
Pastor's Perspective

*October "Mass Count"

Each year I ask the ushers and staff to conduct a count at all Masses in the month of October. The number of men, women and children (elementary school and younger) are recorded for each Mass. This gives us a year-to-year comparison of Mass attendance and helps us ask questions and plan for the future. Since the counting is not done scientifically, the numbers have to be seen as good estimates, rather than exact counts. But still they are helpful.

For example, in looking at 2003 in comparison to 2005, we have the following numbers (averaged over four weekends of counting):

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2005</u>
Men	301	336
Women	402	477
Children	203	192
Total	906	1005

On the other hand the 2004 and 2005 figures are nearly identical, with an increase of 11 in 2005. What do such numbers tell us?

For example, the slight increase this year (even though our registered number of parish members has increased by 80 households) means that, percentage-wise, fewer are attending Mass.

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End of Life Understanding the Issues and Making Decisions Two-part Series 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Part I: Tuesday, November 15

Fr. Buersmeyer will offer a Catholic framework for making moral decisions that affect the end of life and then enter into open discussion about any specific ethical questions you might have.

Part II: Tuesday, November 22

A panel of health care professionals will highlight various aspects of end of life treatments and decisions and then interact in an open forum to any issues that may come forth.



Blood Drive Thursday, November 17 2:00-8:00 p.m.

The blood supply in southeast Michigan is in constant need of replenishment. Please...if you have never donated, give it some prayerful consideration. Every two seconds someone will need blood.

Give the gift of life...donate blood

Here's what's Happening this week!

Monday, November 14:

- *Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- *RE Gr. 1-6 at 4:45-6:00 p.m.
- *Adult Bells at 7:45 p.m.
- *Art & Environment 10:00 a.m.
- *Worship mtg. 7:45 p.m.
- *Health Ministry mtg. 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *Jr. Choir at 5:00 p.m.
- *Jr. Bells at 5:45 p.m.
- *RE Grades 1-6 from 4:45-6:00 and 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- *End of Life Issues 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *Parent/child Reconciliation preparation 6:30 p.m.
- *Parish Council 7:00 p.m.
- *Christian Service 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17:

- *Adult choir at 7:00 p.m.
- *Blood Drive 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Parish office hours

Mon. - Wed. — 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday—12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday — 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Taize Prayer Sunday, November 27 4:00 p.m.

Taize Prayer will take place each Sunday of Advent —
November 27, December 4, 11, 18

From the Music Desk . . .

Prayer X 2

More than sixteen hundred years ago, St. Augustine wrote that “[one] who sings . . . prays twice.” This theological statement is remarkable for its time, and has only grown in importance over the centuries. It brings up the issue of why we should have singing within the context of Mass, and if so, for what purpose.

Within the Jewish tradition in which Jesus fully participated, singing and praying were inseparable. In Scripture, the psalms were particularly intended to be sung, and we are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (cf. Col. 3:16). Within Mass, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal places great importance on the use of singing.

The singing of music is a particularly human activity, involving both the music and the words of a song. This is not “art for art’s sake” but rather the full human expression of a message. Imagine, if you will, attending the birthday party of a friend or family member, and at the lighting of the birthday candles, reciting the words “Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you . . .” Such a stark message might be minimally functional, but would lack the ceremonial festivity of the traditional sung tune. So, too, in church, prayers can be said, but, as St. Augustine observed, they can take on an added depth and intensity when sung. Indeed, he also wrote that “Singing is for one who loves,” and you cannot get more human (or Godlike) than that.

Many people are surprised to think of the texts contained in the Hymnal as prayers, and yet that is what they are, with the music often being added later. And what of those non-singers among us? Just as everyone recites the Lord’s Prayer regardless of varying pronunciation and speech abilities, we should all sing to God to the best of our capacities, expressing our sung prayers to the One who gave us our voices, while enjoying the enhanced benefits of grace recognized by St. Augustine so long ago.

On Sale this weekend

- ◆ The staff from **Catholic Book Store** will be here with a display of books, bibles, religious articles, music, etc.
- ◆ The Knights of Columbus will also be here selling **Christmas cards**.
- ◆ Once again, we will be selling **Christmas ornaments** commemorating the 25th anniversary of SS. John & Paul.



Meijer Community Rewards Update

We received a check from the Meijer Community Rewards Program for \$152.32 for purchases made in October. Since April 2004 we’ve earned over \$3,300! So far 157 parishioners have enrolled in this fundraising program with all proceeds earmarked for the purchase of a new sign on 28 Mile Road.

If you would like to enroll online in this free program, go to: Meijer.com/rewards, click “join”, then “Meijer Guest Card” or you can pick up an application in the parish office. You will need to know our organization number which is 617883. Thank you for remembering the parish when you shop.

2005-2006 Religious Formation Program

Early Childhood

(ages 3-4-5 years)

Sunday: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Sessions: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18

No Sessions: Nov. 20 & Dec. 25

Grades 1-6

Monday: 4:45-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 4:45-6:00 p.m.

& 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Sessions: Nov. 14/15, 28/29

Dec. 5/6, 12/13/ 19/20

No Sessions: Nov. 21/22 & Dec. 26/27

Grades 7-8

Sunday: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sessions: Nov. 6, 13 (WIND Conf.), 20

**No Sessions: Nov. 27
and Sundays of December**

R.C.I.C. with Families

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

November 13

LESSON PLANNING FOR CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS

Grades 1-3: Monday, November 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Grades 4-6: Tuesday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m.



What Have I Made of Myself?

Mt. 25:14-30

A high school reunion took place recently. A former teacher had come back to be present and found himself surrounded by a number of his former students who obviously had great respect for him. They began to pour out their stories to him. One was an architect who had built a number of public buildings, another was the head of a business company which had branches in over a dozen states, one had turned to a vocation in ministry and one was the principal of a very prestigious school.

He listened with pleasure to the impressive litany of successes and achievements. There didn't seem to be a single failure or loser among them. When they had finished he complimented them and then he asked, 'And now, tell me what you have made of yourselves?'

Silence. They were so absorbed in their careers that they had neglected their personal lives. Their energies were so focused on efficiency and success that they didn't have time to grow emotionally. As a result, many of them suffered from impoverished relationships. Oftentimes we work so hard at our careers and all the great things we do in our public lives, that we tend to neglect our private lives. Our successes are achieved at the expense of our personal lives.

In our gospel today, three people were given different talents. Christ commends the first two because they used their talents, but the third he did not, for he didn't use his. When we hear 'talents' we tend to immediately think of such things as musical talent or a sports talent. Talents like these are important, but are they, in today's world outrageously over-valued and over-rewarded? Christ's parable of the talents goes much deeper. Ultimately what matters is what we make of ourselves.

The woman in our first reading could hardly be described as being either successful or famous. Yet she is held up as a model because of the kind of person she is...industrious, caring, wise, and virtuous. She possesses something more valuable than wealth or beauty. She possesses a loving heart. She has put her talents at the service of her family, her neighbors and the poor. The entire community has respect for her.

Life is God's gift to us. What we do with this life is our gift to God.



PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parent & Child Family Session

**Wed. Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
or Sunday, Nov. 20 at 10:45 a.m.**

All parents and their children preparing for this sacrament are required to attend this session.

CELEBRATION OF THE
SACRAMENT OF
FIRST RECONCILIATION
Wednesday, December 7
6:30 p.m.



For children and their families who have prepared to receive this sacrament for the first time. A brief reception will follow.

ADVENT FAMILY SESSION

Grades 1 thru 6

Monday, December 5 — 4:45-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6 — 6:30-7:45 p.m.



All families in the Religious Formation program are expected to attend one of the above Advent family sessions. There will be NO afternoon session for Tuesday, December 6. Please decide which session best fits your family's schedule and plan on attending at that time. Attendance will be taken at both sessions.

**—Just a Reminder—
Health Ministry Meeting
Monday, November 14
after the 7:00 p.m. Mass**



Our first volunteer orientation for SS. John & Paul's chapter of Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers was held last month. This program seeks to pair adults who are in need of a variety of supportive services with volunteers who are willing to give of their time and talents to respond to these needs. If you are a volunteer who received an invitation to this orientation, but were unable to come, please call Kathy at the parish office to arrange for a brief orientation and registration.

If you are an adult who is in need of supportive services such as transportation, errands, minor home repairs, a friendly visit, etc., you can call the parish office at 781-9010 and leave a message with your request. If you are calling after hours, please follow the prompt for Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and press "6" to leave your message. You will be contacted shortly about help for your request.

Thanks to our Program Liaisons, Sue Keller, Jim Reaume and Chris Alverson who have spent hours and hours learning how to administer MCIVC here at SS. John & Paul and thanks to all who have been so patient while we were in the process of getting this program established. We are relying on your continued patience and support should we encounter any "kinks" along the way!



Sharing Tree Recipients

Our annual Sharing Tree will be going up on Saturday, November 19th for two weekends with tags from eight different charities from which to choose. Listed below is a brief description of each.

Macomb Family Services (tags color coded yellow) is a non-profit organization that has been helping homebound and medically at risk seniors since 1993. All clients are provided with low cost or no fee services through volunteers.

A Friend's House – (tags color coded pink) is located in the Agape Center on the grounds of St. Clement and provides adult day and caregiver support services. Activities are offered tailored to each older adult's personal needs, interests and capabilities. A Friend's House is a program of Catholic Services of Macomb.

The AIDS Ministry – (tags color coded green) Forum of the Archdiocese of Detroit provides education, caring support, and resources to encourage and assist the Catholic community in developing their ministry to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Capuchin Christmas Toy Program - (tags color coded red) provides a large basket of food and a small selection of toys or gifts for children of metro Detroit families who are struggling with poverty.

St. Maximilian/St. Francis Outreach – (envelopes with turquoise yarn) serves those who come to their churches seeking assistance with food, clothing and gifts at Christmas time and throughout the year.

The Samaritan House - (green and white tags with green Christmas tree) is a community service organization devoted to serving individuals and families within our community by recognizing their needs and mobilizing the means for dealing with those needs so that "suffering can be relieved, dignity preserved and love shared."

McWarm of St. Margaret - (tags color coded white) offers the homeless in the area (St. Clair Shores) a warming center where they can shower and have a lunch of soup and sandwiches Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning November 2 throughout the winter months. They are open 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Juan Diego Hispanic Ministry at Agape Center - (tags are red and white with red Christmas tree) a cooperative Hispanic Ministry of the North Macomb Vicariate, of which SS. John & Paul is a member. This outreach helps families in need with legal and health matters, religious education for children, food pantry items, English as a Second Language for parents and summer day camp for children.

Turning Point – a shelter which provides programs and resources that enable victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness to regain control of their lives.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission – (tags color coded blue) is an Hispanic ministry in Port Huron. Each year the mission provides a Christmas party and allows the children to choose a gift and enjoy a simple meal prepared by community volunteers.

**Please note: All Sharing Tree gifts will be due
back at church by Sunday, December 4th.**

A Note from A Friend's House

Dear Friends at SS. John & Paul,
Just a note to thank you so much for the lovely lunches you brought us for the month of September. We really enjoyed everything! May God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
A Friend's House – Romeo

National Donor Sabbath Weekend November 11-13

During this National Donor Sabbath Weekend, faith communities throughout the country honor those who give the gift of life through organ, tissue and eye donation. Did you know?

- ◆ Organ donation is an accepted practice for Catholics.
- ◆ People of all ages and medical conditions can be organ donors.
- ◆ Organ donations do not interfere with funeral arrangements.
- ◆ Every effort to save your life must be made before you are considered for organ donation.
- ◆ One organ donor can save up to seven lives.
- ◆ One tissue and eye donor can improve the lives of 50 people.
- ◆ About 2,800 Michigan residents are currently waiting for an organ transplant.

The biggest misconception people have is that they think signing the back of their driver's license is all they have to do to donate organs. Michigan hospitals are required to go through Gift of Life in any case where there's a potential for organ donation. Therefore, the best way to ensure your donation wishes are carried out is to sign up with the Gift of Life Organ, Tissue and Eye Donor Registry by calling 1-800-482-4881 or online at www.giftoflifemichigan.org. There are also registration cards located in the literature racks in the back of church.



Confirmation Rehearsal...

...for all sponsors and candidates will be on **November 19 after the 5:00 mass**. This evening should end at approximately 8:00 p.m. Any questions, please call Karen Peters at 586.781.9488.

Next teen session...

...**November 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Part of this session will be working on making prayer blankets for the sick. If you would like to bring in a pre-washed piece of fleece 45" x 54" or 45" x 63", we will use all the fleece that we get. This will not take up our whole session, so be prepared to have some FUN for the rest of our time. Any questions, give Mrs. Peters a call at 586.781.9488.



Using our Talents

In today's parable, the master entrusts money to three servants and waits to see if they use it wisely. Likewise, God entrusts us with gifts and talents and in this Gospel Jesus is challenging us to do the best we can with what we are given. He warns us not to be afraid of taking risks because if we bury our talents, we do not do much good for ourselves or for anyone else.



Besides being a message about our talents and courage, this parable may also be a message about our faith practice and our traditions. We must be careful not to be like the third servant and bury our faith by not telling anyone about it or by not being a role model for others to see. When we are like the first two servants, we try to develop our faith so that it matures and others can see by our example that we are people who have chosen to follow Christ. When we work to develop our talents and our faith, we can use them to help other people and to make the world a better place to live in.

In what ways have you used the gifts God has given you? In what ways could the lives around us change if we saw our faith as a treasure that needs to be nurtured, modeled, and shared with others?

Christian Service Highlights (Meeting held October 19, 2005)

Parish Nurse Ministry –

145 people received flu shots on October 16th.

AED training for staff and ushers is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8 AM – 12:30 PM

Blood drive to be held here on Thursday, November 17th

MCIVC Update – program in place. Orientation for new volunteers was held Oct. 26. See bulletin elsewhere for more details.

Higher Grounds Trading Co. – when our current supply of Maxwell House coffee is gone, we will serve Fair Trade coffee exclusively. Higher Grounds is a Michigan coffee company dedicated to fair trade principles. They are partnered with Catholic Relief Services in its Fair Trade Coffee Program. A percentage of all purchases from Higher Grounds will go to CRS Fair Trade Fund to support its work with low-income farmers and artisans overseas.

Project Hope – We collected a carload of baby items during the month of October for Project Hope. We also collected \$84.00 in monetary donations.

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But that needs to be checked against our active registry. We haven't sent a letter to non-contributing households for a couple of years, asking if they still consider themselves members of the parish. It is time to do so again, to get a more accurate count of who really considers themselves parish members. If the net result has been a significant decrease in Mass attendance, we need to begin to find out why.

The numbers raise the question of the ratio of men/women who attend church. Approximately 33% of Mass goers are men (teen aged and above), 45% are women (teen-aged and above) and 20% are children (elementary school and younger), and that has stayed pretty consistent each year. There is nothing surprising here—American sociologists have long pointed out that regular Mass participants are disproportionately female. But what does that mean? Why is it all right for the men in the family to be less connected than the women? What should we do about that?

In looking at how the numbers are distributed by Mass time, the 9:30 a.m. Mass has the greatest number, followed by the 11:30 a.m., the Saturday 5 p.m., and then the 8 a.m. Mass [349, 271, 257, 128 respectively for this year]. It means that we can still grow within the existing space somewhat comfortably at all Masses, but we will have to pay attention when any Mass begins hitting the mid 400s. The reason is that sociological studies have shown that when attendance hits 80% of seating capacity on a regular basis people begin to feel crowded and less likely to attend. It looks like in the near term we will be able to absorb the growth, and we can partially address any growth situation by looking at replacing the bulkier chairs with pews, at least in a portion of the church.

I will be interested in seeing what unfolds in the next 3-5 years. We need to plan for a reasonable projection of growth, including issues of parking lot, entrances, and perhaps the church building itself. The "October Count" is one tool that helps in the planning.

***End of Life Issues**

I will address the Church's moral teaching/wisdom with respect to end of life issues this coming Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Since it is during the evening religious education session, I especially encourage parents of those children to stay and participate rather than run home for that hour or so.

Last week I wrote about some provisions in my health care directives pertaining to what is commonly called a 'persistent vegetative state' and what we mean by the terms "extraordinary" or "ordinary" medical interventions. This time I want to look more generally at making moral decisions in this area.

For most situations we simply make the best informed decision we can make, on the spot, trusting our own judgment. But in this area, for some reason, we tend to let others or even want others to make the decisions for us. There is no absolute way to guarantee the best decision is being made. It will always be a matter of prudential judgment. But who is responsible for that judgment? Each of us who are competent adults.

In other words, doctors don't make the decisions for us. We consult them for their best medical advice and that becomes part of the discernment process. Church leaders don't make the decisions for us. We consult them and listen to the wisdom our Church's tradition has with respect to a whole host of bio-medical ethical issues. That wisdom becomes part of the discernment process. A mature, competent adult is responsible for the decision and that decision is to be respected and followed. If a health provider believes someone is asking for something immoral, he/she can refuse to cooperate. But the decisions rest with the competent adult.

The more difficult situation is when we have to make the decision for someone else. How do we do that? The U.S. Bishops address this area in their "Ethical and Religious Directives for Health Care Services". In Directive 25, presuming that a procedure under discussion is not an immoral action, the bishops remind us that the surrogate

decision maker is to respect the person's intentions and values. This means that even if we would ourselves choose another way, if the treatment under discussion conforms to the person's intention and values, we must respect that.

If we do not know the person's intention and values in a given situation, we are to use a "best interests" model for decision-making. That means the surrogate decision maker asks what an objective, reasonable person would consider to be in the best interests of the unconscious, incompetent, or minor person, given the personal and medical facts that are known. We do not get to impose our own intentions and values over and above those of the patient.

In the end, decisions in this area become very complicated, if we have not reflected on and prepared ourselves for such times. On the other hand, if we have done that prayerful reflection and discernment, decisions in this area are like any other important decisions. We make them with our "heart", our "gut", that deepest sense of what is right in the given situation, knowing that we don't have all the perfect facts. That is what the Church calls a decision of conscience, and it must be respected.

We prepare for such decisions by how we live our lives. To the extent that we have developed a character patterned by integrity, truthfulness, prudence, courage, and other virtues, the Church says: "Trust your gut." To the extent we know ourselves to be dominated by selfishness, severe anxiety, rashness and other vices, the Church says: "Get advice from someone who is more mature and integrated."

In all decisions, though, we bring it to prayer and discernment, seeking God's will, testing out what seems to be truly the most peaceful decision. I strongly encourage older adults to have conversations with their spouses and children and others. Talk about what you would and would not want to take place in different situations. Designate a legal durable power of attorney for health care decisions and

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write down some guidelines for that person in some sort of advanced directives.

It is when such conversations have not taken place that situations get complicated. Sometimes the spouse and the children are of different minds. Or the siblings disagree. In my experience, it is often the person who has not come to accept the possibility of death and who urges aggressive intervention in all situations, who gets their way. But, in the type of cases I am thinking about, that decision in hindsight was not necessarily a good one. Not everything can be prepared for or foreseen, but much needless suffering and prolonged dying can be avoided, if families have the conversations early and often.

Really think through the fact that death will be part of each of our lives. Let's fight for good, healthy, long lives by taking care of ourselves throughout life. But don't let fear lead us into unnecessary, overly aggressive interventions, when, in fact, God is inviting us to trust that though death is huge, God gets the final word.

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May God who embraces death and life lead us to trust more deeply in the rhythm of the universe, the paschal mystery of life, death, resurrection, and so come to know when to fight for life, surrender to death, and trust in resurrection.

Fr. Buersmeyer

Together in Faith Dialogues

Draft Plans Posted on Web Site

As part of the strategic planning process for [Together in Faith](#), the parishes and schools of the Detroit archdiocese developed self-studies of their ministries and mission. Those findings were forwarded to the vicariates, which, in turn, crafted draft plans for consideration by the members of the [Coordinating Committee](#).

For its part, the Coordinating Committee has now submitted its feedback to the vicariates and asked for responses by the end of November. An overview of these dialogues, summations, and critical questions is posted on the archdio-cesan web site, www.aodonline.org. On the *Together in Faith* page, select "Draft Plans." If you have questions about your vicariate, parish, or school, call 313-237-5971 or send them via Email to TogetherInFaith@aod.org.



"Seize the Day!" could well be Jesus' words in today's Gospel, and this captures a basic yearning in all of us. Madison Avenue knows this and has given us "Be All that You Can Be" and "Just Do It." If you go deeper than what product to buy, however, you'll discover that God is calling you to a full life. Priests, sisters, and brothers are strong witnesses to this

yearning. Perhaps God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life. Contact our Vocations Office at 313-237-5875 or visit www.vocationsdetroit.org.

November Prayer Theme: "Living Our Thanksgiving: Praying and Working that all Might Find their Place at the Lord's Table"

During the month of November, we celebrate many significant feasts in the Church calendar, and of course, our civic calendar is focused primarily on our national holiday of Thanksgiving. November is also a month of remembrance; we pray for our faithful departed, especially on All Souls Day, November 2. At our Thanksgiving tables, we remember the blessings of a bountiful harvest, the gift of family near and far, and the presence of the Lord Jesus in the Church, especially in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

This month of November is a wonderful time for us to try to see more clearly the connection between our Thanksgiving meal at home and the meal of the Lord's Supper. Just as we want every person home for Thanksgiving, we should have the same enthusiastic concern that all our brothers and sisters join us at the Lord's Table. Likewise, we should be conscious of the hunger of many who live on scraps of food, while we enjoy a great meal. At the Lord's Table, we give thanks for the living memory of Jesus Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament and present in and through our own lives, as we put the Eucharist into action.

Build a Catholic Voice

Interested in working to bring social change through grassroots advocacy? The bishops of Michigan have formed a web-based Catholic Legislative Advocacy Network for those interested in speaking out in support of the poor and vulnerable, the sick and elderly, the unborn and a just society for all. Log onto www.micatholicconference.org.



Reaching Out

Last month we focused on how to be good stewards through having an ‘attitude of gratitude’, giving until it feels good, and seeing stewardship as a spiritual gift.

This month we will focus on how we as a church community reach out to those who need our help. One of the ways we do this is by showing our support for Samaritan House, an outreach center located at 27 Mile and Van Dyke. Samaritan House has long been a beacon of hope in this area as they work hard to provide food, financial aid, counseling and medical help to those in need. We assist Samaritan House in several ways:

- A monthly financial pledge goes directly to them to help finance many of their outreach programs.
- We do a monthly food drive on the first week of each month to help restock their food pantry.
- Each August/September we participate in their annual Back-to-School-Drive program to help in supplying school supplies to area children.
- Our annual December Sharing Tree has about 30 tags that supply gifts to families being helped by Samaritan House.
- One of our parishioners serves as a representative to the Samaritan House Board of Directors.
- Many of our parishioners volunteer time to help the facility with the many tasks associated with any outreach effort.



Next week: We will visit two more areas of Christian Service outreach.

Stewardship Report
November 5-6, 2005

Weekly budget \$11,600.00
 Offertory \$11,563.08
 No. Sunday envelopes used 330
Total offertory..... \$11,563.08

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)
 Debt Reduction / (21) \$388.00
 Children’s Env. / (10) \$10.25
 Holy Day / (66)..... \$1,110.00

The “worthy wife” described in today’s first reading is a perfect example of active stewardship, reaching out her hands to the poor and extending her arms to the needy.

Readings for the Week of November 13, 2005

Sunday, November 13:
 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128;
 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday, November 14:
 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119;
 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 15:
 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 16:
 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 17:
 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 18:
 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48 or Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98; Mt 14:22-33

Saturday, November 19:
 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 20:
 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23;
 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Pray for our sick



Marjorie & Bob Aiken, Mary Angelosante, Mary Burcar, Ralph Cleary, Geraldine Dale, Lorraine Dawe, Lauren DeNio, Juan DiMusto, Arthur Donovan, John Dreffs, Alojzy Filipowicz, John Floreno, Krystyna Green, Ronnie Housewright, Anna Kaltz, Rodney Mayer, Bob Mehlick, Henry Mieczek, Deann Miller, Dorothy Puffpaff, Helen Raad, Pasqua Rea, Hank Roman, Art Rose, Albert Sabbe, Barbara Supina, Lou Scarpaci, Karen Shea, David Stinson, Kelli Sobetski, Marianne Vettraino, Joseph Yoskovich

Pray for our military



Noel & Greg Ales, Nick Bassett, Augie Biache III, Mike Boback, Damien Brunet, Jon Brunner, Andrew Eppens, Eric Eppens, Tony Gentilia, Brett Kelsey, David Krzycki, Jonathon Krusinski, Chris Krusinski, Matthew MacLeod, Paul McGowan, David Newberry, Thomas Schmidt, Jennifer Shepard, Vincent Titeriga, Chris Urbanczyk

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Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday November 12-13, 2005

Patricia Aicken by C. Gregory
Concetta Badalucco by Family
Ovilio, Elizabeth & Anna DeCarolus
by Family
John, Anne & Charles Agosta
by Family

Monday, November 14, 2005

Gary Clifford by T. Klakulak Family

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Joan Cischke by G. Marsack Family

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

For the parishioners

Saturday and Sunday November 19-20 2005

Joan Martino by Family
Francesco Evangelista by Family
Ronald Darga by Quayhackx Family
Charles & Dan Finn by Family

Liturgical appointments for November 19-20, 2005				
	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer
Lectors	N. Peters F. Diebboll	J. Giffin G. Bawol	M. Greenway B. Greenway	S. Brunet J. Puzzuoli
Eucharistic Ministers	D. Peters* D. Peters K. Peters	M. Sobetski* M. Schimmel M. Schimmel	M. Saylor* L. Raleigh A. Simonetti	D. Jiannuzzi* M. Catalano K. O'Neill
*Captain	A. Peters M. McCann	C. Klein V. Rewers	T. Willoughby J. Witek S. Boettcher B. Brunner	K. Puzzuoli S. Wright
Altar Servers	N. Bytner T. Culver	S. Catalano	L. Michalski	B. Sorensen J. Sorensen J. Palombo J. Yankee
Greeters	M. McCann S. Malzahn	C. Klein S. Cratsenburg	S. Boettcher T. Boettcher	C. Winde
Cantors	M. Kasperek	K. Franks	D. Schulz	J. Reaume
Ushers	Team #1 B. Diebboll L. Foltran R. Pewinski J. Wright	Team #3 B. Dale J. Cymbalski E. Fannon S. Krajewski A. Sova	Team #5 L. Monfils M. Bayer B. Janowiak K. Partyka A. Saylor E. Saylor	Team #7 B. Cauley J. Gerds R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jianuzzi
Money Counters	Sharon Bourgeois, Ron Kopera, Donaly Byrne, Len & Jacqueline Monfils, Dick & Pat Podolski			