

# Confirmation

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

*Confirmed December 9, 2006*

*Jeffrey Adkins*

*Katrina Blankenburg*

*Nicholas Campbell*

*Claire Carroll*

*Maria Crimando*

*Rebecca Eggert*

*Caleb Geer*

*Gerard Goike*

*Milena Junis*

*Kelsey Krawiecki*

*Brian Middleton*

*David Pando*

*Jessica Ratkiewicz*

*Jillian Sorensen*

*Katrina Waligore*

*Zachary Becker*

*Gina Bugli*

*Melanie Capp*

*Salaina Catalano*

*Stephanie DiPonio*

*Katelyn Farrell*

*Eric Goble*

*Christina Hepner*

*Meghan Klakulak*

*Evan Mahon*

*Thomas Mulawka*

*Hannah Picklo*

*Danny Sexton*

*Katlyn Trainor*

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

**Monday, December 11:**

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

**Tuesday, December 12:**

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

**Wednesday, December 13:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*10:00 a.m. Art & Environment
- \*7:00 Teen Bells
- \*7:00 Parish Council
- \*7:00 Hospitality
- \*7:00 Christian Service

**Thursday, December 14:**

- \*7:00 Choir

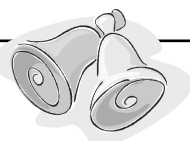
**Saturday, December 16:**

- \*3:00 Individual Confessions

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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.



**Advent Prayer  
(Taizé style)  
December 10, 17  
at 4:00 p.m.**



### **Communal Penance Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.  
(Note: NO 7:00 p.m. Mass)

### **Individual Confessions**

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

### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**



#### **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 24**

Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Note: No 11:30 a.m. Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY DECEMBER 24**

Mass at 5 p.m. (not a children's Mass)  
Mass at 12 midnight  
(Choir carols prior to midnight)



#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY DECEMBER 25**

Masses at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.  
NB: The Christmas children's Mass is at 11:30 a.m.

#### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

Mass at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 30  
Masses Sunday, December 31 at 8:00 a.m.,  
9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.



#### **FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MONDAY, JANUARY 1**

Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
Because this feast falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass has been suspended, but we invite you to join us as we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God and pray for peace.



**2006-2007  
Religious  
Formation  
Program**

**October-May**

**Early Childhood**

(ages 3-4-5 years)

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Sessions: Dec. 17

Jan. 7, 14, 21

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. 11/12

Jan. 8/9, 15/16, 22/23

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



**Christmas Day  
11:30 a.m.  
Children's Mass**

Come and join us in this simple, but beautiful joy-filled celebration. Along with the children's choir and hand bells, all children in attendance will have the opportunity to take part in the spontaneous Christmas pageant during the reading of the Gospel. It is truly a wonderful way to begin Christmas Day.

**Celebration of the  
Sacrament of First Reconciliation  
Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m.**



For all families who have prepared their child to receive this sacrament for the first time and have signed up for this date to join with the parish community in the celebration of this sacrament.



**Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight!"**

**Lk. 3:1-6**

What could this possibly mean? It's not the Lord's paths that need to be straightened, but ours! Life is too short to harbor grudges and resentments, to refuse to forgive and forget.

We let misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day. We keep quarrels alive because we cannot quite make up our minds to sacrifice our pride and end them. We pass people, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, and yet it would fill us with shame and remorse if we heard that they had died. We let our neighbor starve, till we hear that he is dying of starvation; or let our friend's heart ache for a word of appreciation, which we mean to give someday.

If we could only realize daily that 'the time is short'. If we could—how we would go instantly and do the thing which we might never have another chance to do.

It's not the Lord's paths that need to be straightened out. If we have some crooked attitude, or some crooked way of behaving, or some crooked relationship that needs to be straightened out, let us straighten it out. Then we will truly be preparing a way for the Lord to come to us.

How difficult things are for those who walk a crooked path, but how easy for those who walk the straight path—the path of truth, honesty and goodness. But to walk a straight path we need strength, wisdom, and single-mindedness.

God doesn't abandon us when we stray. God keeps calling us back over and over. Advent is an excellent time to aim ourselves in the right direction, to commit ourselves to the right path. Let us ask the Lord to take the blindness from our eyes, the weakness from our wills, and the hardness from our hearts, so that our lives may be flooded by the grace of his coming.

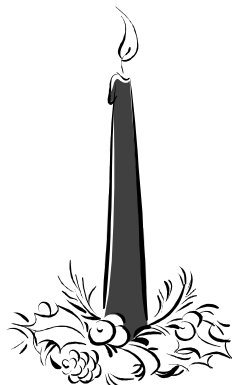
***Teach Us, Lord***

*Not long ago the trees were dancing with golden leaves  
that stopped me short of seeing the world beyond.*

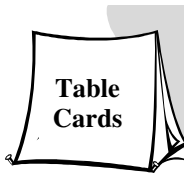
*But now that they have fallen, through the skeletal  
branches the deep blue sky is revealed.*

*Teach us, Lord, how to take care of our material  
needs without neglecting our spiritual needs;*

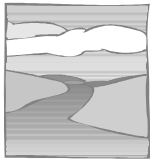
*how to take care of ourselves without neglecting others;  
and how to live joyfully in this world without  
losing sight of the world to come.*



*Amen.*



## Make Ready the Way of the Lord



John the Baptist stands in a long line of prophets, people who speak the word of God with directness and power.

The word of God was spoken to John the Baptist while he was in the desert. From that time on, he went about proclaiming a baptism of repentance saying,

“Prepare the way of the Lord!

Make straight his paths.  
Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

How can we prepare the way of the Lord?



“Christ Jesus, our hope and our song; may the path we prepare be worthy of your voice.

Christ Jesus, our glory and our way, may the path we prepare be worthy of your vision.

Christ Jesus, our justice and peace, may the path we prepare be worthy of your love.

Come now, help us to prepare well.

***Make ready the way of the Lord!  
Make God a straight path!”***

# Second 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 Second Week of Advent

God of power and mercy,  
open our hearts in welcome.  
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

## Reflection — Second Sunday of Advent

Everyday the Lord invites us to join our hearts to his — to grow in his grace and love. Some days we respond well to this invitation and other days, not so well. Still the invitation continues and we are always choosing whether or not to respond.

What can you do to respond more positively to the Lord’s invitation?

*He who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion — Philippians 1:6*



## 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 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.

## 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.

## Sharing Tree Thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Francie Diebboll, our Sharing Tree chairperson, for planning and organizing our Sharing Tree activities for this year. Francie put a lot of time into preparing the 550 tags that hung from our trees and organizing our volunteers for the tag completion, tree hanging and gift sorting and bagging.

Thanks too, to our volunteers, Virginia Henk, Brenda Ren, Joni Keller-Herman, Judy Barbier, Sharon Pewinski, Mary Adkins, Judy and Paul Anders and Larry Delcourt and members of our Christian Service Commission for all their help.

And finally, thank you parishioners of SS. John & Paul for your overwhelming generosity. Although we had 550 tags on the trees, we bagged up many more gifts than that. Please watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for letters from the charities included on our trees.



## Fire Destroys Downriver Thrift Store St. Vincent de Paul Society in immediate, desperate need

Gratefully no one was hurt in a late afternoon blaze which totally destroyed the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Flat Rock, Michigan. However, all of the items in the store—clothes, furnishings, house wares, and electronic components—were lost to fire or water damage.

Donations of goods are welcome at any of the nine remaining Society Thrift Stores in southeast Michigan. Their locations and hours of operation, along with detailed information on how to send cash donations, can be found online at [www.svdpdet.org](http://www.svdpdet.org). To reach the local chapter by telephone, call toll free 877.788.4623.

## Walk for Warmth

Macomb County Community Services Agency is sponsoring their annual "Walk for Warmth" day on Saturday, February 17, 2007.

The "Walk for Warmth" is an event held to raise funds and promote awareness of the emergency needs of low-income families and individuals. All funds raised stay in Macomb County and are used to prevent heat-related emergencies, such as repairing or replacing dangerous malfunctioning furnaces and preventing heat shut-off. Join hundreds of other walkers for a fun-filled event and help those in need.

The walk will begin at St. Therese of Lisieux, 48115 Schoenherr, Shelby Township, with registration at 9:00 AM and the actual walk at 10:00 AM. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. The route is up to three miles and minimum pledge per walker is \$10.00. Call 586.469.6999 for more information or a pledge sheet.

## 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.

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*Advent: Watchful Waiting

Last week I mentioned the way Advent calls us as a Church to key virtues. I talked about patient endurance last week. This week I will focus on watchful or attentive waiting. In other words, we look at the disconnect between what we know is possible or should happen in our lives and in this world and the reality of how far we are from experiencing it. How do we respond in the face of that discrepancy? Advent focuses on the call to persevere, to patiently endure so others can draw from our strength. But it makes a difference how we go about this waiting. Advent as a season also invites us to be attentive, to seek signs of God's kingdom, to watch with eyes and hearts of faith. Such watchful waiting can be practiced and can form us. Hence it becomes a key virtue.

As the psalm refrain proclaims today: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." We wait for the Lord not in fear or anxiety, not with uncertainty or doubt. Rather, we know the Lord is active and present. We recall all that God has done for us and, though we are not naïve about the troubles and problems in this world, we choose to look for the signs of God's love present. We choose to remember the goodness in others, not simply their failings. We practice a discipline that doesn't demand that everything go perfectly right here and now. We wait watchfully, attentively.

Parents are often masters of watchful waiting. As your children grow, especially through teen age years and early adulthood, you define them not by their mistakes or mis-directions but by the good you know that is in them. You wait for them to integrate their hopes and desires into a way of life that is satisfying and life-giving. You watch for and attend to all the ways they are maturing in a healthy way. At times, when poor decisions are made too often, there might be a temptation to lose patience, to give up on that watchful waiting. Advent invites us to practice it once again.

As a world, we need to get

better at such waiting. We look for the weaknesses in others or ways we can gain an advantage over others, rather than how others share the very same desires and worries as we do. We want instantaneous happiness or at least worry-free lives and, when that doesn't happen, we lose ourselves in more immediate gratification that simulate happiness but are really just superficial substitutes. As any virtue, watchful waiting forms our character, but we have to practice it often in order to have it become part of who we are. The next time we are tempted to judge someone too quickly, take a little time and attend to who they are, what their desires may be, what their worries are, what their limitations are. We will find ourselves less judgmental and more forgiving. The next time we look at a situation too negatively and only at what is wrong, take some time of attentive waiting. There are ways that God's kingdom can break into even the worst of situations. Can our hearts see where?

### \*Sacrament of Reconciliation

We will hold our second communal reconciliation service a week from Monday, on **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Fr. Sayes and myself, along with a classmate of mine Fr. Kazer, and two priests from the Capuchin retreat house will be with us that evening. Please think about taking the time this year to come to that sacramental celebration. The sacrament of Reconciliation is "required" only if we have allowed our lives to drift away from God and the Christian community in a serious way. But it is a sacrament that is good to celebrate on some regular basis (once a year? twice a year?) even if nothing seriously is going astray in our lives. As a community of faith we recognize our sinfulness and re-commit to becoming a reconciling community. Join us a week from Monday. No Mass that evening.

### \*Parish Pastoral Council

The next parish pastoral council meeting is this Wednesday at 7 pm. Your parish council continues to explore how to develop a feasible plan for the needs of the parish in the future. It led them two years ago to initiate a goal-setting process. It led them this year to look at the future building needs of the

parish. They are in the midst of preparing an overview of all this for the parish which will be sent out early next year, along with an invitation to offer your own input at some town-hall type meetings. The result of this process will lead to an initial decision to either go to Cardinal Maida or not, in order to begin a building committee and start the planning for a building that will eventually replace the temporary Activities Center built three years ago. It was approved on the basis of being a ten year structure. Even if it lasts longer than that, we will need to think about how to have something in place some day that is more "full service": size-wise, restrooms, kitchen, parking, more meeting rooms, and so on. The council is doing the initial "visioning" of that and will need full parish input fairly soon.

### \*Day of Reflection for Saginaw Priests

I will be leading a day of reflection for the priests of Saginaw this Thursday. I would appreciate your prayers for them on that day. The next item below gets into the core of what I will be focusing on with them.

### \*Eschatology and Incarnation

Whenever we hear about the "signs in the heavens" or the "coming of the Lord" (two typical Advent phrases), we are in the area of theology called "eschatology"—reflecting on things that have to do with the final or last reality. For many centuries such eschatology was highly individualized, looking mostly at what happens to an individual at death: judgment, then heaven, purgatory or hell, then resurrection of the body. Advent, though, is less concerned about what ultimately happens to us as individuals and more about how we as God's people live can live our lives here and now differently because of our belief in the coming of the Lord.

If we believe that God has entered into a definitive, saving relationship with human history in and through Jesus of Nazareth, then we are thinking both incarnation and eschatologically. Incarnation means "enfleshment"—how the Word of God takes flesh in and through Jesus. It is the heart of our Christmas proclamation and

the basis of our whole sacramental approach to Christian life. In and through what we see, touch, taste, smell, and hear, God communicates God's own life to us (grace is given us). In other words, the Catholic sense is not that God comes to us in spite of our bodies or only on a spiritual level, but precisely in and through bodily, historically-lived reality. We can all be sacraments of God by allowing our historical existence to be a sign and instrument of God's gracious, healing, saving presence. Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, seals that approach to life.

But in saying that Jesus is the definitive incarnation of God's saving love, we are also speaking eschatologically. We no longer are awaiting in history another savior, a more definitive expression of God's saving love. We know it and embrace it in Jesus. We know the eschaton or end to which human life and human history is called: we—all humanity—are capable of being united to the fullness of divinity, of sharing loving communion with the triune God. How do we know this? Because of Jesus. Our destiny, at least in terms of how human nature is constituted if not each individual's destiny, is not in doubt.

Advent is our yearly reminder or season that lived life—incarnated, embodied life—is to be lived eschatologically and the eschaton is to be experienced incarnationally. What does all this theological language mean? And this is the core of what I will be sharing with the priests of Saginaw. It means that there is always more that God can do in and with us. It means that we don't mistake what is secondary for what is primary. The Church is not God's kingdom, but a sacrament that points to and incarnates a portion of that kingdom. America is not the kingdom, but it needs to embody elements of justice and peace that point to that kingdom. Capitalism is not the kingdom but is an instrument of the kingdom only when it is used to enhance the value of every human life not demean such human life into a commodity. It means that we are always on the journey; a journey that does not end until the fullness of the eschaton is a reality. But it also means that there are signs of God's presence already embodied in our journey.

We are capable of being the blessing of God here and now to this world. How is that happening in our lives? But God is not yet finished with us and we have to be open to conversion and change in order to continue to be that blessing. Where does such conversion need to happen in us?

Fr. Buersmeyer



## Confirmation

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

## Thank You!

Mrs. Peters and the teens thank all who bought a holiday poinsettia to help support our teens. We are truly blessed to have such a great parish family.

## Service project for 7-8th graders — Now open to all teens:

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Activities Center. There are only 25 spots for teens to participate in putting together family Christmas packages at St. John Lutheran Church in Romeo on December 17. YOU MUST SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE and it will be on a first come first serve basis.

## 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

## Retirement Fund For Religious

This 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. Please give generously. (Ninety-four cents of each dollar donated benefit frail and elderly religious).

## Advertise!

### SS. John & Paul Parish is in need of sponsors for the bulletin

Why advertise in a church bulletin?

- Advertising in the weekly parish bulletin is one of the best returns for your advertising dollar
- The advertising expense is tax deductible
- It is localized advertising; it's in the area that you serve
- Advertising helps promote your business throughout the community and with your fellow parishioners
- The bulletin gives excellent exposure to the business person because it's reaching more clients
- Parishioners feel secure dealing with bulletin sponsors
- The parish and the business both benefit

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.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

## Online Offertory

Did you know that SS. John & Paul Parish has parishioners who support the parish by using online banking? Every week we receive offertory checks that our parishioners have authorized their bank to send us. These offerings are treated just as if it was dropped in the Sunday collection since an envelope number is printed on the check.

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

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

## 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,

## Stewardship Report

December 2-3, 2006

**Weekly budget** .....\$11,600.00  
 Offertory.....\$12,367.00  
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....365  
**Total offertory** .....\$12,367.00

### Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Debt Reduction / (30).....\$582.00  
 Children's Env. / (12).....\$11.26  
 CRS / (1) .....\$20.00  
 Retirement for Religious / (1).....\$40.00  
 Year end donation / (2).....\$225.00

In today's second reading, Paul prays that the Philippi community may grow in their capacity to love and to discern what is of value. During this season devoted to waiting and expectation, pray that we can become more attuned to making decisions that reflect our deepest and most cherished values, especially in how our time and money is spent.

## Readings for the Week of December 10, 2006

### Sunday, December 10:

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

### Monday, December 11:

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 12:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
 Ps 96; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

### Wednesday, December 13:

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

### Thursday, December 14:

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15

### Friday, December 15:

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

### Saturday, December 16:

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

### Sunday, December 17:

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;  
 Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## Sponsor of the week

T. L. Tan, M.D., P.C.



## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### 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

### Monday, December 11, 2006

Jerry Hatcher by wife  
 John P. Cipa by J. Cipa

### Tuesday, December 12, 2006

Fr. Gerald Britz by Hosking Family

### Wednesday, December 13, 2006

Anna Szopjak & Helen Keller  
 by Hodzinski Family

### Saturday and Sunday December 16-17, 2006

Frank Martino by J. Martino  
 Emil Petty by Finn Family  
 Emilia Bem by Hammer Family  
 Raymond Hoenle by Family  
 Rose Killewald by Family

<b>Liturgical appointments for December 16-17, 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>	A. Franks N. Peters	J. Resutek M. Sobetski	J. Golochowicz P. Gielow	L. Hester S. Sabath
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