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## Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2005



Having received the Sacrament of Confirmation, Confirmed by Bishop Francis R. Reiss, our young people have completed their initiation into the church. They are now members in the fullest sense. We, the SS. John & Paul Catholic Church family, extend our warmest congratulations to all our newly confirmed members of the Catholic Church. We will pray for your continued growth in the faith and guidance by the Holy Spirit.

### *Confirmed December 3, 2005*

*Christopher Avolio  
Ryan Behring  
Devon Compeau  
Savana Ciavatta  
Jacob DeMiglio  
William Fagan  
Michael Foster  
Zachary Franks  
Attea Gilbertson  
Julia Grippe  
Molly Hepke  
Kenneth Kimpe  
Lauren Konieczki  
April Kretchman  
Jennifer Krumholz  
Erica Lagos  
Austin Lalko  
Arielle Loyson*

*Jonathon Luehmann  
Matthew Mazur  
Paul Meldrum  
Amanda Murray  
Brooke Pallas  
Sabrina Palombo  
Craig Perez  
Joseph Pusdesris  
Allison Radtke  
Catherine Raffa  
Rachel Rinaldi  
Timothy Seidel  
Emily Simonetti  
Matthew Tabenske  
Krista VanSteenkiste  
Steven Vedder  
Giovan Vitale*

**Immaculate Conception — December 8, 2005**  
**Holy Day Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

**REJOICE,**

*favored  
one,  
the Lord is  
with you.*



**Here's what's  
Happening  
this week!**

**Monday, December 5:**

- \*Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- \*Senior Cards 11:30 a.m.
- \*Ushers meeting after 7:00 mass
- \*Advent Family Evening  
Grades 1-6 at 4:45 p.m.
- \*Vocations meeting 7:45 p.m.
- \*Adult Bells at 7:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 6:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*Jr. Choir at 5:00 p.m.
- \*Jr. Bells at 5:45 p.m.
- \*Advent Family Evening  
Gr. 1-6 at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 7:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30
- \*Youth Ministry Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

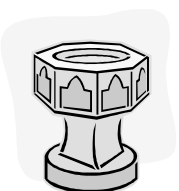
**Thursday, December 8  
Immaculate Conception:**

- \*Holy Day masses at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- \*Adult choir 8:00 p.m.

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**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.



**Baptism Preparation**

Our next session will be on January 4, 2006. Prior to attending the preparation class, you must call for an appointment to come into the office to register your child.



**Taize Prayer  
Sunday, December 4 — 4:00 p.m.**

Sundays of Advent: December 4, 11, 18

**From the Music Desk...**

**Noulx of Proulx**

Who could have imagined that one of the most broadly represented composers in our hymnal would have a name as strange as “Proulx.” In spite of its spelling, the name is very easy to pronounce: it is “prooz,” and thus he has an item on his website entitled “Noulx from Proulx,” which I have adapted for the title of this column.

We are singing the music of Richard Proulx to begin each of the Masses for this Advent season. His “Litany for Advent,” as we have adapted it, forms the basis of our processional opening song and our Kyrie, or Lord, have mercy. One of the hallmarks of Proulx’ music is its flexibility, as we are demonstrating by our variety of settings at different Masses using vocal harmony, synthesized guitar, handbells, and other instruments, all with the same basic musical theme.

Richard Proulx is a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, and a product of the music program of that city’s parochial schools. He holds a variety of musical and theological degrees from institutions both in the United States and abroad, and has studied with many of the musical giants of the Twentieth Century. He most recently served a fourteen-year term as Organist/Music Director at the Cathedral of the Holy Name in Chicago, and is the founding director of The Cathedral Singers, an independent recording ensemble. As a freelance composer, Mr. Proulx has published over 300 works, including Mass settings, original hymnody, instrumental works and choral arrangements.

Although his name is difficult, Richard Proulx’ “Litany for Advent” is not. As the Advent season moves forward, let us listen to the prophet Isaiah and to John the Baptist as they proclaim the “good noulx” of the Savior’s coming.

**Share in the Care**

Catholic religious institutes were faced decades ago with financial shortfalls for elder care. Through sacrifice and strategic planning—and simply doing with less—institutes have kept their average cost for skilled nursing care to \$126 per day, compared to the national average of \$145.

**How your donation helps:** Last year, 91 monasteries that are sites for ongoing contemplative prayer received grants for critical retirement needs; 437 religious institutes that minister to the poor received grants that help ensure adequate elder care.

**How you benefit:** In addition to the satisfaction you may derive from the aid you provide to our elderly religious, you are remembered in the daily prayers of thousands of women and men who benefit from this appeal.

Next weekend we will be asked to contribute to the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Please use the envelope you received today to make your donation.



## 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.

### 2005-2006 Religious Formation Program

**Early Childhood**

(ages 3-4-5 years)

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

Sessions: Dec. 4, 11, 18

**No Session: 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: Dec. 5/6, 12/13/ 19/20

**No Session: Dec. 26/27**

**Grades 7-8**

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

**No Sessions:**

**Sundays of December**

**R.C.I.C. with Families**

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

December 11

### **'Prepare the way....**

**Mk. 1:1-8**



...make a straight highway for our God.' The highway to be made straight is our way of life. Our Lord doesn't need the straight path, we do. And it's not so much a straight path as it is a 'straight attitude'. We could be living next door to each other, yet because of a hostile or an unforgiving attitude, we may not be able to travel just a few yards that separate us from each other.

In our gospel this weekend the word 'straight' means honesty and right living. We are urged to straighten ourselves out, to reform after having been dishonest, unruly, going against what is right. There can be a wrong way to deal with others, a wrong attitude, a wrong way to live.

We find the path by acting with integrity, treating people fairly, refraining from any form of oppression, not making life more difficult for anyone, sharing with those in need. This is the way to seek God. The prophet Micah put it even more simply when he said, 'This is what God asks of you: That you act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God.' (Micah. 6:8)

How easy things become for us when we walk the straight path—the path of the Lord. But to walk a straight path we need strength, wisdom, and single-mindedness.

How crooked the path is for us who are devious. How dark is the path of those who lie and cheat. It is downhill, with a diminishing vision. The right path, is an ascending one. The ever-expanding view makes up for the difficulty of the climb. If there is some crooked attitude, or some crooked way of behaving, or some crooked relationship that needs to be straightened out, then let us try to do so. Then we will truly be preparing a way for the Lord to come to us, and to come to others through us.

Fortunately everything doesn't depend on our efforts. The Lord can come in spite of ourselves, just as the dawn comes. Let's ask the Lord to take the blindness from our eyes, the weakness from our wills, and the hardness from our hearts, so that the world may be flooded by the grace of his coming.

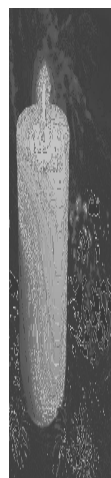
*What is it in your life today, that needs to be set straight?*

### 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.



### *Do you hear the crying?*

*The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice which many ignored.  
There are many lonely voices in our world.*

*Somewhere at this moment a child is crying—  
crying for love or maybe simply for bread.  
Somewhere a young person is crying—  
crying for a listening ear or an understanding heart.  
Somewhere an elderly person is crying—  
crying for a visit or a word from their children.*

*There are a thousand unheard cries in our world, coming from victims of  
injustice and neglect.*

*Lord, help us to listen to these voices. Above all, help us to listen  
to your voice, whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts,  
telling us that we are loved by you, and that we are to love one  
another.*



## How to Request Help from SSJP's Chapter of MCIVC

If you are an adult who is in need of occasional supportive services such as light housekeeping, meals, transportation, errands, chores, minor home repairs, etc., **please call the parish office and make sure you say you are requesting help from Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers.** You will then be transferred to an extension where you will leave your request. You will be contacted shortly about available help.

If you are calling after office hours, please follow the prompt for Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and press "6". You may then leave your message specifying what type of help is needed. Again, you will be contacted about available help.

Meeting your needs is important to us so it is crucial that you follow the procedure outlined above when requesting help. Thanks for your assistance!

## Samaritan House/Meijer Partnership

Samaritan House has agreed to be part of a new trial program with the Meijer stores. Meijer is providing grocery bags that are packed with food. These bags will have a special UPC code. As the shopper passes by the display at the Meijer store at 26 Mile and VanDyke, they have the opportunity to purchase a filled bag for \$10.00 and the food will be donated to Samaritan House. Since this is a new program for Samaritan House, please help us get the word out to the community that this event is taking place.

## Soup Kitchen News

Thanks to everyone who participated and donated food for October 18, 2005. Once again the soup kitchen volunteers outdid themselves. We served a delicious spaghetti lunch.

Our next meal served will be December 20, 2005. We will serve a spaghetti lunch with salad and fresh fruit. Donated items should be delivered to the parish kitchen before December 20, 2005. Please mark your bags SOUP KITCHEN. We are looking for more people to donate food items for the Soup Kitchen. If interested, please call Pat Sagert (586) 781-7035 or Barbara Jarzembki (586) 336-1450.

The volunteers will meet on December 20<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of SS. John & Paul at 8:30 AM and car pool at 8:45AM for the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. God bless you for being so generous and helping those less fortunate

## Drivers for Mass Needed

Several of our parishioners have expressed a desire to attend mass but have no transportation to do so. They live in the Romeo and Shelby Twp. areas. If you live nearby and would like to help these folks out with a ride to church, any mass time, please call the parish office and ask for Kathy.



## Health Notes Safe Toys and Gifts Month

When picking out gifts this holiday season, we are reminded that December is safe toys and gifts month. Prevent Blindness America reports that in 2003, more than 10,000 children age 14 and younger were treated in emergency rooms for eye injuries related to toys. These injuries resulted from accidents such as the child tripping over them after being left on the floor, or desired toys turning out to be age inappropriate, and or poorly constructed. Prevent Blindness America offers the following tips to help make this holiday season a safe one for children:

- ◆ Inspect toys for safe construction. Products given to young children should be made of durable plastic or wood with no sharp edges or points and should be able to withstand impact. Avoid purchasing toys for young children with small parts.
- ◆ Check your child's toys regularly for broken parts. Throw broken toys out immediately if they cannot be safely repaired.
- ◆ Read the instructions and the suggested age level on the packaging. Determine whether the item is appropriate for the child's ability and age. Age labeling is provided for developmental and safety reasons.
- ◆ Look for the symbol ASTM F963. This indicates the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).
- ◆ Make recommendations to family members and friends about gifts that you feel are appropriate for your child.
- ◆ Remain aware of recalled products. Large toy retailers post regular notices of recalled toys at the front of stores. Take recalled toys back to the store where they were purchased for a refund.

Information obtained and more information can be found at the website: [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org). Have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Petriches, R.N., Parish Nurse

**Reminder**  
**Youth Ministry Team Meeting**  
**December 7 at 7:00 p.m.**



**All 9-12 Graders Please Note...**The teen session at the church on December 4 has been **changed to December 11**. Please bring a friend and join us for this meeting. All those attending Rainbow need to be present at this meeting.

**Attention 8-12 graders...**Please join us for a night of Christmas caroling in our local area. We will gather at the church at 6:15 p.m. and will leave for caroling at 6:30 SHARP! We plan to walk to the area subdivisions, do some Christmas caroling and return to the church for hot chocolate and cookies. This is a perfect opportunity for all our **8th graders** to join our youth group for a fun-filled evening. Permission slips for this evening of fun can be picked up in the office. You can reach Mrs. Peters by e-mail at [kpeters@ssjohnandpaul.org](mailto:kpeters@ssjohnandpaul.org) or by phone at 586-781-9488 if you have questions. Bring a friend — the more the merrier!

**Highlights of Hospitality Committee**  
**Meeting on November 9, 2005**

- ◆ Our first “Trunk and Treat” was a huge success. Over 120 children and their parents, plus several adults without children came beginning with the celebration of 5:00 p.m. mass and ending with donuts and cider in the Activities Center. In between, we visited all the cars in the parking lot (about 55) and then shared our candy with the poor.
- ◆ The Recipe Books should be here by the end of the month. Cost is \$5.00.
- ◆ Noted requests by Parish Council for response to goals outlined last spring. JoAnne will put our response in writing for Fr. Dave to take to December meeting.
- ◆ Remainder of meeting focused on articles on Evangelization. Many new ideas are being discussed and we decided to carry discussion over into December meeting.
- ◆ Pot Luck was another success...90 people attended and were well fed and enjoyed all the games.
- ◆ Next meeting: December 14 at 7:00 p.m.



**Highlights of Worship Commission**  
**Meeting on November 14, 2005**

- ◆ Feedback from the recent Leadership Conference and suggestions made for future sessions.
- ◆ Memorial service was evaluated.
- ◆ Discussed in detail the goals that have been suggested by the Stewardship Commission.
- ◆ Plans are underway for decorating for Christ the King, Advent, and Christmas. The Advent mailing is going out to all parishioners.
- ◆ Training sessions by Mary Greenway for lectors and by Mary Ann Klakulak for Communion Ministers were held. Those who have not attended any of the sessions will be contacted individually.
- ◆ The ushers will hold training on the defibulator on November 19.



**“Comfort, give comfort to my people”**

We are to be comforted by the promise that the day will come when valleys, hills, and hiding places that separate and divide humankind will be removed, and we will live in unity with one another and God. We are called to comfort people with this hope, and to help prepare this way for our God even in the midst of the pain and suffering that is still with us.

It is hard to wait for comfort when we are in pain. It is not easy to believe the promise that the valleys will be raised and the mountains will be lowered when we are looking at bumpy terrain ahead. However, we are all called to prepare the way for the Lord this Advent. Where do we begin to prepare a way for the Lord in a world where broken relationships, poverty, hostility, and injustice are all around us? We remember the words of Isaiah in our first reading, “Comfort, give comfort to my people.”

*“Christ Jesus, our guiding path in times of confusion, in times of anxiety and worry, in times of fear and apprehension, come now, and lead us on our journey. May our lives clear the way for your presence among us. Make ready the way of the Lord! Make God a straight path!”*

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*Confirmation

As you see on the front page, a number of our young adults (ninth graders) have now been fully initiated into the Catholic Church with their final sacrament of initiation—Confirmation. Congratulations to them, their sponsors, parents, grandparents and all who have been an example of faith to them. This deeper identification of their lives with the Christian journey of faith in and with the Catholic Church is something that will be tested and challenged in the years ahead. We need to pray for them and, as importantly, be a community of lively faith, prayerful worship and active service, so that they are surrounded by fellow pilgrims, who let our lives be fully identified with the same Catholic faith journey.

### \*Advent Season

I encourage you to continue to use the table card sent to you in the Advent mailing, especially the prayer. Here it is, once again, in case it has been misplaced:

*“Come, Lord Jesus, come and rest in our hearts this Advent season. Teach us to be generous in our giving and generous with our time and attention. We await you with peaceful hearts. We long for you as our greatest and most cherished gift. In all our preparations for Christmas, may we keep our eyes on you, knowing and believing that you alone are the reason we celebrate. Be with us as we reflect your love and goodness to everyone we meet. Come, Lord Jesus, come and rest in our hearts. Amen.”*

In addition, consider using an Advent wreath as part of your family/personal marking of the season. I have one at home and light the candle(s). I find that each time I remember to do it, I find myself quieting down, feel more part of the community of faith, and truly have a sense of more watchful, peaceful

waiting. We have the Sunday 4 p.m. Advent prayer, Taize style as well each Sunday at church.

These Advent practices do not stop the shopping, the baking, the decorating, and so forth as we prepare for Christmas. However, they can help focus, quiet down, reflect. Let Advent be Advent so that we can truly celebrate Christmas as its own season.

### \*First Reconciliation

Some of our young children will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday. Unlike Confirmation, which is a once-for-all-time configuring of our lives to Christ and the Spirit, this sacrament can be celebrated as often as needed. Our desire is that through this experience and the twice a year celebrations in their religious education classes and occasional sharing as a family in the communal celebrations at Advent and Lent, these children will form a strong connection to this sacrament.

Though God forgives in many ways and the sacrament is not simply about getting our sins forgiven, the sacrament of Reconciliation is available at any time for all of us, as we find our lives needing to be re-focused on Christ's life. Consider celebrating the sacrament yourself in this season of Advent. We have times for an individual celebration on Saturday at 3 p.m. and after the 5 p.m. Mass (please let the priest know that you are there for that purpose). In addition, there is a scheduled time for confession on Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Or, come and participate in the communal celebrations on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. or Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### \*The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The front of the bulletin has the schedule for this holyday on Thursday. As you know, it celebrates the conception of Mary, mother of Jesus. From the first moment of her unique

identity as a human being Mary was ‘full of grace,’ surrounded by the people and the community and the opportunities to be the mother of the one through whom all human history past, present and future can be reconciled. She needed to say “Yes” to that in all the important decisions of her life that led up to the birth of Jesus. By responding with that “Yes” she was an instrument of God's gracious reign definitively breaking into the world.

At baptism we are brought into the same kind of reality that Mary had at her conception. We are united to a way of life that, if we say “Yes,” will allow God's kingdom to break into the world more fully. The Immaculate Conception does not celebrate an automatic event but the real human struggle to be open to what God wants to do. It is an affirmation that, in the end, even though we inherit a history of sin and brokenness, of limited abilities and genetic pre-dispositions, of original sinfulness that easily distorts and leads us astray, God's grace is stronger and can and does triumph.

### \*Parish Vocations Committee Meeting Monday

Our vocations committee meets this Monday after the 7 p.m. Mass. New members are welcome. We have been looking this year at the reality of every baptized person's vocation. We are all truly called by God, no matter our walk of life, to connect our Christian faith to all that we do. We are asking some members of the community to share their own sense of that baptismal vocation in January and some married couples to do the same in February. Baptism marks us as the community of God's people in Christ. We are baptized into Christ's life, death and resurrection so that we can have an identity, a way of life, which will sustain us in good or difficult times. How does that reality of being a baptized member of Christ's body make a difference to you as parent, as student, as boss, as employee, as retiree, as a person? Grappling with that question is to begin to understand how we all have a vocation, a calling from God.

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### **\*Collection for Retired Religious**

Our annual collection for retired religious takes place next weekend. Ushers will pass out envelopes this weekend. Please return them in the regular collection next week. Every parish in the United States takes up this collection. The money is formed into a fund from which different religious orders can receive grants to help take care of their elderly members. Most orders have taken advantage of an offer by the government to enter into the social security system, albeit at the lowest level of benefits. In addition, all orders try to budget active members' salaries in such a way that a good portion of that salary helps to defray current retirement costs. And, thirdly, all orders receive bequests and grants that they invest for their members.

If they are still unable to pay for current retirement costs (usually due to the large numbers of vocations from the 1920s through 40s who now are of retirement age compared to the greatly fewer number of employed members), then they can apply for grants from the money from this collection. Please be generous, if you have the resources.

### **\*Austin Catholic Academy**

The north Macomb Catholic high school planning team has made their way, step by step, toward realizing the establishment of a Catholic high school for northern Macomb county, located on land at 23 mile and North Rd. To keep up to date with all they are doing, please visit their website at <http://www.austincatholicacademy.org>. They would like someone from each parish to be their communication contact person as they move forward. Is there anyone who has a strong interest in getting this high school started who would like to be our parish's official contact person?

Although we are not going to run a fund-raising campaign for the high school from the parish, I would be happy to support those who want to be a part of this effort. Updates in the bulletin, meetings of interested people at the parish and so forth are all possible. The hurdle that needs to be faced is that no money from the diocese will be loaned out to build the necessary buildings. In addition, I do not think the parish should make a commitment of its money to this effort.

That means that all monies need to be raised by interested parties throughout Macomb county. Most particularly, it will take the commitment of several dozen large donors to get the funding to a level that might make the project achievable. Being the contact person does not mean that you are going to be one of those large donors! Only that you are willing to be a liaison with the committee and the parish. Let me know if you are interested.

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May Advent continue to remind us to slow down, be more reflective, wait more patiently and attentively for God to act in our lives.

Fr. Buersmeyer

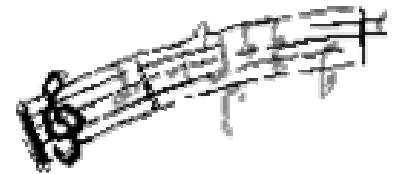
### **A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

Because it is difficult to forgive and easy to be angry, today's Gospel encourages us to "repent and forgive." This Christmas, give a gift that makes a difference; repent from anger that prevents forgiveness.



### **Lenten Mission Coming ... March 19-23, 2006**

We are looking for two chairpersons who would be willing to work with a team of people to help make this an exciting and successful Mission experience for the entire parish. If you are interested, call JoAnne at the parish office at 568.781.9010



### **Songs of the Season**

You are invited to here the Songs of the Season performed by the Symphonia Chorale directed by Louis Canter. Performances are:

#### **Saturday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m.**

St. John Evangelist Catholic Church  
872 Capac Road  
Allenton, MI

#### **Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m.**

First Congregational Church  
102 Church Street  
Romeo, MI

A free-will offering will be taken. For additional information call 586.752.7734.

### **Bulletin advertisements**

Kathleen Ford, representing Diocesan Publications (our bulletin publisher) will be at the parish for a few weeks. She will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If you are interested in advertising in our bulletin, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. Thanks to you and Diocesan Publications, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.



## Together in Ministry

### Together in prayer...

During our season of Advent, we will focus this column on how we as a parish family pray and celebrate liturgy and the sacraments together.

This week let's talk about the tent cards that you received in your Advent mailing. Imagine...all of us daily reciting the same Advent Prayer...praying that we all reflect the love and goodness of God to everyone we meet...reminding ourselves daily that Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas and that He alone is our greatest and most cherished gift...and asking God to teach us to be generous in our giving and generous with our time and attention.



What a powerful way to be community! All of us united praying for the same things...all of us together asking the Lord Jesus to come and rest in our hearts. Together we will have a prayerful and peaceful Advent.

P.S. Why not take the Advent season as an opportunity to also pray together each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Our Taize prayer is sure to bring an even greater sense of peace and comfort into your hearts.

### 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, Bernice Mayer, Bob Mehlick, Henry Miciek, Deann Miller, Dorothy Puffpaff, Helen Raad, Pasqua Rea, Hank Roman, Art Rose, Albert Sabbe, Camille Smith, Barbara Supina, Lou Scarpaci, Karen Shea, David Stinson, Kelli Sobetski, Marianna Vettrano, Toni Willoughby

### Pray for our military



Noel & Greg Ales, Nick Bassett, Augie Biache III, Mike Boback, 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

### Stewardship Report

November 26-27, 2005

Weekly budget..... \$11,600.00  
 Offertory ..... \$9,191.00  
 No. Sunday envelopes used ..... 315  
 Elect. Offerings (30th) ..... \$1,644.50  
 No. Electronic offerings..... 23  
**Total offertory ..... \$10,835.50**

#### Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Debt Reduction / (5) ..... \$100.00  
 Children's Env. / (14) ..... \$13.50  
 Camp. For Human Dev. (3) ..... \$125.00

Because of your generous response to CSA 2005, we received a refund of \$18,410 which was deposited into our Archdiocesan savings account. Thank you for your pledges and payments to CSA.

### Readings for the Week of December 4, 2005

#### Sunday, December 4:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
 Mk 1:1-8

#### Monday, December 5:

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-2

#### Tuesday, December 6:

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14

#### Wednesday, December 7:

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30

#### Thursday, December 8:

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
 Lk 1:26-38

#### Friday, December 9:

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

#### Saturday, December 10:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

#### Sunday, December 11:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1; 1 Thes 5:16-24;  
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### Sponsor of the week

R. A. Chiesa Architects



**Eucharistic  
Prayer Requests**

**Saturday and Sunday  
December 3-4, 2005**

Pietro Tomei by R. Ginste Family  
 Louis Ranelli by Family  
 Giuseppe DeCarolis by Family  
 Helen Delmont by Family  
 Rudi Dietrich by Family  
 Clara & Frank Dutkiewicz by Family

**Monday, December 5, 2005**

Norm McIntyre by Rielly Family

**Tuesday, December 6, 2005**

Joseph Yoskovich by Greenway Family

**Wednesday, December 7, 2005**

Joan Cischke by M. & A. Jeffrey

**Thursday, December 8, 2005**

For the parishioners

**Saturday and Sunday  
December 10-11, 2005**

Edward Marcinko by Friends  
 Marc Guindon by D. Guindon  
 Paul Nelson by Dobbs Family  
 Frances Sustrich by Olli Family

<b>Liturgical appointments for December 10-11, 2005</b>				
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer
<b>Lectors</b>	B. Conlon F. Diebboll	J. Giffin M. Sobetski	P. Gielow P. Quayhackx	S. Darga-Martino P. Waligore
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>  <b>*Captain</b>	A. Bucan* J. Bucan L. Foltran M. Bonaudo B. Hellebuyck	L. Raleigh* C. Klein V. Rewers M. Schimmel M. Schimmel	J. Krieg* M. Krieg L. Horn A. Murray J. Loeb B. Mason R. Newlin	S. Brunet* C. Gregory J. Martino K. Puzzuoli S. Wright
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C. Carroll T. Culver	—	Z. Becker	A. Stirzinger M. Klakulak D. Gilbertson J. Yankee
<b>Greeters</b>	Geer Family	S. Cratsenburg C. Klein	L. Horn D. Bernia	C. Winde
<b>Cantors</b>	—	J. Reaume	M. Havener	P. Hester
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Team #2</b> M. LaRaia M. Hendershot J. Krieg M. Macha	<b>Team #4</b> R. Giffin K. Grunewald B. Huellmantel H. Susalla	<b>Team #6</b> B. Burcar M. Bytner B. Cammarata J. Pospiech B. Schulz	<b>Team #8</b> L. LePage C. Klapec R. Kopera J. Kretchman K> McBride J. Pyke D. Waligore
<b>Money Counters</b>	Jerry Pospiech, Catherine Doscoczk, Connie Hojnacki, Trudy Amore, Christine Winde, Bob & Sharon Burcar			