



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2007**

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Fr. Buersmeyer's weekly column appears on page 6.

SIGN UP...

...to bring up an Advent candle or banner at one of the Masses.
...to serve as a liturgical minister at one of the Christmas Masses.
...to assemble one Christmas tree on December 19 between 6:00-9:00 p.m.
...to help decorate for Christmas after the 11:30 Mass on December 23.

BLESSING OF THE CHRIST CHILD FIGURE FOR YOUR CRECHE

Bring your figure of the Christ Child which you place in your manger. We will bless the figure at the Masses on December 22 & 23. See page 2.

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

See what's "New and Noteworthy", read past issues of our bulletin, find links to other sites. Go online and see for yourself—www.ssjohnandpaul.org. Please visit our website weekly to keep abreast of what's new and noteworthy.

Please join together with other churches in our community for...

**An Evening of Advent Prayer
Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.
At SS. John & Paul Parish**



...A time to quietly reflect on the miracle of Christmas in scripture, prayer and song



**Communal Penance and
Celebration of the Sacrament
Of First Reconciliation**

Tuesday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve — Monday, December 24

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

Christmas Day — Tuesday, December 25

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
NB: The Christmas children's Mass is at 11:30 a.m.

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 31
and 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 1

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, December 17:

- *11:30 Senior Cards
- *7:00 p.m. Mass
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells
- *5:30 p.m. Building Meeting
- *6:30 p.m. Lesson Planning Gr. 1-6

Tuesday, December 18:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- *5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells
- *7:00 p.m. Communal Penance and Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 19:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *4:30-6:30 p.m. Individ. Confessions
- *7:00-10:00 p.m. Gr. 7-8 Christmas Event

Thursday, December 20:

- *7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
- *7:00-10:00 p.m. Gr. 9-12 Fun-N-Games Night

Saturday, December 21:

- *3:00 p.m. Confessions
- *3:30 p.m. Teen Bells

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.



**Please Help!
Wednesday, December 19
Between 6-9 p.m.**

We have 8 pre-lit trees to be placed on the altar and assembled in preparation for our Christmas celebration. We are looking for a total of 16 people (2 people per 1 tree). If you can come and help assemble 1 tree that would be a tremendous help.

Blessing of the Christ Child Figure From Your Home Christmas Creche — December 22 or 23



The “domestic Church”—how we are God’s people in our homes and daily lives—is intimately connected to the parish Church. We would like to strengthen that connection for the season of Christmas by starting the custom of blessing parish member’s home/family Christ child figure, which you place in the manger scene by your Christmas tree.

Bring that figure to any Mass on the last Sunday of Advent (Saturday, December 22 or Sunday, December 23) and we will have a special blessing at each Mass for that figure and for your home manger scene.



**Meet Mary Ann LaRaia
Parish Secretary**

“Good morning! SS. John and Paul. This is Mary Ann.” I’ve been saying that for almost 19 years. I guess you could call me a fixture here at the parish (just as long as you don’t call me an antique!)

I’ve been married to my husband, Mike, for 39 years. We have 2 daughters and a son and four grandchildren with whom I love spending time.

I started at SS. John and Paul as a catechist when my children were young “back in the 1980’s”. After a few years I became a certified catechist. I continued as a catechist while also being the religious education secretary as well as helping coordinate the religious education program. Soon I was working one day a week filling in for the parish secretary. I began working full time as parish secretary in 1989 and thus began my career.

My responsibility as parish secretary is to manage the parish office, making sure it runs smoothly. I keep the sacramental records, record your weekly donations, prepare parish-wide mailings, make bank deposits, and numerous other responsibilities that come with running an office. I am also the parish bulletin editor. Most importantly, I represent our parish when someone calls or visits the parish office.

It has been my pleasure to serve this parish over the years. I have met many wonderful people and look forward to meeting many more. I will continue to do my best to answer any questions you may have when you call the office. If I can’t, I’ll put you in touch with someone who can.

“Thank you for calling, and have a nice day!”

2007-2008

Religious

Formation

Program

September — May

G.R.A.C.E.

Parish Formation Program

For All ages

NO G.R.A.C.E. in December

Next Session: January 6, 8, 9, 11

6:00-8:30 p.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

3-1/2 to 5 yrs. old

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 23

No session Dec. 30, Jan. 6

For information on either program above, or for any other adult formation or preparation for sacraments, please call the Formation Office 586.781.9488

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JANUARY 6, 8, 9, 11

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Catechetical Area:

**Identifying with Catholic Tradition
(Church History and Vatican II)**

Specific Theme:

The Gift of Authority

Connecting the theme

to an event:

Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

**If you are an adult without children
you may register at ANY time for ANY month.**

Our parish formation program is for ALL ages. If you are a new member of the parish—call the Religious Formation office for more information. If you haven't registered yet, forms can be found in the literature racks in the hallway just outside the Parish Office.



**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**

**Tuesday, December 18
at 7:00 p.m.**

For all children and their families who have prepared to receive this sacrament for the first time

HELP!

WE NEED SOME CHRISTMAS HELP ON:

Wednesday, December 19

2 people to put together 1 unlit tree

Between 6:00-9:00 p.m.



and on....

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

at 12:30 p.m.

(after the 11:30 a.m. Mass)

Can you give 1 hour of your time?



We will need help on Sunday to finish decorating the Church for Christmas. If you can give us a hand on this day we would greatly appreciate it.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Men's Club

SS. John & Paul Parish would like to start a Men's Club. Its purpose is to socialize, play cards, games, etc. This club would meet monthly. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Activities Center.

If you are interested, please join us for this meeting. If you are unable to attend but would still like to join, just call the parish office at 781.9010 and leave your name and phone number.

Men's Retreat

You are invited to attend a weekend retreat for men. Join us for a weekend at the Capuchin Retreat on 95 wooded acres adjacent to the Stony Creek Nature Center to:

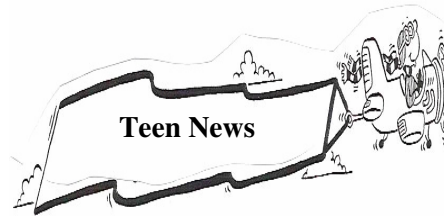
- ◆ relax from a hectic schedule
- ◆ enjoy nature
- ◆ make new friends
- ◆ reflect on our situation in life
- ◆ and above all, to reopen and strengthen our lines of communication with God.

The retreat is Jan. 18-20, 2008 at the newly renovated Capuchin Retreat, 62460 Mt. Vernon Rd. (North of 28 Mile), Washington. Registration is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, concluding at 1:00 p.m. Sunday with dinner. Cost is \$50 non-refundable deposit to confirm your reservation. Suggested tax-deductible offering for the weekend is \$150 (this includes your deposit). The weekend includes lodging, conferences, a Friday evening snack and five excellent meals.

Capacity is limited, so please call Paul Okoniewski at 586.752.7834 as soon as possible to confirm your reservation.

Advertisers Wanted

Kathleen Ford, representing Diocesan Publications (our bulletin publisher) will be at the parish soon. She will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. 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.



Fun-N Games Night for Grades 9-12 Thursday, December 20 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Please bring your fun board games, a friend and join us for a fun-filled evening with guaranteed lots of laughs. We will even have "holiday cookies" and snacks. Permission slips are available in the office. Please call Mrs. Peters at 586.781.9488 if you have any questions.

Attention all 9-12 Graders RAINBOW — February 23, 2008

Packets are available now in the office. Early bird special has expired, but you can still sign up for an additional \$20. All paperwork has to be in the office by December 15. Any questions or concerns, call Mrs. Peters 586.781.9488.

Attention 2007-08 Seniors

SS. John & Paul has been asked to pass along information regarding the James F. and Virginia M. Coughlin Scholarship Fund. This fund will provide one or more scholarships of at least \$1500.00 to High School Seniors who have commitment to youth service. If you would like more information regarding this scholarship fund please pick up a packet from the Parish Office. All applications must be postmarked by February 28th.

Grade 7-8 Christmas Event December 20 7:00-10:00 p.m.

We invite all the 7th & 8th graders to join us for a Christmas Event that will help those in need and also give you lots of laughs. A suggestion was made to have the teens make tie blankets for the homeless, or AIDS patients. We would ask that each person donate 2 yards washed fleece fabric. We will enjoy holiday music, and each others company as we come together to make the blankets for the first hour. After that we will enjoy games, laughter and holiday cookies. If you would like to help or participate in this event, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586-781-9488.

Widowed Friends

Widowed Friends offers widowed men and women of all ages within the Archdiocese of Detroit caring companionship and the opportunity for healing, spiritual development, education, and new growth. Our enrichment activities meet a variety of needs to facilitate the journey from grief to a new sense of joy and purpose. Widowed men and women of all faiths are welcome. For membership information and an application, call Justine at 734.455.6939.

New Members Needed

The St. Andrew Parish Singles in Rochester would like to invite all singles age 45 and older to their upcoming meetings and activities. For details on joining and on upcoming events, contact the St. Andrew Parish office at 248.651.7486 or e-mail sa45upgroup@gmail.com.

Welcoming the Stranger Among Us

Sponsored by the North Macomb Vicariate Cultural Diversity Team and St. Therese of Lisieux Justice and Peace Team.

Megan McKenna is an international speaker, author, master theologian, lecturer and teacher. She is a “master storyteller” who brings good news on values and belief, calling each of us to a deeper life and spirituality. Megan has presented in Europe, the Islands, Thailand, Australia, China and now for the North Macomb Vicariate. She brings a spiritual understanding of people and the places she has visited. Please come and enjoy her presentation as her journeys offer an enriched encounter of the human condition and spirit. Join us in fellowship on

**Thursday, January 10, 2008
St. Kieran Church
5360 Mound, Shelby Twp.**

Doors open at 6:15. Presentation begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. and last until 9:00 p.m. SS. John & Paul will provide light refreshments. Participation is free. RSVP to Emily Diaz-Torres 586.484.9038 by Jan. 4.

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 18, 2007. We will serve a spaghetti lunch with salad and fresh fruit. **Donated items should be delivered to the parish kitchen no earlier than Sunday, December 16th. 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 a.m. SHARP the day of the lunch at SS. John & Paul and leaves via carpool to the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen at 8:45 a.m. God bless you for your continued generosity.

Hold on to Health During the Holidays Part 2

Here are some tips for a happy and healthy holiday season:

- Limit your alcohol intake. Moderate alcohol intake has been shown to decrease your overall risk of heart disease and stroke, but excessive drinking actually increases it. As the alcohol leaves your body, it can cause high blood pressure, high adrenaline levels and irregular heart rhythms.
- Avoid alcoholic drinks with lemon. It facilitates absorption from the stomach and gives you an immediate buzz. The same goes for carbonated drinks, as these enter the blood stream faster.
- Eat before you drink and don't consume more than one drink every one-and-a-half hours. Alternate alcoholic drinks with non-alcoholic drinks.
- Bundle up against the cold. Low temperatures restrict blood flow and can increase blood pressure.
- Avoid the “Merry Stressmas” syndrome by tempering expectations. “The major stressor at this time of year has to do with unrealistic expectations,” said Dr. Gail Saltz, a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City. “The holidays resurrect childhood memories which have a wonderful, magical aspect on the one hand but, on the other hand, have an idealized aspect because, when you were a child, it was all perfect. You didn't see your mother tearing her hair out. Getting let down is very stressful.”
- Recognize that you can't do it all. “Awareness helps, otherwise you will be fighting with yourself all the time, says Saltz. “At this time of year, the commercial trappings represent the love, the gifts represent the love, how many lights you put up and how great the meal is. Instead, we have to think about loving each other, being grateful that we have each other and we have our health.” (from <http://news.healingwell.com>)
- Let holiday spirit move you! Especially during the holidays, plan your physical activity routine in advance (don't leave it up to chance). Dance or exercise to your favorite holiday music.
- Overcome the urge to overeat. Standing by the buffet table is temptation to overeat. Remember that holiday parties are a time to celebrate with family and friends, not just food. (from www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/spotlights/holidaytips.htm).

Anne Petriches, R.N.

Bethany

Bethany is a Catholic organization that provides spiritual, social, and educational assistance to divorced or separated Christians through peer-to-peer ministry. For details on future events, visit the Bethany website at www.BethanyofSoutheasternMichigan.org or call Carol at 248.390.7771 or Michelle at 313.996.8644.

Pastor's Perspective

*Third Sunday of Advent

In Latin the word “gaudete” means “to rejoice.” Traditionally the third Sunday of Advent has been marked by a note of joy as we move into the final half of the season of Advent and so was called Gaudete Sunday. The liturgical color is often a rosy purple rather than the deeper purple (or we see it in the color of the Advent candles with the third candle usually a pinker color). Even though the readings this year don't use the word “rejoice” as often as they do in other years, we get the sense of that joyful note in all three readings.

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah the joy at seeing what was once a desert become blooming with abundant flowers is an image of hope for the people of Israel. No matter how barren life looks, God does not abandon us. The joy of God's presence will overcome the sorrow of our suffering. In the second reading the joy is at the nearness of the coming of the Lord. James thought it would be soon, probably in his lifetime. Though we no longer interpret these readings in that way, they open up an attitude of faith we are to live by. For indeed the Lord is near at hand. Not in the sense of a second coming but in the sense that the kingdom of God can break in right here, right now, this day.

This theme is further heightened in the gospel reading. What are the signs that the Messiah has come? Jesus says to the disciples of John the Baptizer: “the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” We rejoice not just in the hope of Jesus' final coming, but in his presence that can be experienced even now. And we become instruments of that joy when we embody the same good news to others. Jesus ends his talk with John's disciples by saying “Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.” So, too, for us. May we live in such a way that no one takes offense at us. But may we live in such a way that we risk being instruments of

life and healing and joy, rather than passively letting life pass on by.

*M.C.R.E.S.T.

As we end our week of hosting guests for M.C.R.E.S.T. (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team), I am in awe of the time and energy so many have given this week. The guests—mostly men, a few women and children—were so well-cared for by this parish. Once again, a special thanks to Mimi Gendreau, our parish chairperson of the event and coordinator of volunteers. Without her dedication and oversight this could never have happened as well as it did.

*Reconciliation

One of the ways that we can deepen our preparation for the remembrance of Christ's birth is to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. This Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM we will have 5 priests available for confessions, as we celebrate the sacrament in a communal way. Many of our first Reconciliation families will be with us that evening as well.

Communal reconciliation brings out the sense that our sin is not ours alone. All sin affects everyone. Thus forgiveness of sins isn't just about a private, personal forgiveness. Rather, it concerns the whole community of faith. All sacraments form the community of faith more deeply into the body of Christ. To celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in this way more visibly symbolizes that shaping of the community.

Even when we celebrate Reconciliation in an individual manner, it is still meant to be a “mini-experience” of the gathering of the Church in prayer. That is the reason that a priest presides. That is why the focus is not simply on confession of sins and forgiveness but on a heart truly sorry, a mind that has examined deeply one's conscience, a life that is willing to do penance to help heal and repair the effects of sin in this world, and a spirit that is open to being renewed by God's Holy Spirit. The remaining pre-Christmas scheduled times for

individual reconciliation are this Wednesday, December 19th, from 4:30 – 6:30 PM and Saturday December 22nd from 3:00 - 3:30 PM.

Take a moment to examine your life, the patterns of prayer, attitudes, generosity, work, worry, fear, anger, and the like. Bring that examination to a time of sacramental prayer, forgiveness and reconciliation.

*Blessing of the Christ-Child

This year we are starting a new custom: blessing the figure of the Christ child from the crèche we have at our homes. Bring such figures to any Mass next weekend and, as part of the final blessing, we will have a special blessing of these Christ-child figures. We do such a blessing of the parish's crèche every Christmas midnight Mass. This provides an opportunity to connect the home “domestic” church to the parish experience of church. In addition, we ask that you take a piece of the straw we will use for the parish crèche and place it with your home one, if appropriate.

*Christmas Masses

Elsewhere in the bulletin and on our parish website we have the listing of Christmas Masses. It has become quite common in recent years for parishes to have only one Mass on Christmas day and multiple Masses on Christmas Eve. You will notice that we do not follow that practice. We have our typical weekend-like times of 5:00 PM Christmas Eve and then 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM on Christmas Day. And we add a special midnight Mass as well.

I want to encourage families to build the Christmas Mass into their family celebrations. Think about ways you can especially tie the midnight Mass or one of the Christmas Day Masses into your Christmas events. Perhaps save opening presents until after Mass. Or, open one present on the eve and then the rest after Mass. Family schedules are crazy, I know, at this time, trying to get to everyone's home. But let's try to take seriously the celebration of Christmas Eucharist as an essential part of that schedule.

Some reminders about these Masses. The 5:00 PM Christmas Eve is often packed to the extreme. This is not a children's Mass as many parishes do. We will have Christmas carols ahead of time. But due to the extreme crowding I encourage you to think about attending a different Mass time. I hope we don't need to, but if the church becomes too full, we will have to send later arrivals away. The midnight Mass will have the choir and carols begin at 11:30 PM or so. This is the fullest experience of the Christmas Eucharist and a wonderful Mass to attend, if you are able. Usually it is full but not completely overflowing. The 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses are a chance for some to begin Christmas Day the proper way—thanking God in prayer at the Eucharist, which then opens up the whole day for visiting/celebrating. The 11:30 AM Mass is the children's Mass. Every child who comes is invited to be part of the telling of the Christmas story.

Please use all the parking spaces, all the way back toward the Activities Building. If necessary, park two cars each along the islands (that adds a few more spots).

*Year-To-Date Financials

There was an error in the bulletin two weeks ago on our year-to-date budget. The offertory amount was correct but the budgeted amount was listed way too high. It should have read \$257,450 and so the year-to date shortfall as of two weeks ago was \$18,036 not \$50,286.

*Year End Contributions

You received in the Advent mailing an envelope marked "year end donation". I suggested that those who are in a position to make a larger donation simply give the regular amount in the Christmas envelope and then use the year-end envelope for the extra donation. Why? The reason has to do with how various types of donations benefit the parish directly. For donations over and above the usual weekly/monthly/holiday amount—which come in through Sunday envelopes or direct deposit or online banking—the most advantageous way to

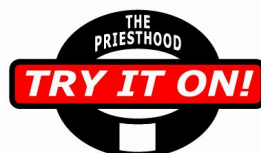
give to the parish is via a larger Catholic Services Appeal pledge every May. Every C.S.A. dollar donated benefits the parish 100%.

But some are in a position at the end of the year to make a charitable contribution and want to give in such a way that the diocese does not "tax" that money. Why use the year-end envelope? Christmas donations (and tuition) are the only other-than-CSA sources of income that are not taxed. However, the Christmas collection figures into the mandatory target of a parish at C.S.A. time the next fiscal year. As a result, in the case of our parish, the parish benefits directly roughly 84% of every dollar that is given via the Christmas collection. For year-end and other such direct donations, all parishes give 6% of this money to the archdiocese. But this type of donation does not figure into any C.S.A. target. Even if large amounts of money are donated, the C.S.A. target will remain unaffected.

In the end, the parish appreciates whatever donations you can give, no matter how you send them in. If you are in a position to make a year-end contribution and use that envelope, thank you.

May you find people and situations to rejoice in this week. May that Advent joy sustain you when facing difficult challenges.

Fr. Buersmeyer



"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? Call Father Tim Birney at the Vocation Office at 313-237-5875, or visit the web at www.vocationsdetroit.org.



Prayer for the Third Week of Advent

Father of love,
You made a new creation
through Jesus Christ your Son.
May his coming free us from sin
and renew his life within us,
for he lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit one God
for ever and ever.

Amen

Adopt a Family for Christmas

As Christmas draws near, many local families are struggling to meet direct financial needs such as food, prescription costs, rent, and utilities. Why not adopt one of these families for Christmas?

Visit www.AODonline.org to read about some of the families who are in need. They represent every age and ethnic origin and reside in every county of the archdiocese.

You can help them by participating in the *Adopt a Family* program sponsored by the Department of Parish Life and Services. Each family has been screened by sponsoring parishes and agencies and is identified by a number to remain confidential.

Donors may request their gift be given to a specific family or evenly split between all families. For more details, call 313-237-4696.

Persons wishing to donate to the *Adopt a Family* program should make checks payable to the Department of Parish Life and Services. Send your donation to the Department of Parish Life and Services, 305 Michigan Ave., 10th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and address if you would like to receive an acknowledgement for tax purposes.

All the funds collected will be distributed through the sponsor, not directly by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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Our “Back 40”

In order to have more usable green space for parish activities, last week the brushy area behind the Activities Center was cleared. Trees were trimmed and approximately 300 ft. by 30 ft. of grass and shrubs were removed. Next spring the area will be leveled and grass seed planted so that when summer comes, we'll have lots of room to play.

Meijer Community Rewards Update

We received a check from the Meijer Community Rewards Program for \$225.07 for purchases made in October and November. Sixty-seven parishioners are enrolled in this fundraising program, with all proceeds earmarked for future landscaping needs, including the new banners. Since April 2004 we've earned over \$7,600. Thank you for using this fundraising opportunity to benefit the parish.

Just a reminder that effective May 1, 2007, Meijer changed the way Community Rewards are earned. Rewards will *only* be earned by purchases made with a **Meijer credit card, cash or a PIN-based debit card**. Rewards will not be earned for purchases paid by personal check or non-Meijer credit cards as was allowed since the program began. Anyone that is currently enrolled in this program will have to re-enroll if they are interested in earning Meijer Community Rewards under the new guidelines. Our organization number is **617883**.

Please know that we are not expecting or encouraging anyone to apply for a credit card in order for the parish to receive rewards. We are grateful for your support of this program. Thank you.

Pray for our sick

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| Mary Angelosante | Karen Mehlick |
| Rita Bayer | Trudy Mehlick |
| Suzanne Bawol | Adele Miller |
| Mary Burcar | Jean (Roman)Noga |
| Bill Cauley | Larry Newsom |
| Ralph Cleary | Lori Newsom |
| Chris Del Pappa | Denise Olejniczak |
| Lauren DeNio | Leo Osantoske, Sr. |
| Art Donovan | John Pakledinaz |
| Antoinette Errante | Carl Pallas |
| Alojzy Filipowicz | Alex Polzin |
| Mark Formanczyk | Dorothy Puffpaff |
| Jack Gehrholz | Marie Richard |
| Krystyna Green | Hank Roman |
| Lora Hardin | Theresa Romero |
| Veronica Hartley | Mary Ruppert |
| Ruth Hunsucker | Albert Sabbe |
| Janet Johnson | Jeff Simpson |
| Yolanda Kaufman | Camille Smith |
| John Kerr | Michelle Smith |
| Hayden Kroll | Tommasina Smith |
| John LaCroix | Cecelia Smith |
| Mrs. Fred LaRose | Mary Sorrow |
| Vito Loconte | Steven St. John |
| Jacob Main | Betty Staller |
| Bernice Mayer | Ken Stempien |
| Antoinette McBain | Barbara Supina |
| Agnes Mehlick | Richard Waluk |
| | Betty Waligore |

Pray for our military



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| Noel & Greg Ales | Chris Krusinski |
| Nick Bassett | Paul McGowan |
| David Benn | David Newberry |
| Augie Biache III | Ryan Ribant |
| Mike Boback | Thomas Schmidt |
| Eric Eppens | Chris Staniszewski |
| Tony Gentilia | Vincent Titeriga |
| Michael Kaminski | Daniel Trendell |
| David Krzycki | |
| Jonathon Krusinski | |

Sponsor of the Week

Addelia Flooring

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December 8-9, 2007

Weekly budget\$11,600.00
 Offertory.....\$10,502.21
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....336
Total offertory\$10,502.21

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (11).....\$137.00
 Children's Env. / (11).....\$10.13
 Retire. For Religious (92).....\$2,950.13
 Year End (5).....\$570.00

Did you know that some parishioners support the parish by using online banking? Every week we receive offertory checks that our parishioners have authorized using their computer, done in the privacy of their own home. These offerings are treated exactly the same as an offering placed in the weekly collection basket since an envelope number is printed on the check. Will online offertory make your life easier? Think about it.



Readings for the Week of December 16, 2007

- Sunday, December 16:**
 Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
- Monday, December 17:**
 Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday, December 18:**
 Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday, December 19:**
 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday, December 20:**
 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday, December 21:**
 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday, December 22:**
 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8; Lk 1:46-56
- Sunday, December 23:**
 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday December 15-16, 2007

Jay Nelson by Family
 Frank Martino by Martino Family
 Dorothy Cronenwett by Family
 Vivette Clark by M. Dale Family
 Rose Killewald by Family

Monday, December 17, 2007

Al Donadio by T. Klakulak Family

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Paul Kline by Dobbs & Kudwa Fam.

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Ray Hoenle by Wife
 Joseph Krieg, Jr. by Family

Saturday and Sunday December 23-24, 2007

Chester Tomczyk by Masko Family
 Chester Gac by Martino Family
 Giuseppe Pittiglio by Family
 Michael Tomaka by Balicki Family
 Anna & Anthony Catenacci by Family
 Mom & Dad Miller by Giffin Family

Liturgical appointments for December 22-23, 2007				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer
Lectors	B. Conlon P. Brunet	M. Sobetski G. Bawol	M. Greenway S. Rowley	S. Darga-Martino J. Schnepf
Eucharistic Ministers *Captain	M. Klakulak* T. Klakulak I. Stavenow D. Michalski L. Michalski	J. Sova* A. Weaver M. Schimmel M. Schimmel B. Huellmantel	J. Witek* B. Greenway D. Zabkowski L. Zabkowski L. Zellen S. Zellen R. DiDomenico	J. Gilbertson* E. Goble C. Gregory D. Jiannuzzi J. Martino
Altar Servers	N. Bytner	—Open—	M. Compeau V. Mangiapane N. Skelly	A. Stirzinger F. Avolio
Greeters	M. Hendershot M. Hendershot	C. Klein C. LaRose	H. Witek L. Amato	H. Maher M. Maher
Ushers	Team #2 M. LaRaia M. Hendershot J. Krieg M. Macha	Team #4 R. Giffin K. Grunewald B. Huellmantel H. Susalla	Team #6 B. Burcar B. Cammarata J. Pospiech B. Schulz J. Gerds	Team #8 L. LePage C. Klapec R. Kopera J. Kretchman K. McBride J. Pyke D. Waligore
Collection Counters	Joe Martino, Lil Horn, Roberta Mathie, Larry & Marilyn Weathers, Tom & Mary Ann Klakulak, Ron & Debbie DiDomenico			