

### **Third Session on Grief Added Grief: Why am I feeling this way?**

Over the past two weeks, a number of people met with Sr. Beverly Hindson, a chaplain at Children's Hospital, to discuss why we feel the way we do after we experience a loss of any kind.

It was interesting to discover how our childhood losses affect how we deal with grief as an adult. We also discussed coping skills, such as forgiveness, use of prayer, and communication, that helped all of us to look at healthy ways of responding to any loss in our life (through death, divorce, loss of job, etc.). We have added a third week to our focus on grief, on

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**Monday, December 4,  
after the 7:00 p.m. mass**

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It will be a time of sharing our individual stories and conversation around issues surfaced by Sr. Beverly.

All are invited to join us. Even if you did not attend the last two Monday sessions, you can benefit from the discussion from the entire group as we share our responses to two questions:

“What did you hear?”  
and “How do you respond?”



**Immaculate Conception  
Friday, December 8**

**Holy Day Masses at  
9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**



**“Israel: A Stage for  
Faith and History”  
Tuesday, December 5  
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

You are invited to join us for a 90 minute slide presentation by David McDonald, who has been a devoted participant of our scripture sessions at SS. John and Paul. He will highlight the country of Israel, focusing on the journey of faith by its people.

This presentation was put together in 1985 when an ecumenical group of interested people from the Royal Oak area gathered to plan a trip of discovery and prayer to the Holy Land. Their goal was to study and see where our faith originated.

If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP to the parish office at 586-781-9010.



**Advent Prayer (Taizé style) — Three Sundays of Advent  
December 3, 10, 17 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Please join us for this experience  
of prayer, meditation and song**

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

**Monday, December 4:**

- \*7:00 p.m. Mass
- \*11:30 a.m. Senior cards
- \*RE Gr. 1-6 at 4:45 p.m.
- \*7:45 Adult Bell Choir

**Tuesday, December 5:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*9:30 Card Ministry
- \*5:00 Jr. Choir
- \*RE Gr. 1-6 at 4:45 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- \*6:30 RCIA
- \*6:30 "Israel: A Stage for Faith and History"

**Wednesday, December 6:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*7:00 Teen Bells
- \*7:00 Lesson planning Gr. 7 & 8
- \*7:00 Sign Committee meeting

**Thursday, December 7:**

- \*7:00 Choir

**Friday, December 8  
Immaculate Conception:**

- \*Holy day masses at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

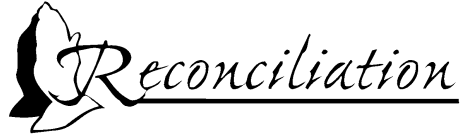
**Saturday, December 9:**

- \*3:00 Communal Penance and Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- \*7:00 Confirmation

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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.



**Communal Penance Services and  
Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

Saturday, December 9, at 3:00 p.m.  
Monday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.

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**Individual Confessions**

Saturday, December 16, at 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 20, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Anytime by appointment



• **Confirmation**

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be December 9 at 7:00 p.m. All candidates and sponsors should arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.

• **Teens—Mark your  
Calendars**

**December 17** — Christmas gathering

**December 20** — All those attending Rainbow need to attend to help with the banner from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**January 7** — Parent/teen meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for all those attending Rainbow. Regular teen session will begin from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**January 20-21** — Rainbow Conference

• **Attention 7th & 8th Grade Catechists**

Lesson planning is Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m.



**Poinsettia Sale**

Our teens are selling Poinsettias after all the masses this weekend. Please support our teens and buy your holiday flowers from them. Proceeds support youth group activities.



**2006-2007  
Religious  
Formation  
Program**

**October-May**

**Early Childhood**

(ages 3-4-5 years)

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Sessions: Dec. 10, 17

NO sessions: Dec. 24, 31

**Grades 1-6**

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

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

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

Sessions: Dec. 4/5, 11/12

NO sessions: Dec. 18 thru Jan. 2

**Grades 7-8**

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

In weekly blocks of time

NO Sessions:

The month of December

Sessions: Jan. 7, 21, 28



**Evergreen Followers**

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

When God made the trees, he gave a gift to each species, but first he had to find out which gift would be most useful to whom, so he told the trees to stay awake and keep watch over the earth for seven nights.

The young trees were so excited to be trusted with such an important task that the first night they found it difficult not to stay awake. The second night, though, wasn't so easy and just before dawn a few fell asleep. On the third night the trees whispered among themselves in an effort to keep from dropping off. Even so, it proved to be difficult for some of them. Still more fell asleep on the fourth night. By the time the seventh night arrived the only trees awake were the cedar, the pine, the spruce, fir, holly and the laurel.

Finding their great endurance God gave them the gift of remaining green forever and proclaimed that they would be the guardians of the forest. Their dormant brother and sister trees in the dead of winter would find life protected in their forever green branches. (*The Legend of the Bells* by John Shea)

Two themes of Advent: wakefulness in the midst of sleepiness, and greenness in the midst of barrenness. These trees surrounded by a world asleep or barren, continue to bear witness, sustained not so much by their own determination but by the power of God. They show us what our role as Christians is. It is to be awake among the sleeping, to be green in the midst of the barren. To bear witness to love in the midst of hate, to peace in the midst of conflict, and to light in the midst of darkness.

We are all called to be wide awake, but many of us sleepwalk through life, having ears that do not hear, and eyes that do not see. We all need to be awake because life is so precious. Not only must we be wakeful, but we also need to be watchful.

As followers of Christ, we are asked to stay awake. To be watchful, faithful disciples. To be ever-green followers. We are his witnesses in the world to life and hope in the midst of disruption, upheaval and death.

When we witness to truth, justice, love and peace we are witnessing to Jesus. The way to witness to truth is to live truthfully. The way to witness to justice is to act justly in all our dealings with others. The way to witness to love is to act lovingly towards others. And the way to witness to peace is to live in peace with others. In short...the most effective way to witness to Jesus is to live a Christian life.

*How well are we doing in our everyday life?*



**Celebration of the  
Sacrament of  
First Reconciliation**

**Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3:00 p.m.**

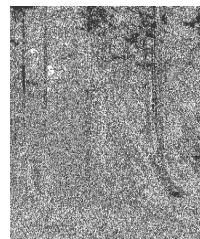
**Or**

**Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

For all families who have prepared their child to receive this sacrament for the first time. Please call the Religious Formation Office to sign up on the day of your choice. 586-781-9488.

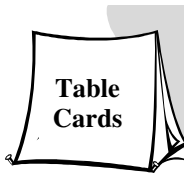
***Life Fleeting...***

*The hill flowers fade, but year. But we never get a fragile gift which we live in a flash of light; evening comes and night fleetingness of life makes it*



*will bloom again next back our youth. Life is enjoy only briefly; our oneself in the sun. We before we know it, falls. But the very all the more precious.*

*Lord, May your gentle and sure light guide us on the unfolding road, so that we may walk with confidence towards the light that never fades and the life that never ends.*



## Wait for the Lord

A righteous branch will spring forth from the family of David. This branch from David's family tree is Jesus. God's promise made to Israel and Judah is kept when Jesus, the Chosen One, comes.

While waiting for Jesus, we need to be watchful, prayerful, and strong. We know that Jesus is our brother and part of our family and this is enough to fill our hearts with holiness and innocence.

How can we prepare for the coming of the Lord?



"Christ Jesus,  
we wait for you.

We wait for the day when  
all nations and peoples  
will come together as one.

We wait for the day when  
we will see you in  
glory and power.

We wait for the day when  
we will raise our eyes  
and see you only,  
and know only your justice.

Help us to be patient,  
help us to be ready.

Wait for the Lord:  
be strong, take heart."



# First Sunday of Advent



## Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath

Lord our God,  
we praise you for sending your Son to  
free us from the darkness of this world.

Let your blessing come upon us  
as we light this wreath; may it be for us a sign of the  
bright promise of Christ whose coming we await.  
May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.  
Amen

## Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Father in Heaven,  
our hearts desire the warmth of your love and  
our minds are searching for the light of your Word.  
Increase our longing for Christ our Savior  
and give us the strength to grow in love,  
that the dawn of his coming may find  
us rejoicing in his presence and  
welcoming the light of his truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

Amen.

## Reflection — First Sunday of Advent

Psalm 25 from today's readings gives a good guide for us to use in this season of Advent. Instead of busying ourselves with our ideas of how to prepare for Christmas, the psalm reminds us that we need to keep our focus on the Lord. Allow the Lord to teach us what we need to learn. How will you make yourself more open to hear what the Lord would teach you?

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths*  
—Psalm 25:4

## Recycle Your Inkjet Cartridges

SS. John & Paul has partnered with SS. Peter and Paul Warming Center in Detroit in their inkjet recycling project. Most empty inkjet cartridges (program does not accept Dell or Epson cartridges) can be recycled with no cost to SS. John & Paul or the Warming Center.

The Warming Center earns \$1.25 for every good condition cartridge selected to be manufactured. When the program began, earnings for each cartridge were 54 cents. This money is used toward providing hospitality, encouragement and hygiene care to the Warming Center's neighbors in downtown Detroit who suffer from homelessness, impoverishment, addiction, shame, grief and /or mental impairment.

Thanks for your continued support of this project. Mail-in envelopes for inkjet cartridges are in the parish office.

## Bethany

*Bethany* is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit, Office for Family Ministry, that provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. Events include monthly dances, a potluck, and an Advent Mass held at Madonna College. To find local happenings and a *Bethany* chapter at a location near you, visit [www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org](http://www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org) or call the hotline at 248-988-0454.

## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful;" fear cripples! Instead, "pray for the strength" to be courageous.



## Soup Kitchen News

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

Our next meal will be served on Tuesday, December 19, 2006. We will serve a spaghetti lunch with salad and fresh fruit. Donated items should be delivered to the parish kitchen before December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your bags SOUP KITCHEN. Please call Pat Sagert (586.781.7035) or Barbara Jarzembki (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.

## FREE Antibiotics

Meijer pharmacies are providing a program that covers leading oral generic antibiotics with a special focus on the prescriptions most often filled for children. The following are FREE with a doctor's prescription, regardless of insurance or co-pay: Amoxicillin, Cephalexin, SMZ-TMP, Ciprofloxacin, Ampicillin, PenicillinVK, and Erythromycin. Prescriptions must be picked up at the store in person. List may be subject to change. Not valid with any other offer.

## Bearing Witness to Domestic Violence

- ◆ In 2004, there were 4,431 reported incidents of domestic violence in Macomb County, an increase of 25 percent from 2003. (*2004 Michigan Uniform Crime Report*)
- ◆ Domestic violence was cited as the major cause of homelessness in a survey of 44 cities in the United States. (*Conference on Mayors, A Status Report on Hunger and Homelessness*)
- ◆ The most dangerous time for a woman living in domestic violence is when she decides to leave.
- ◆ Thirty-one percent of all female homicide victims are slain by an intimate partner. (*Bureau of Justice*)

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, help is available in Macomb County. Counseling services are available through Catholic Services of Macomb at 586.416.2300. Shelter is provided by Turning Point at 586.463.6990. Additional help can be found by calling the Family Violence Helpline at 1.800.996.6228 and the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1.800.799.SAFE or 1.800.799.7233.

## Project Rachel

For those touched by an abortion experience, *Project Rachel* offers a confidential healing ministry that includes spiritual counseling, therapy and support group services. For more information about *Project Rachel*, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, call 888-RACHEL5 (888-722-4355). A healing Mass will take place at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, (between Grand Boulevard and Davison), on Sunday, January 21, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*Advent

We end the Church year on a celebratory note (Christ is King!). We then begin our new Church year with a more sober and watchful stance (Be vigilant; be ready for the coming of the day of our Lord Jesus Christ). What are we to make of such “end times” images? How do we embrace such Scripture passages as an inspired Word of God, when so many over the centuries have made (and still make) ridiculous claims that they know the end is near? Advent is the season that calls us to key virtues: patient endurance, watchful waiting, expectant hope and joyful trust. Such Scripture is designed to deepen such virtues in our life by forcing us to confront one key fact again and again: our security rests not in our power and ability, not in our wealth and resources, not in our intelligence or cleverness, not in our health and well-being, not even in our friends and family. No, says Advent, our security rests in the Lord. In that sense, all those “end time” or eschatological passages remind us that unless it is God’s kingdom that we are building, we build in vain. I will focus on one of those four virtues mentioned above each of the weeks of Advent as a way to explore what this season is trying to form within us.

#### **Week one: patient endurance.**

The gospels talk about the “signs” in the heavens that will cause dismay upon the earth and frighten the people. What are God’s people to be doing when such things are happening? Join in the fear? Worry about one’s own well-being? No. By remaining people of faith, we face such trials with patient endurance. God is faithful.

Although much can happen that can devastate our lives, through patient endurance we find signs of God’s faithfulness to us beckoning to us over and over.

Advent is a season that looks at the big picture, recognizing how far we are from God’s reign of justice and love. But instead of dismissing God or acting

defeated, Advent helps us to re-affirm once again our faith in God who permanently united Godself to humanity in Jesus of Nazareth. That bond between God and humanity is unbreakable. Therefore, we can face the inequities and uncertainties of this world with a patient endurance. We do not have to have it all work out our way for us to experience the presence of God. We gain strength in the face of adversity and show courage to others, because we are willing to wait patiently, perseveringly, enduringly.

Patient endurance—it is an Advent virtue that we can practice by not letting the bad things in life determine our choices or our moods. We can practice it by thinking and praying before acting harshly toward others. We can practice it by doing carefully and well, the little things of the day, the routine things. If we see these little things as ways to serve God, we will be well prepared for any major ones. Let us pray for and practice this important Advent virtue of patient endurance. What relationship or situation in your (my) life would be different, if I more easily embraced the virtue of patient endurance?

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### \*The Immaculate Conception of Mary, December 8<sup>th</sup>

The Mass times for this holyday are listed elsewhere. The feast of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast for North American Catholics. Please join in the Eucharist not simply because it is a designated obligation, but more deeply because it is a yearly celebration of dedicating this country to Mary’s patronage and a yearly celebration of the mystery of God’s grace at work in history.

The doctrine of the immaculate conception focuses on the reality of Mary being “full of grace” from the very first moment of her life. Although a highly debated doctrine for much of our church’s history, I find this doctrine theologically beautiful. It is a declaration that though we are all born into a world that is distorted by sin, it is

possible for the grace of God—God’s communicating of God’s own life to us—to take even the sin and evil that infect and affect us and bring about healing, reconciliation and salvation. At the core of life is *not original sin but original grace*. It is a reminder that if we live a baptismal pattern of life, we will be able to counter any sin and evil. What Mary was at her conception we all are at our baptism. God’s grace can and does triumph, if we embrace the pattern and rhythm of life shown us by Jesus’ own life, death and resurrection.

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### \*Confirmation December 9<sup>th</sup>

We will add an extra Mass on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Bishop Boyea will be with us to celebrate the Confirmation of a number of our young adults. The Mass is not just for those being confirmed and their families. It is a regular parish Mass, using the Sunday readings. We celebrate Confirmation in this way in order to surround our candidates with the parish community. They are completing their full initiation into the Catholic Church with this sacrament. We invite you to be with them, so that they have a sense of the care and support and prayers of this parish community.

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### \*Communal Penance

We celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation twice in the season of Advent in a communal way. The first of these is this coming Saturday at 3 p.m. The communal form is the full sacrament, with more of a focus on the time of preparation and sharing communally in the penance than on the confession itself. That means that those who would benefit more from an extended conversation with a priest should think about coming to one of the individual times rather than the communal time. In preparation for a communal service it is good to have done a thorough examination of conscience in a prayerful way, so that you can truly focus on the areas of sin that are most significant.

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This year we are inviting our first Reconciliation children to make their first Reconciliation at one of the communal services. This means we will have a slight adjustment in format. For the children, they will have a chance to sit face-face with a priest, so that they can experience this more typical format for the sacrament. For the rest, there will be an opportunity to go to one of the priests, face-face, standing. You will mention any serious sins or at least one area of sinfulness and the priest will pray the absolution prayer with you. We will see how this works this year and make adjustments as needed for the future.

May you find strength in contemplating the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to patiently face and endure any difficult moments this week.

Fr. Buersmeyer



“Strengthen your hearts in holiness.” Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Do not be afraid! Call the Vocation Office at 313-237-5875 or email: vocations@aod.org.



## Advent Festival of Carols

The Retreat Center at St. John's in Plymouth is pleased to announce the Chapel Chorale Series Advent Festival of Carols on Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m. Join us in the main chapel at St. John's for a traditional service of readings and carols. Msgr. John Zenz will preside, and the Schola Choir with soloist Stacy Mason will provide the music. For more information, call 734-414-1104 or visit our website at [www.TheRetreatCenter.org](http://www.TheRetreatCenter.org).

## Retirement Fund For Religious

Next week's appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious asks us to recall those women and men religious whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our church, and strengthened our nation.

Today, more than 37,000 women and men religious are past age 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the costs of health care escalate and as the need for handicapped-accessible housing increases. Here are a few facts:

- Skilled care and assisted living expenses for religious past age 70 exceed \$450 million each year.
- One out of every five religious institutes has less than 20% of the amount needed to care for elderly members.
- Religious institutes spend an average \$133 per day for skilled nursing care. (The average cost for a shared room in a skilled nursing facility in the United States is \$169 per day; a private room averages \$192).
- The average Catholic family spends more than \$12 each year on cookies, more than \$21 on potato chips, more than \$29 on take-out coffee, and just a little more than \$1 per adult on the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Please use the envelope you receive today to make your donation next weekend to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please give generously. (Ninety-four cents of each dollar donated benefit frail and elderly religious).

## CSA Minute—CTND

Each December, quality programming centered on the true meaning of Christmas can be found on the Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND).

Since January 1985, CTND has provided faith-filled programming that informs, educates, inspires and entertains viewers in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal enables CTND to broadcast programming offering Catholic teaching.

CTND also serves as the local production arm for the Catholic faithful of southeast Michigan. Locally produced programming includes award-winning documentaries, a monthly dialogue between Cardinal Adam Maida and local journalists, weekend Masses and youth and family specials. Using local experts on Church teaching, CTND writes, films and produces specials and documentaries on important Church topics like scripture, moral theology and life issues.

CTND is broadcast 24 hours a day to more than 800,000 households in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Monroe and St. Clair counties. Program listings can be found each week in The Michigan Catholic newspaper.

## CTND to Broadcast Ordination of Bishop Daniel Flores

Msgr. Daniel Flores was ordained an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit on November 29 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) will broadcast the Episcopal ordination of Bishop Flores on the following dates:

Dec. 10 at 8 p.m., Dec. 11 at 9 a.m., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. For channel information, check the Weekly Program Guide in *The Michigan Catholic* or call 313-237-5938.

A DVD or VHS copy of the ordination is available from the Television Office for \$14.95 plus \$4 for shipping and handling (total \$18.95). For additional information, call 313-237-5938.

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A representative from Diocesan Publications (our bulletin publishing company) will be here in January contacting potential advertisers. If you are interested in advertising or know of someone who might be, please call the parish office 586.781.9010.

## 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, Antoinette Errante, Alojzy Filipowicz, Krystyna Green, May Hoenle, Ronnie Housewright, Janet Johnson, Hayden Kroll, Jacob Main, Bernice Mayer, Agnes Mehlick, Bob Mehlick, George Mehlick, Trudy Mehlick, Adele Miller, Larry Newsom, Denise Olejniczak, Dorothy Puffpaff, Hank Roman, Mary Ruppert, Albert Sabbe, Alice Sabbe, Camille Smith, Michelle Smith, Tommasina Smith, Mary Sorrow, Barbara Supina, Karen Shea, Duane Van Pamel, 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, Daniel Trendell, Jennifer Varney

## Stewardship Report

November 25-26, 2006

**Weekly budget .....\$11,600.00**  
 Offertory.....\$8,934.00  
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....129  
 ESO (30th of month) .....\$1,584.50  
 No. ESO .....21  
**Total offertory .....\$10,518.50**

### Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Debt Reduction / (0).....\$0.00  
 Children's Env. / (10).....\$10.24  
 CCHD (1).....\$20.00

It seems like only yesterday we were making—and breaking—New Year's resolutions for 2006, and now its time to begin planning for a new year. Two principles of stewardship are sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others and returning to God the first fruits of our labor. How will these principles affect our resolutions for 2007?

## Readings for the Week of December 3, 2006

### Sunday, December 3:

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2;  
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### Monday, December 4:

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday, December 5:

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24

### Wednesday, December 6:

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday, December 7:

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday, December 8:

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

### Saturday, December 9:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147;  
 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Sunday, December 10:

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;  
 Lk 3:1-6

## Sponsor of the week

Verellen Orchards



## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### Saturday and Sunday

#### December 2-3, 2006

Mildred Campbell by Kroetch Family  
 Pasquale Cocco by Wife & Family  
 Virginia Zynda by LaRaia Family  
 Ovilio, Elizabeth, & Anna DeCarolis by Family

#### Monday, December 4, 2006

Rosaria Agostinelli by Family

#### Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Art Rose by Betty Logsdon

#### Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Giulio Perazza by A. Perazza

### Saturday and Sunday

#### December 9-10, 2006

Maria Amennuno by B. Maltese Family  
 Delores Koller by Family  
 Louis Ranelli by Family  
 Robert D'Amore by C. Piccirilli  
 Pete Piccirilli by Family  
 Geri Dale by Family

<b>Liturgical appointments for December 9-10, 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. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes
<b>Lectors</b>	J. Schnepf M. Klakulak	P. Dobbs A. Loyson	S. Dickens M. Greenway	S. Brunet C. Gregory
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