
Pastor's Perspective



*Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete! (Rejoice!)

With the traditional rose-colored candle and vestments, the Church marks the third Sunday of Advent as a turning point. Although we never lose touch with the deeply felt need for Christ to come again, we begin to prepare more directly for the remembrance of the birth of Jesus. The light is growing! The remembrance of what is at the heart of our salvation is getting closer.

The first reading today is from Isaiah 61, the same passage that according to Luke's gospel Jesus reads in the synagogue, when asked to pick a reading from a scroll at the start of his public ministry. He has come to "announce a year of favor from the Lord, and a day of vindication from our God." That sentiment is at the core of the spirit of the Advent season. In this new Church year, it is a year of favor from the Lord, day after day of vindication from our God, but how do we embrace that? How do we let that faith and trust in God's work motivate us, bringing us a peaceful yet strong and courageous approach to all that life throws at us over the next twelve months?

*Congress' Budget Reduction Bills

For me one of the most disheartening realities is the inability of us as a nation to find a way to care for the poor and vulnerable, from health care to food to education. The Congress is currently moving to completion budget reduction bills that people as diverse as the U.S. Bishops' Legislative Committee to one of Michigan's conservative, Republican supreme court judges believes to be inhumane and misguided.

The House version of the bill aims at cutting \$50 billion in services over the life of the bill. It will cut \$9.5 billion in Medicaid (thus forcing states to absorb the cuts, which almost certainly means reduction in Medicaid benefits for the poor), \$5 billion in Child Support Enforcement (so, although benefits are not reduced, the personnel to see that child support is collected are greatly reduced, which in turn will hurt a number of families greatly), and just under \$1 billion in food stamps eliminated. The Senate version, if I have the figures correct, tries to cut \$70 billion dollars at the same time that it gives increased tax cuts to the wealthiest (over half of that benefit going to households with more than a million dollars in annual income!)

This past Thursday I was part of a prayer service at Representative Miller's office, protesting the proposed bills. If they have not yet been passed, I urge each of you to please

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Communal Penance Services

Saturday, December 17, at 3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Individual Confessions

(Anytime by appointment)

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Saturday, December 17 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
(let the Priest know you are staying after mass)

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Wednesday, December 21 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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

Monday, December 12:

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

Tuesday, December 13:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *Jr. Choir at 5:00 p.m.
- *Jr. Bells at 5:45 p.m.
- *RE Gr. 1-6 at 4:45 & 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *Parish Council mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- *Christian Service mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15:

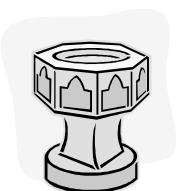
- *Adult choir 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 17:

- *Communal Penance Service 3 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.



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 11 — 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 18 — 4:00 p.m.

From the Music Desk...

What Are We Singing This Advent?

Feedback which I am receiving from choir members and cantors makes me aware that I am using a great deal of Advent music which is unfamiliar to you. I know that it is a struggle to learn and to sing new songs, and I wanted you to know that I do not make my selections randomly but with much thought and prayer.

Advent is, of course our time of preparation, and the Masses are filled with Scripture which inspires and directs our preparation process. I aspire to choose music which displays a simplicity in keeping with the restrained mood of the season, and which directly reflects or repeats the texts of the Liturgy of the Word. For this reason, I have decided not to use songs such as #481, "Each Winter as the Year Grows Older," since its text strays from the Scriptural proclamation, awkwardly attempting to personalize the spirit of the Advent message by making first person "I believe" statements, as if the personal belief of the songwriter is needed to legitimize the prophetic message. Although the Scriptural Advent message finally kicks in with verse five, it seems overwhelmed and de-emphasized by the preceding four verses, almost an afterthought.

So, it is my hope that our chants, songs and hymns will indeed be a preparation for the miracle of Christmas, reinforcing our Advent Scripture, and within their quiet and repetitive nature, leaving space for our own reflections on the meaning of the Advent season.



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve — Saturday, December 24
 Mass at 5:00 p.m. (Not a children's Mass)
 Mass at 12 Midnight (Choir carols prior to midnight)

Christmas Day — Sunday, December 25
 Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. Children's Mass

January 1 — Feast of Mary, Mother of God
 Saturday, December 31, at 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, January 1, Masses at
 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**2005-2006
Religious Formation
Program**

Early Childhood

(ages 3-4-5 years)

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

Session: Dec. 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: 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



A Hidden God

Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist said to the people: ‘There stands one among you whom you know not.’ The one of whom he spoke was Jesus. God is often referred to as a ‘hidden’ God. In this way, God might be compared to a biographer...to tell the story while staying in the background. A good biographer is everywhere present, but nowhere visible. God is everywhere present in his creation, but nowhere visible.

One day a father came home to find his little girl crying. He asked her what was the matter and she said that she had been playing hide and seek with her friends. When it was her turn to hide, she had hid so well that they had given up looking for her and had gone off to play another game. She waited and waited for them to find her, but they failed to do so. When she finally came out of her hiding place she found herself all alone.

Perhaps God sometimes feels lonely. He has hidden himself so successfully in his creation that some people are unable to find him. And eventually they give up looking for him and go off in other directions.

Even when his Son came on earth, for most of his life he went unrecognized. Even when he did come into the public arena, not everyone believed in him. As John the Baptist said, ‘There stands among you - unknown to you—the one who is coming after me.’ John said sadly in the beginning of his gospel, ‘He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him.’

At Christmas we are filled with wonder at the nearness of God. In the incarnation God is perfectly hidden and perfectly revealed. In Jesus, God comes to us clothed in our humanity. To see him is to see the Father.

Before the coming of Jesus, God was seen as distant and remote, not really concerned about us and our sufferings. Worse, he was seen as a judge ready to punish. But since the coming of Jesus we no longer see God as someone remote. We see God as someone who is very close to us, and who is concerned about each of us, because we are his children.

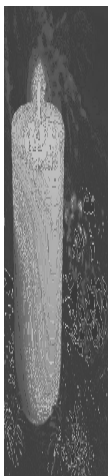
Jesus reveals God as a loving, compassionate, forgiving Father. A God who is not far away from us, but who lives among us, and who is passionately interested in us. A God whose concern is not to judge and condemn, but to heal and to save. A God who is especially close to the weak, the poor, and the overburdened.

God is like a spring within us from which we can drink and refresh ourselves. To know God in this way is a cause of great joy. This is the joy announced to the shepherds at the first Christmas, and which is announced to us now.

***Joy &
Pleasure***

There is a world of difference between joy and pleasure. Pleasure can be planned. Joy can't be planned; it comes unexpectedly, and is all the sweeter for that. Pleasure is immediate. Joy often comes later, and the sweetest joy of all is that which follows pain. Pleasure comes from saying 'yes' to ourselves. Joy comes from saying 'no' to ourselves. Pleasure is like a flare in the night: it brightens things up for a while, but when it's over, we feel darker and emptier than ever.

Joy, on the other hand, is like a bright fire in the hearth; even when it dies down, it leaves a warm glow behind it.



REJOICE!



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.

Sharing Tree

Thanks to our energetic crew, we were able to sort and bag all the Sharing Tree gifts in about one hour last Sunday. Members of our crew were: Angela Demmers, Bret Mollon, Paul and Judy Anders, Barbara Schemanske, Karen St. John, Susan Zuehik, Carol Thomas, Peggy Wright and last, but not least, our leader Francie Diebboll. A special thanks to our gift deliverers Larry Delcourt, Mary Farrell, Barbara Schemanske and Peggy Wright who all made sure our local gifts got to their destinations in a timely manner.

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.

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 Jarzembksi (586) 336-1450.

The volunteers will meet on December 20th 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

News from A Friend's House

Caregivers of older adults are invited to attend the monthly support group meeting sponsored by A Friend's House Adult Day Services-Romeo on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 from noon to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the conference room in the Agape Center, 347 S. Main, on the grounds of St. Clement of Rome Church in Romeo.

The group is for anyone caring for or concerned about an older family member at home. On-site respite services are also available, for a small fee. Pre-registration is required. Sponsored by Catholic Services of Macomb, A Friend's House-Romeo provides supervised, daytime care and activities for adults in the early stages of memory loss. For additional information or to register for on-site respite services, call Lisa Gornowicz at 586.336.6839.

Movie Hotline

Are you confused about which movies are appropriate for you and your family this holiday season? Call the Movie Hotline of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at 800.311.4222 or visit www.usccb.org and click on movie reviews. The reviews include ratings on the basis of moral suitability.



Teen Session...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 on December 18 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 or by phone at 586-781-9488 if you have questions. Bring a friend — the more the merrier!

Thank you...The teens of the parish would like to extend a very special thank you to all those who purchased poinsettias. This is a major fundraiser for the teens and the community support is greatly appreciated. Thank you again and enjoy your holiday plants.



Wedding

Congratulations to Caitlin Tardiff and Ryan Matz

who were married at our parish on December 2, 2005.



The faith community of SS. John & Paul extends prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Art Rose whose funeral was held at our parish on December 9, 2005.



“May We Walk in the Light”

Advent is a time to rejoice because the kingdom has begun. We, the People of God, are called to be a sign of the kingdom, a glimpse of what it would be like if people lived with God at the center of their lives. We look to Mary and the other saints as models for all of us in becoming this sign of the kingdom. Early in the Advent season, we celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas, whose gift giving inspires our own Christmas gift giving. We celebrate a feast day in honor of Mary, the first believer and model for the Church, on December 8th. Throughout the year we celebrate feast days of the saints, persons whose lives have been centered on God and who are signs for us of what it means to be filled with the Spirit of Jesus, to walk in the light of the Lord.

The building of the kingdom is not something that human beings can accomplish on their own. The Church itself cannot build the kingdom. It is Jesus Christ, the real light, who works through the Church. Our baptism is a sign of our commitment to the kingdom, a commitment that is possible only if we are filled with God's Spirit and willing to walk in His light.

*“Christ Jesus, we are called to be your voice,
may we proclaim your Word.*

*Christ Jesus, we are called to be your hands,
may we work for justice.*

*Christ Jesus, we are called to be your heart,
may we reach out to others with compassion.
May we walk in the light of the Lord!”*

What example do you give to others to help them recognize Jesus?

North Vicariate Newsletter on line

The monthly North Vicariate Newsletter is now available online at www.NMVonline.org. For the current issue and archives of past issues of the newsletter, check out the page entitled “View the North Macomb News”.

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.



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

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read up on them and call Representative Miller's office toll-free at 800-426-8073. They will ask for your zip code and direct the call to the proper person.

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***Do We Believe Each of Us Has a Vocation?**

I ask the question of vocation, because it is at the heart of what it means to claim and live out our baptism. The word 'vocation' means 'calling'. Each of us who have been baptized, has been claimed by Christ as a member of his Body, the Church, and called by God to have that baptism make a difference. Everything—and that means everything!—in our lives is able to be part of the mystery of God's grace and reconciliation at work in the world. How we live, what we do, our responsibilities as parents, friends, brothers, sisters, our professions, our personal talents and gifts all are part of that baptismal journey of faith.

But do we believe that? Do we believe that in prayer, in taking time for reflection and discernment, that God is actively at work through Christ, leading us? Or do we let that idea be limited to priests, women religious, monks and brothers? I want to explore this theme of vocation a bit more in the weeks ahead. Our parish vocations committee has asked that the Masses on the weekend of January 15th be focused on the fact that each one of us—including priests and religious, but by no means only or even mainly such callings—is called by God. Our vocation is the way we respond to that call or invitation from God.

At the Masses on that weekend in January, the homily will be more dialogue in form. I will be asking a few of you—or even better, I hope a few of you willingly speak up!—to share what difference it makes in your ordinary, daily life, to be a person of Christian faith. Each of us is called. What is that vocation at this stage in your life?

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***Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

On Monday we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is a

wonderful feast day of this patroness of the Americas. We will use an icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe as part of the celebration. This image wonderfully brings together the ancient, native religious symbols and the newer Christian ones, helping the people connect the two and, through their devotion to Mary, to be more certain of the Christian faith.

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***Communal Reconciliation Service**

The first of two Advent communal celebrations of the sacrament of Reconciliation takes place this coming **Saturday, December 17th at 3 pm.** This service includes a time to individually confess to a priest and to individually receive absolution. It is the full sacrament. As a communal service, we take time to pray together, listen to God's Word, examine our conscience, and a common penance is given. Since there is reduced time for the confession, I encourage those who are dealing with very serious areas of sinfulness or those who need more time for conversation to come at one of our individually scheduled times. On the other hand, it is an excellent time for entire families to celebrate the sacrament together. What a great way to witness to each other a desire to be a forgiven, reconciled, and reconciling person.

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***Christmas Decorating**

We will need a few more hands to help with putting together the Christmas trees and the rest of the environment for Christmas. Sunday, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass for about 3 hours.

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***Christmas and End-of-Year Donations**

The end of the calendar year is a time when people look at finances and make some decisions in that regard. If you have not been as regular with Sunday donations as you could be, please consider a year-end donation to make up the missed weeks. Or, if you have the ability to give a larger donation,

please put that in the year-end donation envelope rather than the Christmas or Sunday one. In the end, it benefits the parish more that way. Thank you.

***Scouting Religious Medals**

Attention all Scouts who want to work on their religious medals. Mike Bynter has agreed to be our parish contact person for the Parvuli Dei and other religious medals from Tiger Scouts through Webelos. He has all the information and workbooks. You can contact him at 586.784.8748.

Books will need to be completed by January 15th and I will need to interview the Scouts the week of January 16th. That gives time to get the order in for the medals so that we can present them to the Scouts on Scout Weekend, February 4th at the 5 p.m. Mass.

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***Dates for Your Calendar**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday **February 12th, 4 – 8 p.m., a closing dinner celebration for our 25th anniversary year as a parish.** Tickets will be \$27 and include family style dinner, memento, live band, and more. Please contact the parish office for tickets or if you wish to reserve a table. We encourage you to contact current and former members of the parish to share in the celebration.

Then mark your calendars for **our Parish Lenten Mission, Sunday-Thursdays, March 19-23.** All other meetings will be cancelled that week, so that we can all participate in the Lenten Mission.

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***Scripture**

I've been thinking about how so often one or more of the Sunday readings offers a phrase or a sentence that is well worth memorizing. Taken into the heart through memorization, these snippets of Scripture become resources for us, when we face various situations in life. The more we know such Scripture by heart, the more the Spirit of God can use the Scripture to

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move and shape us. So, when appropriate, instead of the blessing prayer I end most columns with, I will offer such a weekly phrase/snippet of Scripture that is worth memorizing. This week's second reading has several of them, but let this one settle into our hearts: *"In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."* (1 Thessalonians 5: 17)

Fr. Buersmeyer

Online Offertory

Did you know that SS. John & Paul has some parishioners who support the parish by using online banking? Every week their offertory gets mailed to us by their bank and is treated just as if it were dropped in the Sunday offertory basket since their envelope number is printed on the check.

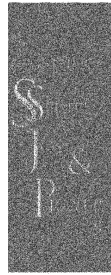
Electronic Sunday Offerings is another way to consistently support the parish automatically. Electronic Sunday Offerings (ESO) is a pre-authorized payment plan where parish members authorize monthly or bi-monthly deductions to be made from their checking or savings account into the parish's account.

If either of these opportunities to support the parish appeals to you, you can pick up an ESO form in the literature racks in back of church or set the church up for a weekly automatic donation on your personal computer using online banking. Thank you for considering these new ways to contribute to the parish.

An Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection and Hermitage

What light does our faith bring to our darkness? Reflect on this question at the Capuchin Retreat House on Thursday, December 15, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. during this evening of prayer entitled "A Light in Our Darkness!".

Please RSVP at 248-651.4825 or e-mail info@capretreat.org. A free will offering will be taken.



25th Anniversary Dinner Celebration February 12, 2006 — Save the Date!

We will be closing our year-long celebration of our 25th anniversary with a special Dinner Celebration on February 12, 2006 at the Carpathia Club from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$27 per person (cash bar) and includes a delicious sit-down dinner, special 25th anniversary memento, and live band. Tickets are available at the parish office. Former parishioners are invited to join the celebration. If you know of someone who is a former parishioner that might like to celebrate with us, please invite them.

St. John Vianney Family Christmas Gathering and Concert

Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m. Featuring the choirs of St. John Vianney, St. Isidore, and St. Maximilian Kolbe, soloists, instrumentalists, and the award winning "Praisin' Puppets". A reception will follow the concert with a special guest appearance by Santa. Bring your cameras for a photo. Great music, holiday spirit and fellowship.

St. John Vianney is located at 54045 Schoenherr Road between 24 and 25 Mile Roads on the west side of Schoenherr. Call the church at 586.781.6525 for more information. Admission is free.

Papal Photos on Display at St. Isidore Church in Macomb

Remembering His Holiness Pope John Paul II... Welcoming His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, a papal photo exhibit, is open now through early January in the gathering space of St. Isidore Church in Macomb. Featured are four kiosks of pictures from John Paul II's three Detroit visits. A fifth kiosk focuses on photos from the election of Pope Benedict XVI.

St. Isidore Church is located at 18201 Twenty Three Mile (at the northwest corner of Romeo Plank Road) in Macomb. The public is invited to visit Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 586-286-1700.

Divorced Recovery and Support

A divorce recovery workshop for men and women of all ages and all faiths offers healing and support in dealing with the painful issues of divorce, while promoting recovery and healing. This group meets Thursday evenings, beginning December 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for 11 weeks at St. Irenaeus Parish Center, Rochester. It is sponsored by Bethany of Rochester under the auspices of the Office for Family Life of the Archdiocese of Detroit. For more information on Bethany, go to www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org or call the hotline 248-988-0454.

Things to Ponder

- ◆ The happiest people do not necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything that comes along their way — *Anon.*
- ◆ Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape — *Ben Franklin*



Together in Ministry

Together in prayer...

Last week we focused on the Advent tent cards that you received in the mail. It is a great way for all of us to join together in communal prayer daily. But what are other ways we can be together in prayer?



The obvious of course in our Sunday liturgy. Gathering together each week to celebrate the word of God and to share Eucharist together should be the highlight of our week. Being together for prayer, song, and the reading of scripture; hearing the homily and breaking bread...all of these things should give us focus for our weekly encounter with life and all the ups and downs that it brings. If you have not yet set aside this special time each week to be together, perhaps you are missing an opportunity to allow God and this faith community to be part of your life...to be part of the daily struggles that are a natural part of life.

Another great opportunity to be together in prayer is our Communal penance services on December 17th (Saturday) and December 19 (Monday). Through prayer, song, and the sacrament of penance, we ask God's forgiveness for the times we have turned our back on Him, with a promise to try harder to keep Him a focus in our lives.

Each Sunday of Advent (and monthly after Christmas), we gather for Taizé prayer at 4 p.m. If you have not yet experienced this form of prayer, please try to join us this Sunday. In this very simple format of song, prayer, reflection, and ritual, you may find that Advent peace you have been searching for.

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, Krystyna Green, Ronnie Housewright, Anna Kaltz, Bernice Mayer, Bob Mehlick, Henry Miciek, Deann Miller, Dorothy Puffpaff, Helen Raad, Pasqua Rea, Hank Roman, Albert Sabbe, Camille Smith, Barbara Supina, Lou Scarpaci, Karen Shea, David Stinson, Kelli Sobetski, Marianne Vettraino, 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 December 3-4, 2005

Weekly budget.....\$11,600.00
 Offertory\$12,142.86
 No. Sunday envelopes used340
Total offertory\$12,142.86

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Debt Reduction / (20)\$308.00
 Children's Env. / (9)\$8.50
 CHD / (1)\$100.00

All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2005

Sunday, December 11:

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

Monday, December 12:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin

Tuesday, December 13:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14:

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15:

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30; Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16:

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17:

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday, December 18:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89;
 Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Sponsor of the week

Village Florist



Eucharistic Prayer Requests

**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

Monday, December 12, 2005

Gerald Hatcher by Shoup Family

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

Joan Cischke by M. & A. Jeffrey

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Frank Martino by J. Martino
 Ida Lancia by Family

**Saturday and Sunday
December 17-18, 2005**

Pasquale Vani by Family
 Rose Killewald by Family
 Elaine Charneski by Family
 Mr. & Mrs. L. Przybylowicz
 by Drozdowski Family

Liturgical appointments for December 17-18, 2005				
	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes
Lectors	M. Klakulak G. Pagliarella	J. Sova R. Baes	J. Reaume J. Reaume	V. Klapec S. Brunet
Eucharistic Ministers *Captain	M. McCann* B. Conlon F. Diebboll T. Klakulak L. Klakulak	G. Bawol* A. Loyson P. Loyson P. Sagert R. Sagert	T. Fletcher* P. Partyka J. Sabina J. Sabina M. Saylor A. Simonetti J. Witek	C. Gregory* T. Bugli D. Jiannuzzi M. Catalano J. Sorensen
Altar Servers	J. Sorensen B. Sorensen A. Sant	E. Sova T. Anderson	L. Michalski Z. Compeau	J. Seidel C. Franks J. Palombo F. Avolio
Greeters	M. Klakulak Family	C. LaRose J. Rebar	H. Witek B. Brunner	M. Rose
Cantors	—	—	—	—
Ushers	Team #2 M. LaRaia M. Hendershot J. Krieg M. Macha	Team #4 R. Giffin K. Grunewald B. Huellmantel H. Susalla	Team #6 B. Burcar M. Bytner B. Cammarata J. Pospiech B. Schulz	Team #8 L. LePage C. Klapec R. Kopera J. Kretchman K> McBride J. Pyke D. Waligore
Money Counters	Sharon Bourgeois, Ron Kopera, Donald Byrne, Len & Jacqueline Monfils, Dick & Pat Podolski			