



**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**December 31, 2006**



**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. NO 7:00 p.m. Mass.

**Note:** Parish offices will be closed January 1-2 and will reopen January 3 at 9:00 a.m. We can always be reached in case of an emergency. Call 586.781.9010 and follow the instructions.

# Touching the Mysteries

*“Scripture and the Rosary”*

5 week  
 series

Cost  
 \$10



Offered  
 twice  
 each  
 week

*This study focuses on the biblical stories that provide background for the mysteries of the rosary. The stories of Jesus are the best way to focus our prayer, and the rosary has provided a traditional format for doing this over the centuries.*

*After an overview session, there are four remaining sessions, each devoted to a set of mysteries:  
 Joyful...Luminous...Sorrowful...Glorious*

*Tuesday mornings:*

*9:30 a.m. beginning January 9, 2007  
 (followed by Jan. 16-23-30, Feb. 6)*

*Wednesday evenings:*

*6:30 p.m. beginning January 3, 2007  
 (followed by Jan 10-24-31, Feb.7)*

*Sign-up by poster in hallway to Parish Center.  
 Books available in the parish office.*

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

**Monday, January 1:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*NO 7:00 p.m. Mass
- \*Parish offices closed Jan. 1-2

**Tuesday, January 2:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*NO Jr. Choir
- \*NO RE Gr. 1-6
- \*Parish offices closed Reopen Jan. 3

**Wednesday, January 3:**

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*NO Teen Bells
- \*6:30 RCIA
- \*6:30 "Scripture and the Rosary"

**Thursday, January 4:**

- \*7:00 Choir

**Saturday, January 6:**

- \*3:00 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.



**Baptism Prep**

Our next scheduled baptism preparation class is January 7, 2007 at 12:45 p.m. You must first register your child for baptism before attending a baptism preparation class. Call the parish office for an appointment at 586.781.9010.

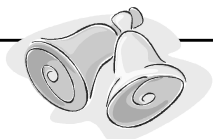


**Protecting God's Children Workshops**

St. Clement is hosting a Protecting God's Children (PGC) Workshop Sunday, January 14, at 12:00 noon. Protecting God's Children is a workshop that focuses on creating safe environments for children by preventing the opportunity for sexual abuse to occur. This session will include videos and discussion, along with a light meal. All parish volunteers are asked to attend a session within six months of volunteering, along with completing a background check. To register for this informative afternoon, go to: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), click on Registration (on left side of screen) or call Debbie Knoblock at 586.752.6591.

If this date won't work for your schedule, please register online for one of these neighboring workshops:

— January 13, 2007	9:00 a.m.	St. Blase	Sterling Heights
— January 27, 2007	9:00 a.m.	St. Isidore	Macomb Township
— February 1, 2007	6:30 p.m.	St. Kieran	Shelby Township
— February 10, 2007	9:00 a.m.	St. Thecla	Clinton Township
— February 15, 2007	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence	Utica
— February 20, 2007	9:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence	Utica
— March 7, 2007	9:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence	Utica
— March 14, 2007	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence	Utica



**Taizé Prayer  
Thursday, January 18  
6:30 p.m.**

**Join us for this experience of prayer, meditation, and song**



**"Picturing Mary" Explores Images of the Madonna in Art**

No one knows what she looked like, but the Blessed Virgin Mary is among the most popular artistic subjects of all time. From tiny images to gigantic mosaics, she has been portrayed in every medium, with every material. "Picturing Mary," a one-hour documentary narrated by actress Jane Seymour, surveys some of the world's most treasured art.

The program explores how images of the Madonna reflect numerous traditions, devotional practices, and cultures. In cooperation with Detroit Public TV, the documentary airs on the Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) on Jan. 1 at 5 p.m.; Jan. 3 at 4 p.m.; Jan 4 at 9 p.m.; and Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. For channel information, check the Weekly Program Guide in The Michigan Catholic, visit the web at [www.AODonline.org](http://www.AODonline.org), or call 313-237-5938.



**2006-2007  
Religious  
Formation  
Program**

**October-May**

**Early Childhood**

(ages 3-4-5 years)

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Sessions: Jan. 7, 14, 21

**Grades 1-6**

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

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

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

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

**Grades 7-8**

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

In weekly blocks of time

Sessions: Jan. 7, 21, 28



**Mary's Pondering**

*Lk. 2:41-52*

At the end of today's Gospel there is a very telling sentence. 'Mary stored up all these things in her heart.' And after the visit of the shepherds to the manger, Luke says that 'Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.' Mary kept the memory of these events in her heart with a view to discerning the hidden meaning behind the marvelous happenings.

Mary didn't immediately understand the meaning of what was happening to her and what God was asking of her. We usually don't immediately. We never know at the time what is happening to us. It's only afterwards, perhaps long afterwards, that our eyes are opened and we begin to understand.

When Mary was perplexed she pondered, reflected and prayed, seeking to understand what was happening to her and her child. This pondering was not free from uncertainty and anxiety.

Mary appears as a silent, reflective person. All her life she pondered and prayed over how God dealt with her. When she doesn't understand, she ponders in her heart until insight comes. And she pondered the painful events even more to discern the purpose of God in them. In this way she acquired insight and wisdom.

Only by reflecting can we come to understand our experiences. We could have the experience but miss the meaning of it because we don't reflect on it. But with reflection, we can derive precious insights from our experiences.

It's easy to recall pleasant experiences, but not so easy to recall painful ones. We are tempted to suppress those, though they can still influence us. By recalling the painful experiences we are giving the raw material from which we gain understanding, compassion and wisdom. The incident in which Jesus got lost in Jerusalem was a painful one for Mary. Yet she stored it in her heart and by so doing, learned from it.

Sadly, some of us seem to learn nothing from experience. But for some, experience is the real teacher. No one has become wise in a day or even in a year. Wisdom is the fruit of much pondering.

Parents need a lot of wisdom. What Mary learned from her praying and pondering she passed on to her child, who St. Luke tells us, 'increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and men.' Jesus was taught, nourished, and formed by a wise woman who loved God with all her heart and soul.



**A Prayer for Parents**

*"Lord, grant us children, who will be strong enough to know when they are weak; who will be unbending in defeat, yet humble and gentle in victory.*

*Grant us children, whose wishes will not take the place of their deeds, children who will know you and know themselves. Lead them, we pray you, not in the path of ease and comfort, but rather in the path of difficulties and challenges.*

*Grant us children, whose hearts will be clear, and whose goals will be high; children who will master themselves before seeking to master others.*

*And after all these things, add, we pray, a sense of humor, so that they can be serious, yet never take themselves too seriously.*

*Then we, their parents, will dare whisper, we have not lived in vain."*

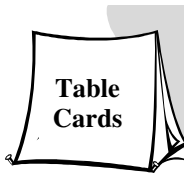
*(From a prayer by General MacArthur)*



**PREPARATION FOR THE  
SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST  
PARENT & CHILD SESSION #1**

**Tuesday, Jan. 30 OR Wednesday, Jan. 31  
6:30 p.m.**

Parents with a child or children ready to prepare for this sacrament will be receiving more information in the mail. Please call the office to sign up for one of the above nights to attend. 586-781-9488.



**Family Life**



Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus for three days in Jerusalem. Jesus was probably junior high age when his parents lost him. His parents were traveling with extended family and they could not find Jesus among any of the relatives.

Frantic, they walked a day's journey back to Jerusalem and searched all over the city for him. Finally, three days later, they found him in the Temple where he was discussing matters of faith with the teachers. His parents could not understand how he could be so calm about the matter—didn't he realize what they had been through looking for him? And he did not seem to understand why they hadn't expected to find him there at the Temple.

A typical case of parent-teen miscommunication. The Holy Family was a lot like most other families! How comforting.



*“Christ Jesus,  
you are the Son of God,  
and we are the children of God.  
Help us to be more like you.*

*Christ Jesus,  
you are the Son of God,  
and we are the children of God.  
Help us to be your presence in the world.*

*Christ Jesus,  
you are the Son of God,  
and we are the children of God.  
Help us to be bearers  
of your Good News.*

*We are called God's children,  
and so we are!”*



**Registration Weekend at our parish...  
January 20-21, 2007 after all the masses**



Take this opportunity to register in the parish and to receive a welcome packet plus important information on our parish.

Enjoy our coffee and donuts while taking a minute to officially become a member of our parish family.

Meet parishioners, staff members,  
and members of our Hospitality Committee.

**Hospitality Minutes of 12/13/06:**

**EVANGELIZATION/OUTREACH:**

- Ideas for new outside hanging banners were discussed. So far suggestions for wording include: “Peace”, “Glory to God”, and “Welcome to SS. John and Paul.”
- Ideas on how to advertise the parish were surfaced and it was decided to research one avenue at a time as a starting point.
- G.R.A.C.E., our new intergenerational faith formation program that will be in full force next September, was explained.
- Registration Sunday was scheduled for weekend of January 20-21.

**KITCHEN MINISTRY:**

- Bridget Theodoroff's role on staff was explained. Bridget then gave a report on the subcommittees progress on surfacing new names for involvement in this area and on ideas for future parish events.
- The Confirmation reception went great and 5 new faces helped to make this a huge success.
- The kitchen and storage room are being reorganized to make it easier for all groups to find items necessary for hospitality.

**FELLOWSHIP:**

- Fr. Ron's anniversary celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 after the 5 p.m. mass. A separate committee of parishioners who knew him at the start of this parish have asked to be involved so this responsibility has been passed on to this group. Mary Ann LaRaia will be chair.
- Discussion about social events centered on need to come up with a policy concerning the consumption of alcohol at all social gatherings. This policy is intended to address the liability and safety issues that surface whenever there is the serving of alcohol. Suggestions on how to limit the amount consumed was discussed and will be addressed again at our January meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 17, 2007**

## MCREST Meal Volunteers Needed

SS. John & Paul will be providing lunch and dinner for MCREST guests at St. Clement in Romeo on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Lunch help will report to St. Clement at 11:00 a.m. with lunch being served at noon. Volunteers will stay for clean up. Dinner volunteers should show up at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. Again, volunteers will stay for clean up.

If you would like to volunteer to help prepare and serve either one of these meals, or if you would like to donate food or a dessert, please call Kathy at the parish office at 586.781.9010.

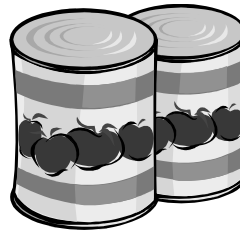
## Visitation North Spirituality Center: January Topic

*“An Introduction to Centering Prayer”* will be explored on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at the Visitation North Spirituality Center. In our busy lives, we may be looking for guidance and encouragement in the practice of daily prayer done in a quiet, wordless presence of God. The method of Centering Prayer envisioned in the thought and guidelines offered by Abbot Thomas Keating will be learned and practiced.

The facilitator will be Mary Ann Flanagan, IHM. This topic will be presented from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. The registration fee is \$20.00 (including a non-refundable \$10.00 deposit) and is due January 8, 2007.

Visitation North Spirituality Center is located at 7227 Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills between 14 and 15 Mile Roads on the Marian High School grounds. You can register by calling 734-242-5520 (and mail deposit) or email [visitation@ihmsisters.org](mailto:visitation@ihmsisters.org) (and mail deposit). Please send deposits to: Visitation Spirituality Center, 529 Stewart Rd., Monroe, MI 48162

## SAMARITAN HOUSE FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 6-7, 2007



Please bring your non-perishable food donations **TO THE ALTAR!** Suggested food items requested for the month of January are:

**Cereal, fruit juice, tampons and pads, coffee, canned meat, rice, jelly, laundry detergent, bar soap, dry milk, flour, sugar, dish detergent**

**Any non-perishable food items and toiletries are always appreciated**

Your donations helped provide 145 emergency food orders in November that fed 465 individuals for 10-14 days. This does not include the 227 Thanksgiving food baskets that were distributed.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*The Holy Family and the Christmas Season

We have celebrated Christmas Day but the Christmas Season extends until January 8, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Throughout the Christmas Season we try to maintain the joy that so filled our Christmas celebrations. In many instances in homes and businesses all vestiges of Christmas have already been dismantled and stored: gift wrappings have been discarded, lights put away or not illuminated, real Christmas trees at the curb for recycling, toys already ignored, sweaters folded and tucked in a drawer. The recent past is already forgotten. Now we ask "what's next?"

For Catholics and Christians, however, the mystery of the Incarnation is too much to be contained in just one day or one week. St. John says in the first chapter of his gospel, "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

The feasts of the Christmas Season help us to realize and celebrate the presence of God with us. This weekend is the **Feast of the Holy Family**. God chose to incarnate himself in the midst of a family. The Opening Prayer at Mass for this feast says, "Father, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home." Respect, love, joy, and peace—these are the gifts that Jesus came to bring us when he "became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

In living in the family setting he showed us what can be achieved when people make room for each other in their lives. Jesus learned and followed the Fourth Commandment. "The Fourth Commandment illuminates other relationships in society. In our brothers and sisters we see the children of our parents; in our cousins, the descendants of our ancestors; in our fellow citizens, the children of our country; in the baptized, the children of our mother the Church; in every human person, a son or daughter of the One who wants to be called 'our Father.' In this way our relationships with our neighbors are recognized as personal in character.

*The neighbor is not a 'unit' in the human collective; he is 'someone' who by his known origins deserves particular attention and respect" (CCC, #2212).*

The Alternative Opening Prayer for this Mass highlights the Incarnation and what can be achieved in this world with God's help: "Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the human family. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all people that we may share in your life for ever."

On Monday, we celebrate the

### **Feast of Mary, Mother of God.**

Because this feast occurs on a Monday this year the obligation to attend Mass is removed. We will celebrate Mass at **9 a.m.** In our prayer on that day we affirm what has been part of the Church's teaching since the third century, that Mary is the Mother of God. In many ways, our English translation makes it more difficult to understand this feast and why it was ever disputed. The original Greek calls Mary **Theotokos**, "bearer of the divine one." In other words, in calling Mary "mother of God" we are not trying to make Mary other than human. Rather, in calling her 'mother of God' or 'bearer of the divine one' we are stating our Christmas faith in Jesus, as the Incarnation of God's Word in human flesh. Mary is not simply the mother of a human Messiah, the Christ. She is the mother of the Word of God, who is God; hence she is legitimately and appropriately called the Mother of God.

Our celebration of the motherhood of Mary is also an acknowledgement of the full reality of Jesus' humanity. Jesus did not put on flesh as someone puts on and then takes off clothes. Nor did he "adopt" a fleshly existence for a period of time. He was really born of a woman and lived as every other human being, because he truly is a human being while at the same time truly God. Being born of a woman Jesus then lived his life in the context of all the human family within his own family with Mary and Joseph.

Then next week, we will celebrate the **feast of the Epiphany.**

The Roman Catholic Church moved it to a Sunday celebration (traditionally it had been, and continues to be celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>, the 'twelfth day of Christmas') so that we didn't add yet another holyday to an already crowded list (Immaculate Conception, Christmas, Mary Mother of God), and so most Catholics would interact with the Scripture readings of the day.

Though we often put the magi at the manger with Jesus, that is not how Matthew depicts it. Rather, the magi are one more way the Incarnation is recognized. Now, not by fellow Israelites, but by Gentiles, strangers from afar, who are willing to risk all to seek the 'new born king.' They see his star at his rising (when he is born) and spend many months (year?) seeking him. They are contrasted to Herod and his advisors who are so physically near to where Jesus was born and is living, but who do not have a clue on how to find him. This Word of God made flesh is destined to be the Savior not of one group or another, but for all humanity. To seek for truth, wholeness, beauty, goodness, justice, peace or any other transcendent value is to be led toward the same Christ born in Bethlehem those many years ago.

### **\*Baptism of the Lord**

The parish vocation committee views the feast of the Baptism of the Lord as a chance to highlight how each of us has a basic vocation: to live out a Christian life. That vocation is the most important one we can have. It defines who we are, no matter what other career or life choices we make. We are called to be married or single, priest or sister, lawyer, doctor, teacher, or entrepreneur, and so on, as a way to live out our baptisms. Our baptismal identity should make a difference to us in how we practice and work at our jobs, careers, professions, and life choices. We do them as Christians who know that we have been baptized into Christ's life and death, so as to share in his resurrection.

Since the feast of the Baptism of the Lord falls on a Monday this year, we will use the following **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**, to highlight our baptismal vocations. There will be some materials available after Mass. The vocation committee invites families and individuals to create an expression of

how each of us is currently living out our baptismal vocation. In addition, we will focus on the sprinkling rite at the beginning of Mass and ask that people come forward to be blessed by that water and to recognize their baptism in a conscious, explicit way.

#### \*Wives and Husbands

On the feast of the Holy Family there is a choice between two readings to use as our New Testament reading. The first is from Colossians and includes the sentence: "*Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord; husbands, love your wives and avoid any bitterness toward them.*" Much ink has been spilt on these lines, either explaining them away or demanding that they be taken as a permanent structure of all Christian husband-wife relationships. I think the best approach to all of Scripture is to believe that the whole of Scripture is to be applied to all of us. In other words, when Scripture is writing about wives or husbands, slaves or free persons, Gentiles or Jews, male or female—rather than applying only one half of the words to ourselves and ignoring the rest as though they don't concern us, it is best to apply all of them to each of us. So, in all relationships, there are times we need to hear the words "be subordinate to the other, as is proper in the Lord." And in all relationships we need to hear at times the words "avoid any bitterness toward the other." To restrict them to one gender or another is to lose a chance for Scripture to shape us and influence us in our prayer.

One liturgical way around this difficult passage is to choose the alternate second reading for the day from the first letter of John, which makes no distinctions but has one of the most beautiful thoughts (I think) in all of Scripture: "*Beloved, we are God's children now. What we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*" In other words, face to face with God we shall both see God and become like him. I've said it before, but it bears repeating. I love that image of what it means to be in union with God.

Fr. Buersmeyer



#### Attention Rainbow Teens

There will be a mandatory parent/teen meeting on January 7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for all those attending Rainbow. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to give Mrs. Peters a call.

#### Teens—Mark your Calendars

- **January 7** — Teen session 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **January 20-21** — Rainbow Conference
- **February 11** — Pancake Breakfast (please sign up now)
- **February 11** — Teen Session 6:30-8:30 p.m.



#### Attention all 9-12 Graders

Sign up now for the St. Benedict's retreat for teens that will be on February 16-18. If you need time to get away from it all, relax, and look deeper into your faith, this retreat is right for you. We only have a certain number of slots left, so please sign up with Mrs. Peters today.

#### Teen Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast February 11, 2007 (Sign up now!)



#### 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

Kathleen Ford, representing Diocesan Publications (our bulletin publisher) will be here in January renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If you are interested in advertising or know of someone who might be, please call the parish office 586.781.9010. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. Thanks to you, and Diocesan Publications, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

## Make a Gift Through an IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are over the age of 70 1/2 and have an IRA, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, the amount of this distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, recent legislation permits you, for the remainder of 2006 and during 2007, to make a direct gift from your IRA to a qualified charity. SS. John & Paul Parish is one such qualified charity. Such distributions, while not subject to income tax, will still count toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution.

For more information about the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and how you can benefit from a charitable IRA rollover, contact the parish office at 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.

## Stewardship Report

December 23-24, 2006\*

Weekly budget .....\$11,600.00

Offertory.....

No. Sunday envelopes used.....

**Total offertory** .....

### Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Debt Reduction / ().....

Children's Env. / ().....

RFR / ().....

Year end donation / ().....

Holy Day ().....

Christmas ().....

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do we measure up?

\*Figures unavailable—will be published at a later date

## Pray for our sick



Mary Angelosante, Rita Bayer, Suzanne Bawol, Mary Burcar, Bill Cauley, Vivette Clark, Ralph Cleary, Lorraine Dawe, Chris Del Pappa, Lauren DeNio, Art Donovan, Antoinette Errante, Alojzy Filipowicz, Krystyna Green, May Hoenle, Ronnie Housewright, Janet Johnson, Anna Kaltz, Hayden Kroll, Jacob Main, Bernice Mayer, Agnes Mehlick, Bob Mehlick, George Mehlick, Trudy Mehlick, Adele Miller, Larry Newsom, Denise Olejniczak, John Pakledinaz, Dorothy Puffpaff, Hank Roman, Mary Rupert, 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, Daniel Trendell,

O God, giver of life, watch over and protect the fathers and mothers, wives and husbands, who are members of our Armed Forces.

Be with them when they wake in the morning, and let them sleep peacefully at the end of each day.

Guide them as they travel over land, sea, and air.

Keep them and their families safe and hasten their return to us.

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

Amen

## Readings for the Week of December 31, 2006

### Sunday, December 31:

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 20-22, 24-28;

Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

### Monday, January 1:

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

### Tuesday, January 2:

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28

### Wednesday, January 3:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34

### Thursday, January 4:

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98; Jn 1:35-42

### Friday, January 5:

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; Jn 1:43-51

### Saturday, January 6:

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 72; Mk 1:7-11 or

Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

### Sunday, January 7:

Is 60:1-6; Ps 29; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Sponsor of the week

Home Interiors & Gifts



## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### Saturday and Sunday December 30-31, 2006

Mildred Campbell by R. Kmiolek Fam.  
Mr. & Mrs. L. Przybylowicz  
by Family  
Pompa Family by F. Pompa Family  
Rosaria Agostinelli by Family

### Monday, January 1, 2007

James McKeone by Greenway Family

### Tuesday, January 2, 2007

Tecla Zerbo by M. England

### Wednesday, January 3, 2007

Ken Uniac by Pospiech Family

### Saturday and Sunday January 6-7, 2007

Pasquale Cocco by Wife & Family  
Rudy Keller by S. Keller  
Geri Dale by Klozik Family  
Stanley & Francis Tasky by  
R. Hunsucker  
Gertrude & Richard Shoobridge by  
E. Willard Family

<b>Liturgical appointments for January 6-7, 2007</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. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer
<b>Lectors</b>	A. Franks M. Klakulak	P. Dobbs S. Loyson	D. Zabkowski L. Zabkowski	S. Martino C. Gregory
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