

# NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN LIBRARY

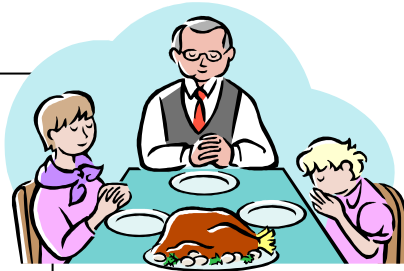
## NOVEMBER 2009

Tolle et lege  
"TAKE UP AND READ"  
St. Augustine (354-430)

The Diocesan Library: "NOT JUST FOR CATECHISTS ANYMORE!"

### PLAN AHEAD FOR DECEMBER!

12/03 – St. Francis Xavier  
12/08 – Immaculate Conception  
12/09 – St. Juan Diego  
12/12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe  
12/16 – Las Posadas  
12/25 – Happy Birthday Jesus  
12/27 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



### HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;  
Count your gains instead of your losses.  
Count your joys instead of your woes;  
Count your friends instead of your foes.  
Count your smiles instead of your tears;  
Count your courage instead of your fears.  
Count your full years instead of your lean;  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.  
Count your health instead of your wealth;  
Count on God instead of yourself.

**LIBRARY WEBSITE:** <http://www.vermontcatholic.org/index.php> - "Departments" → "Catholic Formation" → "Diocesan Library"

**E-MAIL LIST:** Please share this information with Family, Friends, and Parishioners! Receive "NOTES" via email to include all or part of it in Sunday Bulletins, or post on Bulletin Boards! Just contact the Librarian – see contact info below.

**MAILING SERVICE:** We can mail Library items to you! We are here for **ALL** Catholics in Vermont!! We just ask that you pay the return postage, and return the items within a **two week** time period.

**RENEW:** If you need items for longer than the two week borrowing period, just call or email the Librarian!

This will prevent any scary reminder (phone calls or emails) you may receive if your items are overdue! ☺

**WEBSITE OF THE MONTH:** **USCCB – Advent & Christmas** - <http://www.usccb.org/advent/index.shtml> - Prepare for Advent and Christmas with these resources for families, parishes, and individuals. It also includes a "Christmas Season" calendar, much like an Advent Calendar, to help remember to celebrate each day of the Christmas Season, not just the day!

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Do you know someone who is ill, or home-bound? Bring them a bag of books & movies from YOUR Diocesan Library to help them stay active in their Faith.

Ideas from: [Fresh ideas for your homebound ministry](#) by Diana Davis

**"Traveling tea party:** Add a fun dimension to a homebound visit. Fill a basket with teacups, napkins, teas, a pretty plate of cookies, and a thermos of hot water. Serve tea with great ceremony, thanking God aloud for the opportunity to celebrate one of his children. Even better: deliver the tea party on her birthday.

**Personal delivery:** Make a brief weekly delivery to a homebound member. Take him a photo of his Bible class or a recent church event, Sunday church bulletin, sermon tape, audio of a class Bible study, or a **church library book.**"

## NEW ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BOOKS

**Advent in the Home: Activities for Families** – Ellen C. Becker & Mary T. Barnes – Our Sunday Visitor

J 263.912 BEC – Make your family's preparation for the Advent season truly something to remember this year with a collection of easy, fun, faith-building activities for the entire family! Created for -- and tested by -- today's busy families of all shapes and sizes, these activities will create family memories while passing on the Faith from generation to generation. Each craft, prayer, recipe, and project sets up in minutes with simple, handy materials and offers hassle-free cleanup. Savor the real meaning of Advent with the ideal, hands-on, teachable faith moments that every family can enjoy. No technical expertise is required!

**An Angel Came to Nazareth: A Story of the First Christmas** – Anthony Knott & Maggie Kneen

J 263.915 KNO - As the first Christmas draws near, four travelers must make their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. An angel asks four animals to choose which traveler they would like to carry. The horse chooses the brave soldier; the camel, the wise king; the ox, the Good Samaritan. But the donkey, who chooses the poor woman with child, discovers that his humble-looking passenger is the one carrying the greatest of them all. With its simple rhymes, lavish illustrations and eye-catching foil throughout, this book conveys the very special spirit of the Christmas season.

**Drummer Boy** – Loren Long

J 263.915 LON - In a wintry little town, a toy drummer boy appears on a child's doorstep. And when it is still and quiet, the drummer boy plays, boom pum pum boom pum, and warms the child's heart. But one day the drummer boy is accidentally knocked into the trash, sending him on a journey he never imagined—a journey on which he continues to play his drum, warming the hearts of others, from a rat to an owl to a snowman. And in a touching conclusion, his own heart is warmed as he plays to his most perfect audience: the baby in a manger.

**The Little Drummer Mouse** – Mercer Mayer

J 263.915 MAY – During the holiday season, many of us can be caught humming along to the catchy and dearly loved Christmas carol "The Little Drummer Boy." Now Mercer Mayer revisits this tale of the first Christmas with a wonderfully endearing twist. In a quaint woodland setting that bustles with animals and activity, the timid little drummer mouse plays his

acorn drum wherever he goes. Then, one night, a bright star leads him to a stable. To the mouse's amazement, Mary invites him to play his drum for the new king. Children will relish the moment when the little drummer mouse realizes that no matter how small he is, he is a part of this exciting event. Mercer Mayer's glowing and friendly artwork brings enormous charisma to this cozy version of the Nativity, and parents will appreciate this retelling that makes the meaning of Christmas accessible to little ones.

**On This Special Night** – Claire Freedman & Simon Mendez

J 263.915 FRE - On a silent winter's night, one star burns brighter than all the rest. "That must be a special star," Mother Cat whispers. When Little Kitten and Mother Cat join the animals journeying toward the starry light, they discover that it is a special star indeed -- shining with peace, love, and joy on this very special night.

**Room for a Little One: A Christmas Tale** - Martin Waddell & Jason Cockcroft

J 263.915 WAD - 'Tis the eve of Christmas--a cold winter's night--when Kind Ox offers to share his stable by the inn. Assuring each tentative visitor that "there's always room for a little one," he first gives shelter to Old Dog, then, in quick succession, Stray Cat, Small Mouse, and Tired Donkey, who is accompanied by Joseph and a weary Mary. As predators and prey gather together in "the peace of a stable," they learn lessons about tolerance and generosity. Finally, they bear witness to the birth of the most wondrous "Little One" of all: the baby Jesus.

**The Story of Christmas** – Patricia A. Pingry, Illustrated by Lorraine Wells – Candy Cane Press

J 263.915 PIN - Here is the story of the birth of Jesus and the original reason behind Christmas told in a simple manner that toddlers will understand, in a compact board book version.

**We Three Kings** – Gennady Spirin

J 263.915 22 SPI - Over two thousand years ago, three great kings journeyed across the desert, riding through the heat of day and dark of night. Each from a different region, each beckoned by the same gleaming star, each bearing treasures, each wishing to welcome a newborn asleep in a manger's hay -- a baby named Jesus, who would change the world. This beloved Christmas carol, written in 1857, celebrates the wise men's journey and the first Christmas night. Gennady Spirin pays his own type of homage with paintings so exquisitely detailed and wrought that they, too, are a gift.

## NEW FROM POPE BENEDICT XVI

**Charity In Truth (Caritas In Veritate)** - Encyclical Letter – Pope Benedict XVI – USCCB – 2009

261 BEN - Pope Benedict XVI offers an ethical analysis of the global economic crisis and a moral framework on how to move forward as one human family. He challenges each of us to put charity and truth, justice and the common good at the heart of our economic choices and everyday lives.

**Family** – (Spiritual Thoughts Series) - Pope Benedict XVI – USCCB – 2009

248.8 BEN Series - Family Spiritual Thoughts Series Pope Benedict XVI shares his thoughts on the subject of family: the bonds that are created, the truth of marriage, and the vocation of love that enables us to become loving people. He emphasizes that marriage is between a man and woman and that trust, responsibility, sharing and loving are nurtured in the family.

**Following Christ** – (Spiritual Thoughts Series) - Pope Benedict XVI – USCCB – 2009

248.4 BEN Series - Following Christ is the seventh title in the Spiritual Thoughts Series by Pope Benedict XVI. The Holy Father shares his thoughts on developing a relationship with Christ as his disciples through excerpts from his writings, speeches, and homilies.

**Prayers** – Pope Benedict XVI – USCCB – 2009

242.8 BEN - Many people write to the Holy Father, asking him to pray for them. Inspired by the many requests that he has received, this book is a collection of prayers that reminds us that God is always there to listen and hear our prayers. Prayers by Pope Benedict XVI provides strength and comfort to people who have openly shared their joys, hurt, pain, struggles, and uncertainties about the daily challenges that confront each of us in the world.

**The Priesthood** – (Spiritual Thoughts Series) - Pope Benedict XVI – USCCB – 2009

253.2 BEN Series - Pope Benedict XVI discusses the mission and purpose of the priesthood. The Holy Father states that the essence of the priesthood is consecration, sacrifice, and the giving over of one's self to God. It is through intimacy with God in relationship and dialogue that empowers the central task of the priest which is to bring God to men and women and to remind them of the ultimate purpose of their lives.

**Diocese of Burlington Library (DOBL):** 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Bishop Brady Center – 351 North Ave. – Burlington, VT 05401

**Library Hours:** 9:00am - 5:00 pm every day that the Bishop Brady Center is open.

**Diocesan Librarian:** Kristina M. McSalis - [kmcsalis@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:kmcsalis@vermontcatholic.org) - 802-658-6110 Ext. 1135

Kristina works 15-20 hours per week, when schools are in session.

**Self-Help System:** When the Librarian is not in, we use a self-help or "honor system", for checking out materials.

See signs for check-out procedure. If you need more help, an Office of Catholic Formation Staff Member can assist you too!

**Thank you for using YOUR Diocesan Library!**

**Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!**