



# SS JOHN & PAUL OKTOBERFEST



**Friday, October 20  
6:30 - 10:30 p.m.  
(Dinner served 6:30-8:00 p.m.)**

**Food, Fun, Friends,  
and Music  
(21 years and older)**

**Admission \$10.00  
Tickets on sale now!**

## **P**astor's Perspective

### **\*Important (Mandatory) Meetings Coming Up for Lectors, Communion Ministers and Greeters**

Each year we take time to review both the liturgical role and the procedures for various ministries. For the 'veterans' it is a chance to re-focus, learn of some minor tweaks in the procedures and to re-commit to another 12 months of ministry. For anyone new or interested in becoming a lector, communion minister or greeter, it is part of your preparation process. Please mark these dates in your calendars and

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## **Protecting God's Children Workshop October 12 -- 6:00-9:00 p.m. or October 14 -- 9:00-12:00 noon**

This week Thursday, October 12, and Saturday, October 14, we will be hosting a workshop that focuses on creating safe environments for children by preventing the opportunity for sexual abuse to occur. Each session will include videos and discussion, along with a light meal. All parish volunteers are asked to attend **ONE** of these sessions within six months of volunteering, along with completing a background check. The session on **Thursday is from 6:00-9:00pm**, and includes dinner. The workshop on **Saturday is from 9:00am-12:00pm**, and will include a light brunch. The evening is free of charge.

**We need to know registration numbers by Monday October 9th.**

To register for either the Thursday or Saturday workshop, please call Paula at the office 586.781.9010 or go to: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on Registration (on left side of screen). By all of us attending, together we can ensure a safer environment for the children and youth of our community.

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

**Monday, October 9:**

- \*7:00 p.m. Mass
- \*7:45 Adult Bell Choir
- \*Gr. 1-6 RE at 4:45 p.m.
- \*4:45 Adult Formation
- \*Worship after 7:00 mass

**Tuesday, October 10:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*9:30 a.m. Little Rock Scripture  
*Women in the Old Testament*
- \*Jr. Choir 5:00 p.m.
- \*Gr. 1-6 Religious Formation  
4:45-6:00 p.m. and 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- \*Adult Formation 4:45 & 6:30 p.m.
- \*Christian Service 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 11:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*10:00 a.m. Art & Environment
- \*6:30 p.m. Taize Prayer
- \*7:00 Adult Youth Ministry Team
- \*7:00 Hospitality
- \*Healthy Lifestyle class 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 12:**

- \*Choir 7:00 p.m.
- \*PGC Workshop 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- \*6:30 p.m. Little Rock Scripture  
*Women in the Old Testament*

**Friday, October 13:**

- \*Teen Lock-In 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.

**Saturday, October 14:**

- \*Individual Confessions at 3:00 p.m.
- \*PGC Workshop 9:00 a.m.—Noon

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**Regular 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.



**Taizé Prayer  
Wednesday, October 11  
at 6:30 p.m.**

**Trunk and Treat  
Saturday, October 28,  
immediately following  
the 5:00 p.m. mass**

This new event is very exciting and is actually the second annual and is sponsored by our Family Committee. It will begin with the 5:00 p.m. mass ... and yes, the children are allowed to come to mass in costume. Towards the end of mass, Fr. Dave will call all the children forward for a special blessing and then they will process out with him and go into the parish center. One parent of each family will then go to the center to assist Fr. Dave and one parent will go outside to get the car parked in the right position for the trunk to open where the children will be passing.

The cars may be decorated as elaborately or simple as you wish. There can be music, tables or chairs, or just candy. While the cars are getting ready, the children will be given Halloween safety tips, and will play a few friendship building games. This should take about 15-20 minutes.

When this is finished, the children will be led out in groups to parade in front of the trunks to receive their treat. When they are finished, both parents and children are invite for cider and donuts, outside if weather permits or in the parish center in case of rain. In order to receive this treat, the children will be asked to donate some of the candy that they collected. This candy will be donated to the Samaritan House.

The children in grades 1-6 are asked to help decorate the room in the parish center by bringing in cut-out Halloween pictures the week before the event. These pictures are being distributed during their weekly formation class.

We hope you join us and encourage parents to be creative in their preparation. If you have no children of school age, but would like to bring your grandchildren or just yourself to take part in the fun...come on along.

**All are Welcome!**

**Interested in Professional Parish Ministry?**

The parishes of the North Macomb Vicariate invite all interested parish members to a gathering on Tuesday October 24th from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Clement of Rome Parish, Romeo, Michigan. We are looking for men and women who would be willing to pursue some studies in theology/parish ministry and who have an interest in using their gifts in parish ministry. This will be an informational session as well as a gathering for support of all who are interested. The vicariate is looking for ways to help fund such studies and to encourage interested laymen and women to enter into ministry opportunities. If interested in attending, please call Kathy Gilginas at 586.781.9625, so we can know how many will be attending.

**Widowed Friends Activities**

Widowed men and women of all ages are invited to celebrate Mass with Widowed Friends, a 'peer' ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Join us n Sunday, October 22, at 2:30 p.m. for Mass at St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton (north of 14 Mile between Coolidge and Woodward in Birmingham). Enter the building from the rear parking lot. Call Margery at 248-666-4826 for more information. A Day of Reflection and Inspiration will be held at St. Columban on Saturday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost of \$14 includes box lunch and beverages. Register before November 7 by calling JoAnn at 248-478-1084 or Mary at 596-781-9490.



**2006-2007  
Religious  
Formation  
Program**

**October-May**

**Early Childhood**

(ages 3-4-5 years)

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Sessions: Oct. 15

No Sessions: Oct. 22, 29

**Grades 1-6**

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

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

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

Sessions: Oct. 9/10, 16/17

No Sessions: Oct. 23/24, 30/31

**Grades 7-8**

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

In weekly blocks of time

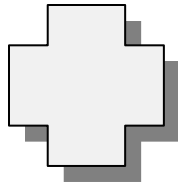
Sessions: Oct. 8, 15

No Sessions: Oct. 22, 29

**Day of Reflection for  
Women October 19**

The Capuchin Retreat House will host a Day of Reflection for Women on Thursday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. The theme will be: "Jesus" — How often do we respond to the issues of life by asking ourselves: 'What would Jesus do?' We will explore that human face of Jesus we often ignore, the human Jesus and how he dealt with his life and times.

Suggested offering is \$25 per person (25 people or more) or \$30 per person for less than 25 people, includes lunch. Please contact Carol Benn at 586.752.2134 to register and for more information.



**PREPARATION FOR THE  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
PARENT/CHILD SESSION**

**Wednesday, October 25 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 29 12:45 p.m.**

Please call the Religious Formation office (586.781.9488) if:

- You are a parent of children in grades 4 through 6 who are eligible to prepare for this sacrament to sign up on the day and time of your choice.
- You are a parent of a child in the 2nd or 3rd grade who might be ready for this preparation.

**'Unless you become like little children...  
Mk. 10:2-16**

...you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.' We tend to regard childhood as something that we must grow out of, leave completely behind, and more forward.



To be childlike is to be open, receptive, have a sense of wonder, and the ability to live in the present. Unfortunately as we grow older we tend to lose some of those good qualities of the child and keep some of the worst. We continue to be childish—immature, throwing tantrums, being irresponsible.

Our imagination is much stronger in childhood. Every child is blessed with a sense of wonder. A child's vision is fresh and clear. Children are seeing everything for the first time.

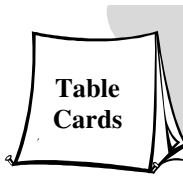
Children teach us how to live. They have not yet got into grooves, or become prisoners of routine, habit and prejudice. They are always themselves. This is what makes them so charming and unique.

Happiness is the natural state of little children. They have the capacity to wring enjoyment out of simple things. The shabbiest doll will delight a child's heart, but adults need so much more. As adults we seem to lose the soul of a child.

As life goes on it is easy to grow old in heart, dry and disillusioned, cynical and selfish. Children put us in touch with the gentler and more innocent part of ourselves that we may have discarded in the struggle or battle of life. They revive in us too, a sense of wonder, and it is the sense of wonder above all that keeps us young.

When Jesus says to us, 'Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven,' he is recalling us to our lost childhood, so that though old and frail in body, we might be reborn in innocence of character.

Jesus says we can't enter the Kingdom unless we receive it like a child. The kingdom is a gift. Children know how to receive a gift. No one can enter the kingdom who is not open to receive it as a gift.



## Like a Child, Accept the Reign of God

As Jesus is teaching that a man and woman joined in marriage are no longer two but one flesh, some people are bringing their children to him to bless and touch. His disciples try to discourage this, but Jesus insists that they come to him. All must accept the Reign of God as a child does, or they will not be able to enter.

Children are a gift, and an example for us to follow. Jesus is enjoying the presence of the children coming to him for hugs and blessings. He makes it clear that we must imitate children and become like them in order to enter into the kingdom.



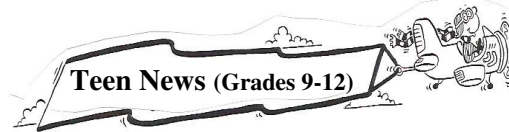
Who are the children in your life who teach you about God? How does your inner child help you to know God?

*“Christ Jesus,  
when we take ourselves too seriously,  
when we think and analyze too much,  
when we lose our sense of  
joy, wonder, and awe,  
help us to become young again.*

*Like a little child in its mother’s arms,  
my soul will rest in you,  
my soul will rest in you.”*

## Adult Youth Ministry Team Meeting Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.

**It is especially important to have those helping  
with the Lock-In to attend this meeting!**



- **Attention all 9-12 graders**  
Bring a friend and join us for a teen session on October 8. All sessions go from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Teen Lock-In October 13 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.**  
Please turn in your permission slip to Mrs. Peters on or before October 8. Permission slips are available in the parish office. All 9-12 graders welcome!
- **Confirmation Retreat**  
All permission slips are due no later than October 15. Please make sure your attached payment of \$15 along with your medical release form is included with your permission slip. Any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Peters at 586.781.9488. Thank you.
- **A Special Thank You**  
I would like to send a special thank you to all those who helped with getting the Vicariate teen event together. This evening was filled with teens coming from the whole Vicariate to Hoxsey’s on Mound Road to join in a fun-filled evening of a hay ride, DJ, bon fire and more. A lot of time and effort was put forth from so many volunteers to make sure this night was a great success. This was especially true of Bob and Darlene Jiannuzzi who took on the responsibility of organizing and putting things in place to make this evening happen. The teens of our parish are so lucky to have such a wonderful team of adults who give of themselves for the good of others.

Karen Peters

## BECOMING CATHOLIC...

- ? Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church...
- ? Have you been baptized into another religion and are considering joining the Catholic Church...
- ? Do you have questions about what the process for becoming Catholic is...
- ? Are you still trying to decide if becoming Catholic is really what you want to do...

**If you have any of the concerns listed above, please call the  
parish office and speak to JoAnne about joining the parish RCIA.**



## A Healthy Lifestyle Adventure Class

**“I have come so that you might have life and have it more abundantly”**

John 10:10

The Lord wants us to enjoy life to the fullest as a total person both spiritually and physically. Come join us as we learn a holistic approach to health and share ideas to develop a healthier physical, spiritual, mental and social lifestyle within the context of a supportive group atmosphere.

Taught by the Parish Nurse team, this class is part of a Blue Cross and Blue Shield two-year incentive to encourage a healthier lifestyle. This seven week session takes place in the Activities Center, is free and runs on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. through November 15th. **Please note that this class will not be held on Wednesday, November 1st.** Please join us as we strive to become a more faithful steward of God’s gift of life to us.

## Flu Shot Clinic

The Parish Nurse Ministry and Health Team of SS. John & Paul will sponsor a flu shot clinic on Sunday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Flu shots are free when you present a Medicare Part B, Care Choices or HAP insurance card. You must bring your card as proof of insurance. The cost for those not covered by these insurances is \$25.00 for the flu vaccine and \$35.00 for the pneumonia vaccine, payable by check or cash. If you will be paying by cash, exact change is greatly appreciated.

Please keep in mind that this clinic is being provided for the convenience of the parishioners of SS. John and Paul. If there is a flu vaccine shortage, clinics may be restricted to **HIGH PRIORITY** only, meaning those over 65 years of age or those with a chronic medical condition. There is, at this time, no anticipated vaccine shortage.

## October is Respect Life Month

*“There have been more U.S. abortions in the last 33 years than there are people living today in both New York City and Los Angeles! In the last 12 months alone, nearly as many children were aborted as there are residents of the city of Philadelphia. In the last 12 months alone, nearly a half-million more unborn babies were aborted than there are people living in the city of Detroit. In just the last 12 months, nearly twice as many babies were aborted in our country as there are residents of San Francisco. The unholy magnitude of it all is staggering!”*

Cardinal William H. Keeler, Homily for Pro-Life Vigil Mass, January 22, 2006

## Baby Shower

In honor of Respect Life month, SS. John & Paul will once again sponsor a “Baby Shower” during the month of October. Donations we receive will go to Project Hope, a local crisis pregnancy center sponsored by Catholic Services of Macomb. Project Hope provides a variety of free services including prenatal care counseling, parenting classes, job search assistance, adoption services as well as basic supplies. Suggested items for donation are:



- Infant wear size 0-12 months to include sleepers, outfit, onesies, layettes
- Crib sheets, receiving blankets, bibs, bottles, pacifiers and small infant toys
- Bath accessories to include towels, washcloths, baby shampoos, soaps, oils, lotions
- Care seat, diaper bags, diapers and wipes

We will have receptacles for donated baby items at each of the church doors for the month of October. Please join us as we pay tribute to those who have chosen life.

## Promote Social Justice: Vote NO on Ballot Proposal 2

Affirmative action represents an effort to help women and minorities close gender and racial gaps that exist in public contracting, employment and education. Affirmative action programs are also working to help make the transition for minorities and women who are traditionally under-represented in certain fields. We learn from Catholic social teaching the importance of solidarity and that we are all our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers. Help promote social justice by opposing Proposal 2. At [www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org) there is a live-stream (and Podcast if you want it) of “Michigan Catholics and the 2006 Election. It explores the principles of Catholic Social Teaching that are important to consider when voting this fall.



## Soup Kitchen News

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

Our next meal will be served on Tuesday, October 17, 2006. We will serve a spaghetti lunch with salad and fresh fruit. Donated items should be delivered to the parish kitchen before October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your bags **SOUP KITCHEN**. Please call Pat Sagert (586.781.7035) or Barbara Jarzemski (586.336.1450) to see what is needed.

The Soup Kitchen team meets at 8:30 AM SHARP the day of the lunch at SS. John & Paul and leaves via carpool to the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen at 8:45 AM. God bless you for your continued generosity.

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attend one of the meetings for each ministry you are involved with. If you are not yet part of these ministries but are willing to become one, please call the office and leave your name and number. The meetings for communion ministers and lectors last approximately one hour. For greeters a half hour. Thank you.

**Communion Ministers:**

Either Sunday October 15th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass (approximately 12:30) or Wednesday November 1st after the All Saints Mass 7 p.m. Mass (approximately 7:45 p.m.)

**Lectors:**

Either Wednesday October 18th at 7 p.m. or Sunday October 22nd after the 11:30 a.m. Mass (approximately 12:30).

**Greeters:**

Either Saturday November 4th after the 5 p.m. Mass (approximately 6 p.m.) or Sunday November 5th after the 9:30 a.m. Mass (approximately 10:30 a.m.)

**\*Annual Mission Sunday Collection Next Week**

We will take up our annual Mission Sunday Collection next weekend, a week early. All monies received go to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to be distributed to various missionary groups throughout the world. As always with such second collections, please use your discretion on which ones you find more important and at what level you want to contribute. Our diocesan Propagation of the Faith office has an excellent reputation for supporting the missions.

**\*Mass with the Anointing of the Sick October 21st**

We celebrate Masses with the Anointing of the Sick quarterly on Monday nights, and all are encouraged to ask for an anointing after any Mass, as you face serious surgery or other serious illnesses. But once a year we take a weekend Mass and try to bring as many of the homebound as possible, in addition to anyone else who might need to be anointed.

Join us on Saturday October 21st at the 5 p.m. Mass. If you know of someone who would not otherwise be here but needs a ride, let us know. We'll try to arrange for it. My hope would be that the usual 5 p.m. goers will also be there, so that those to be anointed experience themselves surrounded by a faith community.

Who should be anointed? Anyone who is facing surgery. Those who have had serious illnesses and are still recovering from them. Anyone with depression or other mental illnesses. People who have chronic heart, diabetic, or other health issues. Those fighting cancer as well as those who are simply frail. The Church recommends that the very elderly not be bashful about approaching this sacrament on a regular basis.

It is a sacrament of the sick. It is no longer the sacrament that is done at the very last moment.. Rather, it is a sacrament of faith that is meant to accompany us in the midst of our fight for health and wholeness. The Church envisions that ordinarily the person receiving this sacrament be fully conscious and of sufficient age to know what is happening so that they can participate actively in the sacramental celebration. For pastoral

reasons we can celebrate this sacrament with others: for example, those who are too young to know what is happening or those already unconscious. But the usual way would be with those conscious and actively praying.

**\*Remembering the Deceased November 5th**

We have once again scheduled an Evening Prayer for the Deceased on the first Sunday of November at 4 p.m. [NB: this is not a Mass but a prayer service]. During that prayer we will remember each person who has died during the past twelve months, beginning with anyone who was buried from our parish. Invitations to those families will be sent out shortly.

If you have someone you know who has died since last November 1st, please think about coming to this Evening Prayer. Let us know of the names of such persons, so that we will include them in the prayer. Also, give us a sense of how many might attend from the family, so we can prepare sufficient refreshments for after the service.

**\*Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First Time**

Parents of children who have not yet celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation will be receiving a letter about our family-centered sacramental preparation for first Reconciliation. There are a number of issues involved in making the decision of when to prepare your child for first Reconciliation. I will touch on them below. But in the end, whenever your child celebrates this sacrament for the first time, the goal is that it be the first of many such celebrations. The sacrament is a way to enter more deeply into a conscious embrace of our Christian identity. We realize that at the core of Jesus' ministry is his calling us to repentance and conversion: to turn away from sin and to turn more deeply toward God.

In other words, the sacrament of Reconciliation, like all the sacraments, is really aimed at adult Christian living. We encourage children to learn about it, prepare for it and celebrate it so that it will become something that they are familiar with. But the goal is for adults to embrace this sacrament in two ways: (1) When we have seriously broken away from the Christian community by certain actions or patterns of behavior, to know that the way to full reconciliation with God includes the celebration of this sacrament. (2) As a way to deepen our personal relationship to Jesus' ministry of reconciliation and to the Church, and so find a way to make this sacrament a regular part of our spiritual life (typically, 1-4 times a year).

What are the guidelines for when to receive this sacrament for the first time? Church canon law has a couple of different takes on it. On the one hand, it says that ordinarily the sacrament would be received prior to first Eucharist. This is the position strongly endorsed by Cardinal Maida and the bishops. On the other hand, canon law also says that only those with serious sin are required to celebrate this sacrament before coming to Eucharist and that any baptized person not forbidden by law may and must be admitted to holy communion. Unless one believes that a child can commit fully, freely and consciously a sin so grave as to mark their life permanently against God, that means that there is no necessary requirement

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for first Reconciliation prior to first Eucharist.

So what should parents do? I believe it is important for them to know their own child's maturity level. If a child is not easily and consistently able to distinguish what is truly sinful (something they are responsible for doing or not doing that harms themselves or others and why it is their responsibility) from what simply upsets others, then it might be best to wait until a slightly later age. For example, child development specialists find that there is often a large difference in abstract reasoning ability from ages 7 to age 10. My own pastoral experience has found that around grade four most children seem to be able to enter into the sacramental experience in a full way. But it is up to the parents to make that final determination.

My main concern isn't whether it is celebrated before or after first Eucharist (most choose to do it later). Rather, I am concerned when parents refuse to have their 4th, 5th, and sometimes even 6th graders receive the sacrament. What is going on there? If it is a concern about a being in a one-one context between child and priest, know that we never celebrate such confessions behind closed doors. It is always done quietly but within the open church. If it is a sense that this sacrament is not important to the parent personally or they had a bad experience with it as a child themselves, then I want to challenge that perception. Done well and prayerfully, it is one of the key ways the Church embodies the living ministry of Jesus and allows us to connect personally to that ministry. Don't deprive your child of a sacrament of the Church due to your own, perhaps negative, experience. It need not be negative for your child. If it is for some other reason, I would like to know, so that we can find ways to address any concerns.

## **\*Ballot Proposal 2**

I have been surprised by some of the people who are in favor of changing the constitution in the way proposal 2 suggests, so that public institutions can never use any affirmative action criteria in their policies. I'm not surprised that many of us have stories of someone who has been denied a promotion, a spot in medical or law school and so on, and who blame affirmative action. Yes, if there are limited number of openings available, some will lose out. However, it is not as though there hasn't been some type of other affirmative action going on now or in the future. It simply hasn't been focused on historically under-represented groups. What surprises me is the sense that changing the constitution is the way to address the concerns. There are huge consequences to changing the constitution. Similar changes in California and Washington has had a large impact on the numbers of women and minorities involved in higher education. It is not as though affirmative action has run amok and minorities now represent way more than the state average in such public institutions. Just the opposite. They are underrepresented now and will become even more so in the future, if this proposal passes. Is that a good thing for a just, stable society? I don't think so.

But even if there is a temptation to vote yes, please at least consider this. Both DeVos and Granholm, our two gubernatorial candidates, are adamantly opposed to this ballot proposal. So different in political philosophy and approach to government issues, yet united on this issue. Why is that? Because they know the harm it can and most likely will cause. This is my last personal note on the issue. I strongly urge you to vote "NO" on proposal 2. It is the morally right thing to do.

**Fr. Buersmeyer**

## **Community News**

### **Is Your Marriage Breaking Your Heart?**

Without attention and care, marriages can wither and die. If you are considering separation or divorce, Retrouvaille can help you put the pieces back together and rebuild a loving relationship. The next program begins with a weekend on October 27-29 at the Metropolitan Hotel near the Metro Airport and continues with six follow up sessions, which will be held on Sunday afternoons at St. Athanasius Church in Roseville.

For more information call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the Retrouvaille websites:  
[www.retrouvaille.info](http://www.retrouvaille.info) and [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### **Who Are the Capuchins?**

The Capuchin Franciscan friars will be holding a weekend in the Detroit area for men (ages 18-50) who are interested in learning about religious life and seeing how Capuchins live as Franciscans in our world and in the Church today.

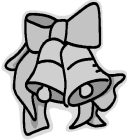
The weekend is October 20-22, 2006. If you would like to attend, have questions, or want to recommend someone for the weekend, call toll free 1-888-297-2702 or email the following: [vocations@capuchinfranciscans.org](mailto:vocations@capuchinfranciscans.org).

### **Mass for Divorced/Separated and Information on Church Annulment Process**

A Mass for divorced and separated persons has been scheduled for Mondays, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. At St. Peter Church, 95 Market St., Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043. The Mass will be followed by the presentation, "Marriage and Annulment in the Catholic Church" at approximately 7:30 p.m. The talk will be given by Rev. Michael N. Cooney, pastor. No charge. Please invite anyone you know who would benefit from the Mass and presentation. For more information call 586-468-4578.

### **Rummage Sale**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 8600 27 Mile Rd., Washington, Michigan will be holding a Rummage Sale on October 20 (9 a.m. - 3:p.m.) and October 21 (9 a.m. - 12 noon). Matching funds will be given to monies raised by Thrivent Financial #3762 to support Bethesda Lutheran Home. For more information, please call 586-781-5567.



### Marriage

Congratulations to Beth Kay Karam and Michael Budzik who were married October 7, 2006.

### North Macomb Vicariate Newsletter

News from parishes in our North Macomb Vicariate is available online at [www.NMVonline.org](http://www.NMVonline.org). The newsletter also lists the mass time for every parish in our vicariate. For the current issue and archives of past issues of the newsletter, check out the page entitled "View the North Macomb News". You can also use Yahoo! or Google's search engine by putting in the search line: North Macomb Vicariate or North Macomb Vicariate News.

### Stewardship Report September 30-Oct. 1, 2006

<b>Weekly budget .....</b>	<b>\$11,600.00</b>
Offertory.....	\$1152.00
No. Sunday envelopes used.....	338
ESO (30th of month) .....	\$1,534.50
No. ESO envelopes.....	21
<b>Total offertory .....</b>	<b>\$12,686.50</b>

**Other Monies / (# Envelopes)**

Debt Reduction / (29) .....	\$408.00
Children's Env. / (26).....	\$20.31
Detroit Priests' Retirement/(18) ..	\$540.00

The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that *every* day is gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

### Pray for our sick



Marjorie & Bob Aiken, Mary Angelosante, Rita Bayer, Mary Burcar, Bill Cauley, Ralph Cleary, Geraldine Dale, Lorraine Dawe, Chris Del Pappa, Lauren DeNio, Juan DiMusto, Art Donovan, Alojzy Filipowicz, Krystyna Green, May Hoenle, Ronnie Housewright, Janet Johnson, Hayden Kroll, Jacob Main, Bernice Mayer, Agnes Mehlick, Bob Mehlick, Adele Miller, Larry Newsom, Dorothy Puffpaff, Hank Roman, Mary Ruppert, Albert Sabbe, Camille Smith, Michelle Smith, Tommasina Smith, Mary Sorrow Joseph Staller, Barbara Supina, Karen Shea, Duane VanPamel, Richard Waluk, Toni Willoughby, Arthur Wiczko, Evelyn Wiczko

### Pray for our military



Noel & Greg Ales, Nick Bassett, Augie Biache III, Mike Boback, Andrew Eppens, Eric Eppens, Tony Gentilia, David Krzycki, Jonathon Krusinski, Chris Krusinski, Paul McGowan, David Newberry, Ryan Ribant, Thomas Schmidt, Vincent Titeriga, Jennifer & Warren Varney

O God, giver of life, watch over and protect the fathers and mothers, wives and husbands, who are members of our Armed Forces.  
 Be with them when they wake in the morning, and let them sleep peacefully at the end of each day.  
 Guide them as they travel over land, sea, and air.  
 Keep them and their families safe and hasten their return to us.

We also ask you to protect the innocent, especially children and the elderly, in places torn apart by war, hatred, and violence. Send your Spirit of Peace into the hearts of us all so that the day may soon come when we can live together side by side, creating ways to help one another rather than looking for ways to hurt each other.

Amen

### Readings for the Week of October 8, 2006

**Sunday, October 8:**  
 Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11;  
 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Monday, October 9:**  
 Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday, October 10:**  
 Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday, October 11:**  
 Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday, October 12:**  
 Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;  
 Lk 11:5-13

**Friday, October 13:**  
 Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday, October 14:**  
 Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday, October 15:**  
 Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13;  
 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

### Sponsor of the week

R. White Services



**Eucharistic  
Prayer  
Requests**

**Saturday and Sunday  
October 7-8, 2006**

John Martino by Martino Family  
Dorothy & Tim Cronenwett by  
L. Cronenwett  
Charles Clarey by K. Simonetti  
Donald & Michele Pyke  
(25th wedding anniversary)

**Monday, October 9, 2006**

Edward Woytalewicz by Wife & Fam.

**Tuesday October 10, 2006**

Michael Bem, Jr. by Hammer Family

**Wednesday, October 11, 2006**

Mildred Campbell by Pospiech Family

**Saturday and Sunday  
October 14-15, 2006**

Frank Berg by Dula Family  
Emilia Bem by Byrne Family  
Leo Smith by M. McCann  
James Hock by Gielow Family  
Lionel & Marge Beaudin (50th wedding  
anniversary)

<b>Liturgical appointments for October 14-15 2006</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. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer
<b>Lectors</b>	F. Diebboll A. Franks	G. Bawol R. Baes	J. Golochowicz P. Gielow	P. Waligore M. Catalano
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>  <b>*Captain</b>	F. Perna* B. Conlon M. Klakulak T. Klakulak L. Klakulak	M. McCann* M. Baes M. Sobetski P. Sagert R. Sagert	J. Sabina* J. Sabina B. Greenway M. Greenway D. Zabkowski L. Zabkowski B. Brunner	J. Gilbertson* S. Brunet C. Bianchini C. Gregory D. Jiannuzzi
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M. Campbell J. Seidel	OPEN	S. Mason J. Palombo	H. Becker G. Ellis J. Yankee
<b>Greeters</b>	S. Malzahn S. Zuehik	M. McCann C. LaRose	D. Bernia B. Brunner	—
<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 B. Cammarata J. Pospiech B. Schulz J. Gerds	<b>Team #8</b> L. LePage C. Klapec R. Kopeera J. Kretchman K. McBride J. Pyke D. Waligore
<b>Money Counters</b>	Jerry Pospiech, Katherine Doscocz, Connie Hojnacki, Trudy Amore, Christine Winde, Marcia Capp			