



# The House of Mary Shrine

December 2011



## MASS INTENTIONS: Sat 9:00

Dec 3 The End of Abortion & Priests of Yankton

Dec. 17 Special Intention

Dec. 24 **NO MASS**

Dec. 31 Jean English

In this busy season.....

### Take Time

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- Take time to think:  
it is the source of power.
- Take time to read;  
it is the foundation of wisdom.
- Take time to play;  
it is the secret of staying young.
- Take time to be quiet;  
it is the opportunity to see God.
- Take time to be aware;  
it is the opportunity to help others.
- Take time to love and be loved;  
it is God's greatest gift.
- Take time to laugh;  
it is the music of the soul.
- Take time to be friendly;  
it is the road to happiness.
- Take time to dream;  
it is what the future is made of.
- Take time to pray;  
it is the greatest power on earth.

**An Advent Reflection** We need to be reminded, just like the Israelite people in the desert who built a golden calf, that it is God who is God, not the idols we create. It seems that times are more subtle now.

People melting down their jewelry to fashion an idol in a public place is not a common sight in our day. But we do, as a people, seek places and events as if they were important: television sets, video games, celebrities. Do I live my day-to-day life as if a supernatural being is my God? Or do I live as if some earthly pleasure or diversion is? Where is my energy expended? Where is my time spent? Where do I turn? Prayer Lord, help me turn to You and let nothing take me from You, for You alone are my God.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> ....A HOLY DAY

Read about this special day on the first pillar on the left of "Mary's Entrance" to the Shrine.



*Hark the Herald Angels  
Sing.... Glory to the New born  
KING! Merry Christmas!*

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** is celebrated each year at the Shrine with Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a day to recall when the Wise Men refrained from telling Herod of Jesus' whereabouts. Herod became furious and "ordered the massacre of all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem and its vicinity." *The Holy Innocents are few, in comparison to the genocide of abortion in our day. But even if there had been only one, we recognize the greatest treasure God put on the earth—a human person, destined for eternity and graced by Jesus' death and resurrection.*



**JOIN US IN PRAYER ON THIS FEAST  
DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Check the Church bulletins for details.

**GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN AFTER  
SATURDAY MASS**

**Keep Christ in Christmas  
with  
Puzzles, games, books,  
and much more!**

**JOIN US as we pray and sing the Patriotic Rosary  
Each Sunday at 4:00 PM.**



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The rosary or "garland of roses" is a special series of prayers invoking the Blessed Mother's intercession. It's use has been stressed by Mary in her apparitions, especially at Fatima. It was Pope John Paul II's favorite prayer. During Advent, take advantage of the graces available by praying the rosary!



Advent