



**Taize Prayer  
November 15  
6:30 p.m.**

## **P**astor's Perspective

### **\*G.R.A.C.E.**

What does this acronym mean? We've been brainstorming and planning for a transition to a new model of religious formation for the whole parish. We are introducing a little bit of it next spring (March and April). We will then move fully into the new model next fall (September/October of 2007). Some call it "inter-generational"; others focus on the term "whole community catechesis." The key to this model is to connect religious education to the ongoing life of the parish community and to always include adults in the formation/education experiences. We will be using the title G.R.A.C.E. What does that stand for?

For a number of years in our U.S. Catholic history most parishes, especially those in/near towns and cities, built and supported a Catholic school. The religious formation model in place was child-centered: either enroll your child in the school (the "preferred" way) or in the after-school "CCD" classes (often taught by the nuns who staffed the school). It was catechism-centered: memorizing words and definitions; questions and answers to questions. It was focused on "receiving sacraments":

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## **Grief... "Why am I feeling this way?"**



Have you experienced loss in some way and are struggling to get your bearings back?

- Perhaps you have suffered loss due to the death of a loved one.
- Perhaps you have suffered loss due to the loss of a job.
- Perhaps you have suffered loss due to divorce or separation from a spouse.
- Perhaps you have suffered loss due to a move or transfer necessary to survive.

Whatever your personal situation, you are invited to join us for an evening with Sr. Beverly Hindson, a pastoral care representative from Children's Hospital of Michigan. Sr. Beverly joined us last November when we focused on End-of-Life issues. This year she will focus on helping us to understand grief and the stages necessary in the healing process.

**This 2-part series will begin on  
Monday, November 20, after the 7:00 p.m. mass,  
and conclude at the same time on  
Monday, November 27**

The first week will cover aspects of grief that are present with any type of loss. The second week will be more specific about ways of dealing with different types of grief.

Please join us.

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

**Monday, November 13:**

- \*7:00 p.m. Mass
- \*RE Gr. 1-6 at 4:45
- \*7:45 Adult Bell Choir
- \*7:30 Worship

**Tuesday, November 14:**

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

**Wednesday, November 15:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*6:30 Taize Prayer
- \*7:00 Teen Bells
- \*7:00 Parish Council
- \*7:00 Christian Service
- \*7:00 Healthy Lifestyle Class

**Thursday, November 16:**

- \*7:00 Choir
- \*1:00-7:00 p.m. Blood Drive


**Saturday, November 18:**

- \*Individual Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

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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.



**BLOOD DRIVE  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
1:00-7:00 P.M.**

**In the Parish Activities Center**

**Diaconate Formation Update**

I thought this would be a good time to provide an update on where I am on my path to ordination for the Permanent Diaconate. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, I will be presented to the Bishop for candidacy, which is the final official and public step in the journey that will result, God willing, in the ordination of 15 candidates in October of 2007. On the first Sunday of Advent 2006, I will begin my internship at St. Joseph's in Lake Orion. Consequently, I will not be around here much in the coming months. The deacon stationed there is someone I've been mentoring with over the last couple of years. He has a wonderful grounded approach to the ministry of being a deacon and we connect well. I must tell you that I'm both excited and very nervous. As this final year begins, I continue to discern whether I'm worthy for this role. The questions continue to arise whether I have the gifts required. However, as I read and pray the writings of St. Paul, I am comforted in his message that we are all called and have been provided a variety of gifts from God to help bring about the Kingdom. We are all called by our baptism to do this task, whether through the ordained ministry or other roles in the Church. I ask for your continued prayers as I move through this year.

Last summer I worked at Lighthouse of Oakland County in a program for fragile children who come from some very poor, difficult environments. One day, after hearing all the kids were intent on becoming rap singers or basketball players, I decided to show the kids a little overview of artificial legs, arms, and fingers to demonstrate that there are other vocations in life which can help people. That afternoon a girl named Anna sought me out to ask some questions about helping people with disabilities. Anna always seemed set apart from the rest of the children. We struck up a relationship and I tried to spend time with her throughout my days there. I found out later that she is hearing impaired and has been in the program for a few years but interacts very little with the other kids or the counselors. My interaction with Anna is what being "deacon" is all about to me. The deacon is to live out the servant role brought to light by Jesus – seeking out and spending time with the most fragile members of our society. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. As I go forward, I hope that, with the help of the true servant Jesus, I will remain open to the Spirit working in me.

Peace,  
John Wright



**PRAISE the LORD,  
MY Soul!**



## 2006-2007 Religious Formation Program

### October-May

#### Early Childhood

(ages 3-4-5 years)

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Sessions: Nov. 19

NO Session: Nov. 26

#### Grades 1-6

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

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

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

Sessions: Nov. 13/14, 20/21

NO Session: Nov. 27/28

#### Grades 7-8

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

In weekly blocks of time

Sessions: Nov. 12, 19

NO Session: Nov. 26

### *Giving*

*You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.*

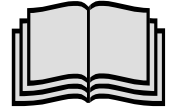
*There are those who give little of the much which they have, and they give it for recognition, and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.*

*And there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.*

*Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth.*

*Kahlil Gibran*

## What matters most—results or effort?



There was a fox who had three cubs. She fell sick one day and had to send her cubs out in search of food.

The first cub was strong but very lazy. He chose the easiest way and found himself in a field that was hopping with rabbits. After killing one and eating it he caught another and made off home with it. Half hour later, without so much as a scratch on him, the mother told him what a fine rabbit he'd brought back. Well done!

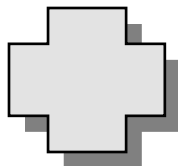
The second cub was very clever. Seeing lights of a farmhouse, he approached it cautiously. He found a hole in the fence which gave him access to a house full of geese. With no guard dog, he killed two young geese and dragged them away. A safe distance away, he ate half of one and buried the other half, planning to return the next day to finish it. He was back home in just a little over an hour with the other goose, having taken care to wash the blood off himself in the stream. Well done, the mother replied, commenting on the splendid goose he'd brought back.

The third cub was weak and somewhat sickly. His path found few farmhouses guarded by vicious dogs that tore at his face and an angry farmer fired a shot at him. The night went by quickly. After having given it his all, there was nothing to do but return home. On the way he managed to catch a sparrow. Though he was ready to collapse from exhaustion and hunger, he decided to take it home to his mother. He arrived covered with mud, cuts and bruises. His mother snapped at him, asking what kept him, noticing his condition, and then shouting at him asked what he brought back after a night of gallivanting?

Upon seeing the sparrow, the mother shouted and asked it that was all that he brought back. The little cub told her it was the best he could do. Indignant the mother told him to take it away. She obviously had wasted time feeding and caring for him and chased him out of the den. She then spread a banquet of rabbit and goose, seating the strong cub on her right and the clever one on her left. But there was no room for the little cub, because in the eyes of the mother, results alone mattered.

We live in a world in which results is an important thing. Prizes and rewards are given for results. Effort is not always acknowledged or rewarded. But Jesus had a different yardstick as we see from the story of the poor widow. For him, it was not the size of the offering, but the cost of it. It's not the results that counts, but the effort made and the spirit shown.

Our story could have ended, by the little cub saying that he was sorry, but this was the best he could do. His two brothers would burst out laughing at the sight of the sparrow, but his mother wasn't looking at the sparrow, but at the little guy's wounds. Well done! I'm proud of you and gave him a hug.

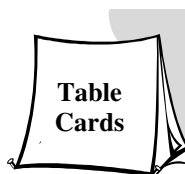


## Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation

### Parent / Child Session #2

**Tuesday or Wednesday—November 28 or 29—6:30 p.m.**

All parents and children who have signed up and are currently preparing for this sacrament must attend this session.



## Generosity

Two widows are the heroes of today's readings. It is a widow whom Elijah befriends and blesses with abundance. She didn't have any extra oil or flour, but she gave all she had to Elijah because she had faith in his words.

It is a widow who gives all the money she has that shames the contributions of the richest people. She gives because she has faith. In contrast, Jesus criticizes the hypocritical ones who claim to be holy, yet who act in the most unholy ways. Jesus knows how they will fare at the end of time.



Jesus calls all of us to give generously—give our last two pennies, give the last bit of oil and flour until our jars and jugs are empty. However, we are never to be arrogant about our giving and parade around as if we are God's favorites.

Do you only give out of the extra that you have, or do you give even in your need?



“Christ Jesus,  
we need you, and we pray  
for strength to resist the need to  
talk about our good works,  
to not seek honor and  
praise for our service,  
to remember that you are  
the center, not ourselves.

May we serve and  
do good without fanfare.

Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!”

## 2006 Sharing Tree Recipients

Our annual Sharing Tree will be going up on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for two weekends with tags from nine different charities from which to choose. Listed below is a brief description of each.

- ◆ **The AIDS Ministry** Forum of the Archdiocese of Detroit provides education, caring support, and resources to encourage and assist the Catholic community in developing their ministry to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- ◆ **Capuchin Caps, Coats-N-Kids** this new program will provide new caps, coats and gloves to 400 at risk families, providing warm winter coats to 1,200 children. Parents will have a chance to pick a coat, hat and pair of gloves for their child(ren) from a selection of new products provided by donors.
- ◆ **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission** is a Hispanic ministry in Port Huron. Each year the mission provides a Christmas party and allows the children to choose a gift and enjoy a simple meal prepared by community volunteers.
- ◆ **St. Maximilian/St. Francis Outreach** seeks to serve those who come to their church seeking assistance with food, clothing and gifts at Christmas time.
- ◆ **The Samaritan House** is a community service organization devoted to serving individuals and families within our community by recognizing their needs and mobilizing the means for dealing with those needs so that “suffering can be relieved, dignity preserved and love shared”.
- ◆ **Juan Diego Hispanic Ministry** is a cooperative Hispanic ministry of North Macomb Vicariate, of which SS. John & Paul is a member. It is headquartered in the Agape Center on the grounds of St. Clement in Romeo. Some areas in which help is provided for Hispanics are legal and health matters, religious education for children, food pantry items, English as a Second Language for parents and summer day camp for children.
- ◆ **Turning Point** is a shelter which provides programs and resources that enable victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness to regain control of their lives.
- ◆ **McWarm of St. Margaret** offers the homeless in the area (St. Clair Shores) a warming center where they can shower and have a lunch of soup and sandwiches Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> throughout the winter months. They are open 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
- ◆ **Birthright of Macomb Co.** is a crisis pregnancy center whose mission is to offer guidance, support and aid to the women of Macomb County to help them continue their pregnancies to term.

**Please note: All Sharing Tree gifts will be due back at church by Sunday, December 3rd.**

## Widowed Friends Events

*Widowed Friends*, a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men and women to meet on Friday, November 17, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, followed by a movie at the AMC Forum 30 Theatre on Mound Road and M59. Call Phyllis at 586.254.3499 by November 14 for meeting location.

And/or visit the “Village of Rochester” on Walton and Adams at 4:00 p.m. for shopping and early dinner at Bravo’s, followed by the Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Ginnie at 586.752.7826.

## National Marriage Encounter

Before the Christmas season sweeps away your time, why not “take the time” for your marriage? Learn to communicate with your spouse in a “safe” way. We welcome everyone, from newlyweds to those who have been married over 40 years.

The next weekend is scheduled for November 17-19 at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington Twp. For information visit [www.national-marriage-encounter.org](http://www.national-marriage-encounter.org) or call 888.799.LOVE (5683).

## Bethany

*Bethany* is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. To find local happenings and the *Bethany* chapter nearest to you, visit [www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org](http://www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org)

## Project Rachel

Are you hurting after an abortion? Understand why you hurt. Discover that you are not alone. Find solutions to your pain. Reconcile with God, self, child, and church. For information about *Project Rachel*, call 888.RACHEL5 (888.722.4355).

## Blood Drive This Week

The SS. John & Paul Health Ministry Team will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, November 16, from 1:00-7:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross is seeing an unseasonable drop in blood donations across southeast Michigan and the Midwest this fall. During the first two weeks in October, blood collections in the Southeastern Michigan Region lagged an average of 108 units a day—or about 12% of the amount needed to serve the 47 area hospitals. The Region needs to collect on average 900 units of blood each day to meet the ongoing needs of patients in the area.

Blood shortages frequently occur in the summer and around the winter holidays, but are becoming the norm year-round. *Only 5% of the eligible population actually donates. Anyone who has reached age 17, weighs at least 110 pounds and is in general good health is eligible to donate; there is no upper age limit on donating.* Please prayerfully consider the humanitarian act of giving this greatly needed gift of life. Sign up sheets are located in the hallway to the Activities Center.



## Agape Center Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Agape Center, a cooperative resource center sponsored by the North Macomb Vicariate, is located on the grounds of St. Clement of Rome in Romeo. A food pantry is located within the Agape Center to accommodate emergency food needs in our area. The food pantry is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM, and by appointment. They are set up to be open when Samaritan House is closed.

The Agape Center traditionally offers food baskets to those in need at Thanksgiving. They are accepting food donations from the following list:

- Whole turkeys or chickens
- Dry pinto beans
- Chicken broth
- Stove Top stuffing mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Corn
- Applesauce
- Pies
- Rice
- Small jars of turkey gravy
- Potatoes (fresh or instant)
- Yams
- Jello
- Green beans
- Butter

You may take food donations directly to Agape Center during pantry hours, or leave them in the SS. John & Paul kitchen clearly marked “AGAPE CENTER” and we will make sure donations arrive there on time. ***The deadline for Thanksgiving food items is Wednesday, November 15th.***

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 baptism (usually as soon after birth as possible), confession and communion, ending with confirmation (usually between 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). In a sense, once prepared for confirmation (knowing the answers to the 153 catechism questions) and confirmed, Catholic religious formation was complete for most. The exceptions to this were those who went on to become a brother, sister, or priest—which actually happened quite often, at least exploring the beginning stages of it—or chose to continue to educate oneself as an adult Catholic (which many did but not most, since Catholics for a long time were actually discouraged from reading the Bible on their own, books had to have an approved “imprimatur” or else you were in a near occasion of sin, if you read them, and theology and religious insight was considered the work and realm of clergy and religious).

The model was quite successful for most of its history. Since many, many Catholics were exposed to Catholic schools, there was an opportunity to be surrounded by Catholic ways of thought, symbols, deeper understanding of what was taught in the catechism, many experiences of Mass, confession, devotions and other prayers, friendships with other Catholic families and peers, and so on. With the rules on attending Mass every Sunday, fasting before communion, Friday abstinence from meat, Lenten penance and other practices added to this formation, a fairly solid Catholic identity was able to be formed. A “mixed” marriage was more often an Italian Catholic marrying a Polish Catholic than a Catholic marrying a non-Catholic! For those not able to attend Catholic school, they also were surrounded by that set of Catholic rules and practices, which helped to form Catholic identity, but there was considerably less energy spent on their religious formation. A school-year model was adopted, with formation usually limited to once a week for about an hour, after school.

Fast-forward to 40 years ago or so. A massive shift took place in the culture in our country at the same time that a massive shift was taking place worldwide in our Catholic Church. In our country, the emphasis was on civil rights, women's equality, anti-

(Vietnam) war, anti-nuclear weapons and so on. The “baby-boomers” challenge to authority was in full swing. In the Church, the Second Vatican Council re-focused the Church on the importance of living out our baptismal identity as adults, on ecumenical relations with other Christian groups, on inter-faith dialogue with other religions, on not being passive recipients of sacraments but active participants in and celebrators of the sacraments, on the call to holiness that each of us has, not just those in religious life, on being responsible adults in our conscience-based moral choices and in our faith lives, and so on. People questioned the ability of Church authority to tell them how or what type of birth control to use or not use. No longer was it uncommon to have truly “mixed” marriages of Catholics and other practicing Christians. Adult education became a focus. There was no catechism text in place, so religious formation for students began to experiment with various methods and resources.

As the years went by, more and more schools closed, at least in places like the Archdiocese of Detroit, and more and more parishes were established that never had a school. However, the model of after-school religious education for one hour, a limited number of weeks of the year, remained the norm, even in parishes that did not have a school. It is one thing to have a set of practices that are forming Catholic identity, being surrounded by Catholic friends and families, and then to supplement that with a focused hour on knowledge of Church teaching in the catechism for those not attending a Catholic school. It is completely another to no longer have those set of practices as firmly in place, interaction with more and more diverse types of families, and an hour that no longer concentrated on memorizing what we are to know but more on how we experience our connection to God and Jesus and the world.

It has been my experience, and the experience of many others, that this after-school, limited, child-centered model of religious education does not work for most families. For families that have maintained a consistent Catholic practice of Sundays, prayers, involvement in the Church, it does work. But, then, almost any model will work,

because such religious formation programs are supplementing what is the primary formation—in and through the family and its involvement in the Church. For families without a consistent Catholic practice, one hour or so after-school has not been getting such families more involved on Sundays. Many children leave the program without the ability to talk about their Catholic faith, to explain the meaning of different Scripture stories, or to explicitly think in Catholic faith terms about life and living life.

What is different about the new model, which we are calling G.R.A.C.E. (what do those letters stand for)? For one thing, it does not follow a school-model. There are no religious education classes just for children. They do not graduate, grade to grade. There is not one “teacher” (catechist) per class. For another, adults are always part of the experience. If a child is going to be part of the formation process, at least one parent (preferably two) or, if necessary, a grandparent needs to be involved. We already prepare people for the sacraments on this model. We will soon extend it to all of our religious formation. What a parish can do is always supplemental to the formation that must occur in and through the family. The parish is a resource rather than the primary decision-makers.

Furthermore, instead of separate topics or catechetical themes for each member of the family, in an intergenerational and whole community model such as G.R.A.C.E., we all focus on the same topic/theme, with time and material given as needed to correspond to different ages. For example, our junior high youth will come with their family and participate with their family, but there will be time given to bringing them together as junior high and focusing on the theme from their perspective. Younger children similarly. Adults similarly. The point is to take the formation experience and learning back into the family setting, and, since all have looked at the same theme, they can continue the conversation/activity as a family.

Another benefit to the new model is that it also includes all parishioners in the formation process. These are formation times for all adults,

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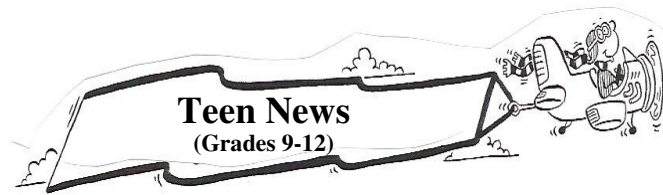
(Pastor's Perspective continued from page 6) with and without children. Yes, there will still be Scripture studies and other adult formation opportunities, but G.R.A.C.E. is designed to include any interested adult. In fact, it will be a much more rich experience if we have adults of all ages. They, too, will be part of the whole experience but also have time grouped together, sharing with other adults.

Finally, G.R.A.C.E. (and that means what?) will explore all the major topics/themes of Catholic faith and doctrine (the Creed, the Sacraments, the Church Year, Morality, Social Justice, Eucharist, and more), but always connected to the ongoing events of the parish community. Under this model, learning is not isolated from parish life. What we learn, reflect, and share about has an immediate connection to some parish event or activity or celebration, whether it is an upcoming Sunday, a holyday, a social event such as the picnic, a civic celebration such as elections, and much more.

By using such a model, encouraging the whole parish to participate, and connecting faith formation for children to parish and family, we hope to move catechetical formation from an individual, child-centered, school-shaped experience to one that is ongoing, life-long, family and parish-centered. Thus **G.R.A.C.E.:** **G**rowing and **R**esponding **A**s **C**atholics **E**veryday. In the months ahead please pay attention to further information about these opportunities for G.R.A.C.E. We will experiment with it in March (the week of March 4) and April (the week of April 22). Plan on being part of G.R.A.C.E. We will be asking: are you going to G.R.A.C.E.? Parents, this will not be an optional part of the religious formation year but part of the required sessions. It will be offered four different evenings each time, so that there is a choice of when to attend. Other parish activities will not take place at the same time. The energy of the parish will be focused on G.R.A.C.E.

May we all be formed more deeply into the community of God's people.

Fr. Buersmeyer



- **Last Call—RAINBOW  
January 20-21, 2007**

All information must be turned into the office by **NOVEMBER 12th**. If you plan on attending this conference, please make sure you attend the next teen sessions. If you did not receive a packet and would like one, please stop by the office. Any questions please give Mrs. Peters a call at 781.9488.

- **Confirmation Candidate Reminders**

- ⇒ **All paperwork** should be turned into Mrs. Peters now. If you do not have your paperwork in, please do so ASAP. Any questions, please call Mrs. Peters at 781.9488.
- ⇒ **Final interviews** are Sunday, November 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All candidates **must attend the entire session.**
- ⇒ **Rehearsal, December 2,** following the 5:00 mass. All sponsors must attend with candidates. A light dinner will be provided.
- ⇒ **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held on December 9 at the 7:00 mass. All candidates and sponsors should arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.

- **Poinsettia Sale**

Poinsettias will be here and sold after all the masses on the weekend of December 2-3. Please support our teens by purchasing your holiday Poinsettia here. Thank you.



## Theological Studies—Catholic Morality

Do you want to learn more about God, your Catholic Faith, your moral responsibilities as a baptized Christian? SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary offers this opportunity to you at St. Blase Parish. As a catechist, you will need this course for certification.

Fr. David Buersmeyer will teach an undergraduate pre-theology course, MT452 Introduction to Catholic Morality, on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the St. Blase Parish Center from January 11 to May 3, 2007. What better way to spend the winter evenings?

Cost: \$540 for 2 credits; \$450 for audit. Registration form is online at [www.sscms.edu](http://www.sscms.edu) or in the Religious Education office at St. Blase. You may fax it to the Seminary at 248.738.6735 or mail it to: Registrar, SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324. Payment due the first day of class by check or credit card.

**Jesus said, “Come and you will see” John 1:30**

Men’s discernment weekend for men 16 years of age and older who are considering the priesthood. November 16-19, begins at 7:00 p.m. Thursday and ends around noon on Sunday. At Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit. Pre-registration is required with the signature of pastor or vocation director. Please contact the Vocation Office at 313.237-5875 to register.

**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.

**Pray for our sick**



Mary Angelosante, Rita Bayer, Mary Burcar, Bill Cauley, Vivette Clark, Ralph Cleary, 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, Alice Sabbe, Camille Smith, Michelle Smith, Tommasina Smith, Mary Sorrow, 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

**Stewardship Report  
November 4-5, 2006**

**Weekly budget .....\$11,600.00**  
 Offertory.....\$11,149.27  
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....330  
**Total offertory .....\$11,149.27**

**Other Monies / (# Envelopes)**

Debt Reduction / (22).....\$344.00  
 Children’s Env. / (14).....\$13.55  
 Holy Day (77).....\$1,266.00  
 Mission Sunday (3) .....\$60.00

Because of your generous response to CSA 2006, last month we received a refund of \$13,824 which was deposited into our Archdiocesan savings account. Thank you for your pledges and payments to CSA.

**Readings for the Week of  
November 12, 2006**

**Sunday, November 12:**

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28;  
 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**Monday, November 13:**

Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday, November 14:**

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday, November 15:**

Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday, November 16:**

Phlm 7-20; Ps 146; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday, November 17:**

2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday, November 18:**

3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday, November 19:**

Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18;  
 Mk 13:24-32

**Sponsor of the week**

Joseph L. Giacherio DDS



**Eucharistic  
Prayer  
Requests**

**Saturday and Sunday  
November 11-12, 2006**

Maria Amennuno by B. Maltese Family  
Joseph Yoskovich by Family  
Fr. Gerald Britz by Hosking Family  
Living & Deceased members of the  
A. Campbell and L. Campbell families  
By B. Monnig

**Monday, November 13, 2006**

Olga Recchia by T. Klakulak Family

**Tuesday, November 14, 2006**

Anna Szopjak & Helen Keller  
By Hondzinski Family

**Wednesday, November 15, 2006**

Art Rose by Theresa Newman

**Saturday and Sunday  
November 18-19, 2006**

Joan Martino by Family  
Lorraine Darga by Martino Family  
John Agosta by Family  
Pasquale Vani by Family  
Fred Pisciotta by Eleanor Conway  
Frank & Mary Berg by Dula Family

<b>Liturgical appointments for November 18-19, 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. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer
<b>Lectors</b>	G. Pagliarella N. Peters	G. Bawol R. Baes	K. Brunner T. Fletcher	S. Brunet S. Darga-Martino
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>  <b>*Captain</b>	D. Peters* D. Peters K. Peters A. Peters F. Diebboll	R. Schultz* M. Sobetski J. Sova A. Weaver M. Baes	A. Murray* B. Brunner B. Mason P. Partyka R. Newlin B. Quayhackx P. Quayhackx	C. Gregory* A. Bucan J. Bucan T. Bugli J. Martino
<b>Altar Servers</b>	T. Culver S. Mason	E. Sova	T. Anderson	F. Avolio J. Bucan A. Stirzinger
<b>Greeters</b>	E. Jackman M. Jackman	A. Weaver C. Klein	D. Bernia B. Brunner	C. Winde
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Team #1</b> B. Diebboll L. Foltran R. Pewinski J. Wright	<b>Team #3</b> B. Dale E. Fannon S. Krajewski A. Sova R. Chapman	<b>Team #5</b> L. Monfils M. Bayer B. Janowiak K. Partyka A. Sayler	<b>Team #7</b> B. Cauley R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jiannuzzi M. Bytner
<b>Money Counters</b>	Sharon Bourgeois, Donald Byrne, Len & Jacqueline Monfils, Dick & Pat Podolski			