Tears filled his eyes as a large smile spread across his face.

We can do wonders, if we have faith!

Special Thanks to All Who Supported the 4th Annual Parish Wide Baby Shower

On behalf of Moms and their babies, we offer a special thanks to all who so generously supported the St. Ignatius Gabriel Project and Respect Life Ministry in our 4th Annual Parish wide Baby Shower. Thanks to your generosity we are able to continue to offer comfort and understanding to the women who are undergoing crisis pregnancies and to provide necessary clothing, as well as car seats for their newborns. We are blessed to have caring and loving parishioners, and those of us who work for and with these women are humbled to represent you as we give your gifts of love out to the Moms. We get hugs and thanks that truly belong to each and every one of you.

May God continue to bless you all.

On behalf of the Unborn,
Pat and RoseMary Finley

St. Ignatius Respect Life Ministry and Gabriel Project

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SENIOR FRIENDS OF ST. IGNATIUS
By JEAN L. MC CARTHY

Senior Friends, an active spiritual and social ministry at St. Ignatius, provides excellent opportunities for those ages 55+ to develop friendships while participating in projects that help others. The ministry meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. from September thru May. Planned activities include social projects, day and out-of-town trips, educational and social events throughout the year.

SERVICES

Baked the pastries and manned the booth for The Sweet Shoppe at the Fall Festival. Donated basket to be auctioned. A project headed up by Marie and Al Merenda to send packages to our troops. Items of food, toiletries, games, books, and personal items, which were approved by the Red Cross, were donated by Seniors Friends and generous cash donations to cover postage. Total number of boxes packed were 35 and were distributed to troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Korea. The troops names were obtained from parish families.

At Christmas, the Seniors provide gifts, toys, and food to a family in need.

ON GOING GOOD WORKS

Seniors volunteer at organizations such as NAM, and Habitat for Humanity. They make quilts for the homeless that are distributed through NAM. Another group knit hats for Romanian orphans. Seniors also give many hours to the parish where ever there is a need: parish ministries, Meals on Wheels, Bereavement (food for funerals) sandwich makers for Casa Juan Diego, AARP free tax preparation by Marge Walsh, and the list goes on.

MEETINGS

September: John Wesley Players performed a Neil Simon play “Scene from Chapter Two”

October: Celebrated the 88 birthday of Wilbur Hunt, one of the original founders of St. Ignatius Senior Friends. We had a volunteer from the new Pearl Fincher MFA give a presentation on the upcoming opening of the museum. This new museum is located next to the Barbara Bush library, and it should be opened by March 2008.

November: Flu shots will be given.

December: Christmas Party

January 2008: Father Norbert will speak on” Funeral Planning Etc.”

FALL TRIPS AND TRAVEL

October thru December:

Chappell Hill Scarecrow Festival
TUTS “Dream Girl”
Picnic in Meyer Park
Mystery trip and Branson Trip

Santa’s Wonderland
TUTS “It’s a Wonderful Life”
Gaylord Resort, Grapevine, Tx.
Spring 2008: Hawaii Cruise
**FORMATION CALENDAR**

**Early Childhood through High school**

**Thanksgiving**
November 20-26: No Formation class

**Christmas**
December 8: Parish Event on Devotion to Mary (for all)
December 11 & 12: Class for grades 6-8 only
December 11 & 13: Christmas Pageant, 7:00 p.m. in Church
(in lieu of class for Grades 1-5)
December 16-January 12: No Formation classes

**Second Semester**
January 13, 15-17: Classes resume
February 3: Early Childhood class only
February 5-7: No Formation classes
March 1: Parish Lent Gathering (for all)
March 16-29: No Formation classes
March 23: Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00 p.m.
March 26: Skate Party for Elementary
May 4, 6-8: Last day of Formation class

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**Wednesday Speaker Series**

**Adult Faith Formation - Spring 2008**

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

*Meeting Location will be announced in the bulletin*

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**WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

The Formation staff would like to let all our volunteers know how much they are appreciated. We could not offer quality Formation for our youth and adults without you. **May God bless you for your service. New volunteers are always welcome. Give us a call and we can discuss the many ways in which you can help with Formation.**

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**VIRTUS TRAINING**

Please note that all volunteers 18 & older are required to attend Virtus training which addresses sexual abuse. Virtus training helps us to provide a place that is safe for children. This training is mandated by the Archdiocese for all adults who work with children on a regular ongoing basis. For more information contact Kathy Schaefer, Virtus Coordinator, ext. 29.
Our annual Fall Festival & Craft Show has come and gone, and was a huge success enjoyed by all who attended. After months of planning, the festival went very smoothly. The only problem was a little bad weather, which didn't dampen our spirits or fun at all.

As usual, the food was fantastic. We enjoyed Italian, Mexican, Filipino, Cajun, Vietnamese, bar-b-que and classic ‘junk’ food. The food booths were run by Todd Bonin who did a fabulous job. It was his first time to take on the arduous job and he handled it like a pro.

Games are one of the biggest parts of the festival. Pam La Rochelle took the job again and did a fantastic job. The games isle of the tent were filled to capacity the whole time and the laughter was everywhere. The kids, teens and adults were all playing, winning and enjoying. We also had the very popular Ironman inflatable, along with the regular moonwalk and the Caterpillar obstacle course.

The hay ride was a lot of fun for young and old. We thank Rick Stein for donating his time and tractor for the hay ride too. It was hugely popular and we all enjoyed the ride.

BINGO went almost non stop and I’d like the thank Raul and Dolores Dominguez for once again taking on that aspect of the festival. Not only do they run it the whole time, they schedule all the volunteers. It seemed the BINGO room was almost to capacity most of the time.

This year we officially changed the name to St Ignatius Fall Festival & Craft Show and the craft show was filled to capacity. Donna and David Bernsen organized the show and did a great job. The vendors were very happy with their success.

Along with food and games, the auctions are very important to the success of the festival. The silent auction co-chaired by Lanette Varnadoe and Deborah Fitzgerald brought in record funds. It was decorated beautifully and ran very smoothly. Many kudos to all the hard work that went into the successful event. The Live auction organized by Mike Marcon, and the auctioneer, Father Norbert, also brought in record amounts. Father Norbert showed his many talents during the festival. As well as being a pro auctioneer, he seemed pretty light on his feet while dancing up a storm on Saturday night.
Our entertainment included live bands, clowns and the very popular karaoke contest. Our parish has loads of talent, which was showcased during the contest. The live entertainment included the very popular HP Jazz band, Cherokee Country Band, Bon Ton Mickey (Zydeco), and our own LifeTeen Band. Parishioner Marissa Hernandez, also came back this year and sang again. She is very talented and has a bright future as I'm sure anyone who was lucky enough to hear her would agree.

I would like to thank all of those who worked so hard on the festival. The grounds work, handled by David Reinkemeyer, is a massive job. Thank you. Also, thanks to all of you who volunteered and worked the booths. Without your help the festival could not even go on. Many of you even took on additional shifts where needed. We had lots of baked goods donated and the cake walk and sweet shop had lots to dole out the whole time. Thanks to the Seniors who ran the sweet shop and the Ladies club who ran the cake walk. Your help was a great asset. The Squires, as usual showed their stewardship. They kept the festival area clean and it almost seemed like magic, the way the trash just disappeared, but it was all the hard work of the Squires.

Well, we can close the book on Fall Festival & Craft Show 2007. In a few months we can start looking the committee next year. You can help make it even better!
Christmas Angels!

Even young children believe....we all believe in special angels who come to help in time of need....who bring love and comfort....kindness and hope. They are God’s gift to us....letting us know He is watching over us in a special way....that we are not alone this holy season”

Many among us have had a difficult year. We could use a Christmas Angel to lighten our burden. Others are able to help....to be Christ’s hands here on earth. Not from our hands...but from His.

If you are at a place in your life where you can help those in need of a Christmas Angel, we invite you to join us in providing gifts and/or food for a family this holiday season. Work alone, as a family, or a team by inviting friends, neighbors or co-workers to join you.

If you need a Christmas Angel, we’d like to help. Please call the church office at 281-370-3401 and tell them you need the help of an angel. You can also drop a note to the church office addressed to us or e-mail christmasangels@sbcglobal.net. Information is confidential.

Is God whispering in your ear?

Electronic Newsletter

If you’re interested in receiving the “Sign of the Times” Newsletter via e-mail, send your name and email address to wjwolpert@aol.com.

St. Ignatius respects the privacy of all parishioners. Your email address will NEVER be used for any purpose other than to send the newsletter. So add your name and help defray the cost of printing and mailing.

Special Thanks to our Internet Savvy Parishioners.

We would like to thank all who receive the ‘Sign of the Times’ newsletter by email. You help save expenses associated with sending via "snail mail." Our electronic recipients view the newsletter a week early and in color, can print as many copies as they like, and receive the exclusive artwork on the back page in place of the postal permit info.

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St Ignatius Music Ministry

The Music Ministry is dedicated to the praise of God and service to the people of St. Ignatius. Each of our groups is open to new members at any time. We invite you to call our office for more information.

Nothing warms the heart more than singing or playing carols at Christmas. If you are interested in our wonderful ministry, we welcome you and encourage you to join us. What better time to take an active musical role in our parish then as we prepare to celebrate this beautiful season. We are always looking for new musical talent for the choir, as instrumentalists, ringing handbells, or any one of dozens of other positions that make up our talented organization. In addition to our primary function of leading the music at liturgical celebrations, the Music Ministry also spreads holiday joy through our outreach to others in nursing homes and various facilities in our area.

The St. Ignatius Music Ministry is over 275 members strong. Our children’s ministry offers three levels of choirs plus handbells. Likewise, adults are offered opportunities to serve as ringers and singers and instrumentalists in various ensembles and orchestra.

Don’t delay. Please call today: 281-370-3401.

Music Ministry Forming a New Choir for our Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mass

The Music Ministry is expanding and we need your help. A new choir is forming to sing the 5:15 Mass on Saturday evenings. Singers and Instrumentalists are needed!

Your talent is God's gift to you.
Volunteering to serve in the St. Ignatius Music Ministry is Your Gift to God.

Please contact the Music Office to volunteer: 281-370-3401, ext. 30 or 31
Sarah Black, Director: svblack@silcc.org
Carla Fresquez, Assistant: cfresquez@silcc.org
ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Saturday, December 8
Vigil: Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available Saturday morning.
The nursery will be available for both Masses.

Advent Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 11
We will be joining Christ the Good Shepherd Parish at St. Edward Parish, 2601 Spring-Stuebner Road, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
(Prince of Peace Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.)

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24
4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (LifeTeen) and Midnight (Prelude music begins at 11:00 p.m.) The nursery will be available for the 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses only.

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25
10:00 a.m. The nursery is not available.
(Seating in the church is limited to 1700 per the Harris County Fire Marshall. Everyone must be in a seat; no standing allowed. You may reserve seats up until 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass.)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Tuesday, January 1
Vigil: Monday, December 31 at 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.
The nursery will be available for both Masses.

FYI: area church schedules (please call to confirm their Mass times)

- Christ the Good Shepherd (281-376-6831)
  Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. (Bilingual), 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass.
  Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.

- Prince of Peace (281-469-2686)
  Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m. (Spanish), Midnight Mass
  Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

- St. Anne (281-351-8106)
  Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. (Spanish), 11:30 p.m.
  Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The parish is invited to experience the Christmas Story, presented by our Elementary children. The December 11 pageant will be presented by children, grades 1-5, attending Formation classes on Tuesdays. The December 13 pageant will be presented by children, grades 1-5, attending Wednesday and Thursday Formation classes. Both will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The pageants will feature children portraying Joseph and Mary, angels, shepherds and wise men in the story of the Annunciation and birth of the Christ Child. Please come enjoy the performances A reception will follow each pageant.

Note: There will be NO Elementary Formation classes December 11-13 due to the pageants. Rehearsal information will come home through class handouts. Please contact Mary Wright with any questions.
WILL YOU SHARE YOUR DEVOTION TO MARY on the
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 offers a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather and share our cultural stories and images of The Virgin Mary.

Mass times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be on Friday December 7 at 7:00 p.m. for the Vigil, and Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m. A social will be held immediately after Saturdays Mass. The social will offer parishioners the chance to learn about the different images of Mary throughout the world.

Will you share your cultural devotion to Mary with the rest of us? We are inviting as many of you as are interested to set up your ethnic or cultural shrine (altar) to Mary so that the whole parish can know her and love her more deeply.

Here are some suggestions: Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Lavang, Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of La Salette, Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

Please call Gloria at 281-370-3401 ext 18 or email at gascoyola@silcc.org to reserve your space for your Marian Shrine on December 8, 2007.

This is a Whole Community Catechetical Event; everyone is invited..

Social Justice Ministries

Our Church, St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Community, has made a commitment in supporting the Catholic Social Justice teaching. By doing so, we are in the process of implementing a Social Justice Ministry, composed of clergy, office personnel and members of our Church.

Our mission is to live, promote and teach the Catholic Social Justice Teachings as presented in scripture and faithfully taught in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. We are thus able to live the life of Christ, be "a people for others" and stir in the hearts of all a love for each member of humanity.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. In our meetings, we research and discuss a topic of the Social Justice teachings and how we could better assist in the goals of our Church in truly being a "people for others". Some of our discussions and research topics are:

- Dignity of the Human Person
- Family and Community
- Human Rights and Responsibilities
- Poor and Vulnerable
- Dignity of Work and rights of Workers
- Unity
- Protection of God's Creation

Justice will bring about peace, right will produce calm and security...

--Isaiah 32:17

We welcome you to join our ministry and to share your thoughts and talent. For more information please contact Amanda Prewitt at 281-370-3401 or e-mail aprewitt@silcc.org.
Advent 2007

The Days are Coming, Says the Lord, When I Will Make a New Covenant With the House of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:31

...Prepare the way of the Lord...

Mark 1:3