



DIOCESAN DIGEST DECEMBER 22, 2009

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David as Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord...'

Paige McKee to Join Diocesan Staff

The newest member of the diocesan staff, Paige Smith McKee, will begin her duties on Jan. 4. Paige will serve as an Administrative Assistant with special emphasis on database management. She earned her B.A. degree at Boise State University in elementary education, and has continued her post-graduate education in education, business administration and development planning. She is involved in a host of volunteer areas, including the American Cancer Society, Spokane Arts Commission, Spokane Ballet Ensemble, and Manito Junior Golf. Paige is also filling a mayoral appointment as a member of the Spokane Design Review Committee. She attends The Cathedral of St John the Evangelist and calls herself a "genetic Episcopalian." She and her husband have three children.

Celtic New Year's Celebration at Cathedral

A Celtic Rite for the New Year will be celebrated Dec. 31 at St. John's Cathedral. A bell ringing rite begins at 10 p.m. A Celtic Eucharist begins at 10:30 p.m. and a holiday reception follows at 11:30 p.m. Those attending the reception are asked to bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided. The celebration is a joint ministry of St. David's Church and St. John's Cathedral.

Tuning in...

To watch the Presiding Bishop's Advent message on YouTube, go to <http://www.youtube.com/TECtube>. To hear a live broadcast of the service of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge, go to <http://www.allclassical.org/index.php5> at 7 a.m. on Dec. 24.

Schedule Reminders

The Diocesan Office at Paulsen House will be closed from noon on Dec. 23 until Monday, Jan. 4. Staff members will be in and out, but there will be no regular office hours. The Digest will not be sent on Dec. 29, but will resume on Jan. 5.

AIDS Care team training

Catholic Charities will offer volunteer orientation and training for Spokane Multifaith AIDS Care teams from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 at their Family Services Center, 12 E. 5th Ave. A \$10 registration fee includes lunch. Pre-registration is by phone, e-mail or mail and should be submitted by Jan. 4. Call Catholic Charities 509.358.4273 for information or registration or e-mail Scott Cooper at scooper@ccspokane.org.

Reflection from Bishop Waggoner

It seems somewhat wrong-directed to be looking back, reflecting on this past weekend when all eyes and energies are focused forward – toward Christmas only four days away. Having said that, I would not miss the opportunity to recall yesterday's time at St. John's Cathedral where I participated in the service of Nine Lessons and Carols, a favorite liturgy.

Annually I look forward to this service, finding myself by the last Sunday in Advent ready to hear anew the rich history of readings and music that set the stage for Jesus' birth. The worship itself is a welcomed gift in its simplicity: music, lessons, prayers, through which we are invited into the story of real people who surely knew darkness yet also saw light, coming in the form of a personal promise being fulfilled and a holy hope being renewed. By choirs, bells, and congregation the story is told again and happening now. Once more my heart is gladdened.

+Jim

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER 2009

The **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** is now available on the diocesan website: www.spokanediocese.org. Click on the "Ministries" tab at the top of the page and use the pull-down menu to locate the prayer cycle or visit <http://www.spokanediocese.org/ministries/prayer-cycles>

For prayer cycle information, contact: The Rev. Lynn Yule, dlyule612@charter.net , 509-582-8635(O)

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Diocesan Calendar as of December 22, 2009

Dec 31 Celtic Rite for the New Year (St. John's Cathedral)
Jan 15-17 Teens Encounter Christ (St. John's Cathedral)
Feb 1-4 Clergy Retreat (Immaculate Heart, Spokane)
Feb 12-13 Commission on Ministry (Paulsen House)
Mar 12-13 Commission on Ministry (Paulsen House)
Apr 9-11 Community of the Holy Spirit Retreat (Immaculate Heart)
Apr 19-21 Clergy Conference (Immaculate Heart, Spokane)
Apr 23-24 Commission on Ministry (Paulsen House)
May 13-16 Cursillo Weekend, St. Paul's, Walla Walla www.inlandnwcursillo.org
Jun 18-19 Commission on Ministry (Paulsen House)
June 21-26 Ride the Palouse Bike Tour

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