

**Offerings: December 13**

Sunday Offering	\$4,730.08
Children's Offering	10.27
Votive	25.32
Second Collection-	
Capital Improvement Fund	992.50
Scholarship Fund	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,778.17</b>

**Offerings: December 20**

Sunday Offering	\$3,516.25
Children's Offering	6.92
Votive	22.17
Second Collection-Retirement Fund	
For Religious	442.35
Capital Improvement	65.00
WT Catholic Newspaper	25.00
Christmas	1,010.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,087.69</b>

**Scripture Readings for January 3**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
**Psalm:** 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

In compliance with IRS regulations all contributions are being recorded as of the date they are received by the church. All contributions to be credited for 2009 must be received by December 31, 2009. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY**

- January 3 -Local Charities
- January 10-Capital Improvement Fund
- January 17-The Church in Latin America
- January 24-Scholarship Fund



The Senior Citizen's monthly pot luck luncheon is held on the last Wednesday of each month at noon. Please join us on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

**Rachel's Corner**

I close my eyes at night and I see myself back in that clinic...on the table. I just feel like dying inside. NTM-2  
 Next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is February 5, 6, & 7th After Abortion Care/Healing call Christina at 679-3370.

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

St. Faustina Circle meets the second Thursday evening each month at 7:00 p.m. in the small social hall. **Next meeting will be January 14th.** Please call the office for more information.



Prayer for the Gracious Holy Spirit, we come before you as the Church of the Diocese of Amarillo to ask your aid in our preparation for the Diocesan Assembly.

We are overjoyed to be able to honor the accomplishments of the past and all those who established and preserved our Faith in the High Plains. The great sacrifices that were made for the Church to flourish in this area are the foundation of our endeavor today to unite all the Catholics of the diocese to live, work, worship, and grow as one. As we release all past hurts and misunderstandings of the years behind, we look forward together to be able to assess our needs and to create a vision for the future of the Church in our beloved diocese. We beg for your inspiration, O Spirit of the Living God, and we ask our Blessed Lady of Guadalupe and St. Laurence to intercede for this purpose to live Communion and Unity with all the races and cultures with which we are so blessed. With gratitude, we ask this in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

**The Perfect Gift**

Returning gifts is the new movable feast. It comes after forty days of "What gift can I give?" But there are gifts that are always perfect, although sometimes returned unappreciated. These gifts don't touch your wallet, only your heart: forgiveness, humor, acceptance, a listening ear, a discreet word-all these gifts turn a moment into a monument.

These gifts are particularly monumental if they are wrapped in resolution. If we resolve to give them of our own free will, no matter how they're accepted or rejected, the gift is always effective. Even if rejected, it has made us more generous; if accepted, it makes us feel like the magi.

Take at least as much time to list your heart gifts as you took to make your wallet-gift list, and God will turn your New Year's resolution into a new Year's revolution.

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**2010 CATHOLIC CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

Calendars are available at the entrance to the church-one per family, please. Our gratitude is extended to Schooler Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendar.

