

#### **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

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

#### **FLU SHOTS AGAIN**

Did you miss getting your flu shot? We will offer them once again on Sunday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. See page 5.

#### **G.R.A.C.E. NEXT WEEK**

November 11, 13, 14, 16. November's focus is on the dignity of every human person. See page 3.

#### **GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE**

Donate blood during our next blood drive on Monday, November 19 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. See page 5.

#### **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](http://www.ssjohnandpaul.org). Please visit our website weekly to keep abreast of what's new and noteworthy.

## **Confirmation — November 3, 2007** **Confirming Bishop— Most Reverend Daniel Flores**

Having received the Sacrament of Confirmation, our young people have completed their initiation into the Church. They are now members in the fullest sense.

We, the SS. John & Paul Catholic Church family, extend our warmest congratulations to all our newly confirmed members of the Catholic Church. We will pray for your continued growth in the faith and guidance by the Holy Spirit.

*Symone Bawol*

*Bryana Bayly*

*Erika Becker*

*Cale Bell*

*Jonathan Bucan*

*Alec Buczek*

*Raymond Carroll*

*Brianne Celusnak*

*Santino Ciavatta*

*Emily Clements*

*Zachary Compeau*

*Stephen Figurski*

*Jacob French*

*Jacqueline Fulkerth*

*Rachel Funk*

*Anthony Graziani*

*Philip Graziani*

*Roberto Guidi*

*Alexis Hafner*

*Sierra Hale*

*Korey Kelemen*

*Gabriele Koerner*

*Leah Konieczki*

*Andrea Kretchman*

*Marina Leander*

*Callie Mazur*

*Shayn McIntyre*

*Benjamin Meldrum*

*Megan Michels*

*Olivia Picklo*

*Daniela Pittiglio*

*David Pusdesris*

*Sarah Raffa*

*Emily Riedel*

*Zoe Rudich*

*Nicolette Sabath*

*Eric Sattler*

*Elise Seefried*

*Joseph Seidel*

*Lauren Selvaggio*

*Emily Sova*

*Patrick Wagner*

*Alec West*

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

**Monday, November 5:**

- \*11:30 Senior cards
- \*7:00 p.m. Mass
- \*7:45 p.m. Adult Bells
- \*7:45 p.m. Vocations meeting

**Tuesday, November 6:**

- \*9:00 a.m. Mass
- \*9:30 a.m. Scripture Study
- \*4:45-6:00 p.m. & 6:30-7:45 p.m. Gr. 1-6 Fall sessions
- \*5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- \*5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells

**Wednesday, November 7:**

- \*9:00 a.m. Mass
- \*6:30 Lesson Planning Gr. 1-6
- \*6:30 Building Meeting
- \*7:00 Evan./Hosp. Meeting
- \*7:00 Lesson Planning Gr. 7-8
- \*7:00 Christian Service Meeting
- \*7:00 Lector Training
- \*7:00 Cantors

**Thursday, November 8:**

- \*7:00 Adult Choir

**Friday, November 9:**

- \*7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. Teen Lock-In

**Saturday, November 10:**

- \*9:00 a.m. Building Meeting
- \*3:00 p.m. Confessions
- \*3:30 p.m. Teen Bells

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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.

**G.R.A.C.E. Next Week  
November 11, 13, 14, 16**

*November's Theme:*

**The Dignity of the Human Person**

*Connecting the Theme to an Event:*

**MCREST**



**Do You Need Some Yard Work Done?**

On November 17, the teens will be busy! If you have any yard work you are not able to do such as raking, pruning, cleaning up flower beds, etc., please call the parish office (586.781.9010), tell us what you need done, and we will be happy to help you with your task.

Likewise, if you would like to help as a worker for the yard clean up, please call the office. This is an excellent opportunity for families, Confirmation students, retirees and anyone who wants to lend a hand to help our neighbors.

**Protecting God's Children Workshops  
At Neighboring Parishes**



Neighboring parishes are sponsoring Protecting God's Children (PGC) workshops this month. Protecting God's Children is a three hour workshop that focuses on creating safe environments for children by preventing the opportunity for sexual abuse to occur. Each session will include videos, discussion and sometimes a light meal.

All parish volunteers are asked to attend a session within six months of volunteering, along with completing a background check and receiving the Safe Environments Policy. To register for any of these informative workshops, go to: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), click on Registration (on left side of screen) and follow the instructions. If you do not have internet access, please call the host parish directly to register.

St. Anastasia in Troy is sponsoring this workshop on November 10 at 9:30 a.m. Call 248.689.8380 to register.

St. Isidore in Macomb Township is sponsoring this workshop on Nov. 19 at 6:00 p.m. Call 586.286.1700 to register.

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**2007-2008  
Religious  
Formation  
Program  
September — May**

**G.R.A.C.E.**  
Parish Formation Program  
For All ages

November 11, 13, 14, 16  
6:00-8:30 p.m.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

3-1/2 to 5 yrs. old  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Nov. 4, 18, 25

**NO session Nov. 11**

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



**Preparation  
for the  
Sacrament of  
First Reconciliation**

**Parent / Child Session #2**  
Sat., November 17 at 6:15 p.m.  
(after the 5:00 p.m. Mass)

*or*

**Tues., November 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

All families preparing for this sacrament are asked to attend one of these sessions. Parents must attend with their child. Please call 781.9488 to sign up for one of the evenings.

**November G.R.A.C.E.  
Lesson Planning  
for Gr. 1-6 Catechists  
Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

If you are helping out as a catechist this month, you are required to attend this meeting

**Grades 1-6 Age Specific  
Fall Session—Nov. 5  
4:45-6:00/6:30-7:45 p.m.**

*Words & Concepts*  
*Prayers*  
*Scripture*

G.R.A.C.E. monthly sessions help enable families to put their faith in practice during everyday life. The Grades 1-6 Age Specific Sessions introduces scripture, prayer, words and concepts of our Catholic expression of faith so that our children will come to understand our doctrines and traditions, and why we consciously choose to live out these beliefs in everyday life.

**Winter Sessions:  
Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5  
4:45-6:00 / 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**Change of Heart**

It is only with the heart that we can repent rightly. Repentance must involve a change of heart. Anything less won't produce a new being.

It will be like pulling weeds while leaving their roots intact. But if we change our hearts, then we will change our lives, too.

After his encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus' heart burst into life like a desert landscape after rainfall. Fear can't produce a conversion of heart; only an encounter with love can. Zacchaeus' conversion was a conversion to goodness.

All of us stand in daily need of such a conversion. We need to move from a closed heart to an open heart, from a heart of stone to a heart of flesh.

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**NOVEMBER 11, 13, 14, 16  
6:00-8:30 p.m.**

*Theme We Are Exploring:*  
**The Dignity of Every Human Person  
What Does That Mean?  
How Can We Live It?**

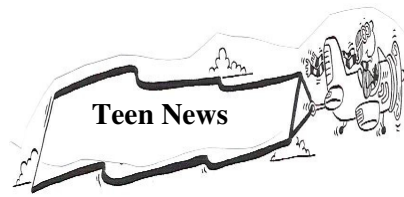
*Event We Are Focusing On:*  
**Hosting of week-long MCREST shelter  
for the homeless in December**

*This month's format will have an outside speaker addressing:*

- ◆ How to see the importance of understanding the principle of human dignity
- ◆ Ways to express the dignity of the human person in our daily lives
- ◆ Why we should base our lives on the principle of human dignity

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.



## Attention all 9-12 Graders

### • **RAINBOW**

**February 23, 2008**

Packets are available now in the office. All paperwork has to be in the office by November 12th for the early bird special.

### • **Lock-In — November 9 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.**

Permission Slips are now available in the office. All paperwork has to be turned in no later than November 4.

### ◆ **Teens needed to help with yard work**

All teens in **grade 7-12** are invited to help with a wonderful service project to help the senior citizens of our community, on Saturday November 17th. We will meet at the church and car pool to the various homes in which we will service. You will need to bring a sack lunch and your own rake, gardening gloves, and any other tools you feel you might need to help with this project. Please call Mrs. Peters to get a permission slip and sign up for this wonderful opportunity. Please remember, many hands make light work!

### ◆ **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 & 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 3 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.



## 2007 Sharing Tree Recipients

Our annual Sharing Tree will be going up on Saturday, November 10 for three weekends with tags from ten different charities from which to choose. Listed below is a brief description of each.

- **AIDS Ministry** — Forum of the Archdiocese of Detroit provides education, caring support and resources to encourage and assist the Catholic community in developing their ministry to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- **Capuchin Caps, Coats-N-Kids** — This program provides caps, coats and gloves to 400 at risk families, providing warm winter coats to 1,200 children. Parents will have a chance to pick a coat, hat and a pair of gloves for their child(ren) from a selection of new products provided by donors.
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission** — is an Hispanic ministry in Port Huron. Each year the mission provides a Christmas party and allows the children to choose a gift and enjoy a simple meal prepared by community volunteers.
- **St. Maximillian/St. Francis Outreach** — seeks to serve those who come to their church seeking assistance with food, clothing and gifts at Christmas and year round.
- **The Samaritan House** — is a community service organization devoted to serving individuals and families within our community in need of emergency food, utilities and/or rent.
- **Juan Diego Hispanic Ministry** — is a cooperative Hispanic ministry of North Macomb Vicariate, of which SS. John & Paul is a member. It is headquartered in the Agape Center on the grounds of St. Clement in Romeo. Some areas in which help is provided for Hispanics are legal and health matters, translation, religious education for children and English as a Second Language classes.
- **Turning Point** — is a shelter which provides programs and resources that enable victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness to regain control of their lives.
- **McWarm of St. Margaret** — offers the homeless in the area of St. Clair Shores a warming center where they can shower and have a lunch of soup and sandwiches Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning November 1 throughout the winter months.
- **Birthright of Macomb Co.** — is a crisis pregnancy center whose mission is to offer guidance, support and aid to the women of Macomb County to help them continue their pregnancies to term.
- **MCREST** — The red tags for MCREST request items needed to provide for the homeless guests that we will be hosting in December. The requested items include non-perishable food, gift cards and other items needed to host our guests. The MCREST tags have special instructions inside the red envelope. Please follow the instructions when returning the donated items. **Please return MCREST gift cards in the collection basket.** If you have any questions about MCREST Sharing Tree Tags, please contact Mimi Gendreau, MCREST Coordinator at 248-652-3799 or mgendreau@comcast.net.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL SHARING TREE GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS MUST BE RETURNED TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**



◆ **MCREST Orientation  
November 27 and 28**

All MCREST volunteers must attend one Orientation Night on **either** Tuesday, November 27 **or** Wednesday, November 28. The Orientation Night starts at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service followed by MCREST training. After the prayer service, there will be a general training for all volunteers and then teams will break up for specific training from the Team Leaders. This is a **mandatory** meeting for all volunteers so that everyone is properly trained for our host MCREST week. There are many specific rules and guidelines that must be followed in order that our host week is successful both for our guests and all our volunteers.

◆ **MCREST Volunteers Needed**

We still need many more volunteers to make our host week successful. The Volunteer Sign-Up posters will be posted again on the weekends of November 10-11 and November 17-18, 2007. These will be the final weekends to sign up for volunteering because Team Leaders must organize their teams and mandatory orientation is on November 27-28, 2007. Please volunteer and join us in welcoming our guests. We need you!

Mimi Gendreau  
MCREST Coordinator



**Flu Shots Coming Again**

The Health Ministry Team of SS. John & Paul will sponsor a second flu shot clinic on Sunday, November 11, 2007 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for those who may have missed out earlier this fall. Flu vaccines will be \$25 and pneumonia vaccines \$35, unless you are covered by HAP, Care Choices/ Priority Health or Medicare Part B. Please bring your insurance cards with you. If paying by cash, exact change is appreciated.

**Texas Hold-em Tournament**

St. Clement Council and Bishop Schoenherr Assembly Knights of Columbus are hosting this event on Friday, Nov. 9, at the Armada K of C Hall located at 72025 North Ave. at 33-1/2 Mile. Food and beverages will be available and there will be several side games. For further info contact Tony Nardozi at 586.524.0904. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m.

<b>MCREST Team/Committee</b>	<b>MCREST Team Leaders</b>	<b>Contact Numbers</b>
<b>Bakers</b>	Sharilyn Kaniuk	586-781-3352
<b>Breakfasts</b>	Cathy Radtke Laurie Crabtree	248-656-8392 586-212-1584
<b>Customs/Sunday Search</b>	Michael Bouthillet	586-336-9989 248-431-5257 cell
<b>Dinners</b>	Sue Keller Pat Fields	248-651-3411 586-781-4069
<b>Housekeeping</b>	Mimi Gendreau	248-652-3799
<b>Intake</b>	Mimi Gendreau	248-652-3799
<b>Laundry</b>	Mary Adkins	586-752-6804
<b>Lunches</b>	Connie Delcourt	586-752-6611
<b>Medications</b>	Peggy Benson	586-677-6629
<b>Hospitality</b>	Mary Rose Ceil Gregory	586-786-7390 586-677-0933
<b>Pat Down</b>	Michael Bouthillet	586-336-9989 248-431-5257 cell
<b>Guest Assistance/ Nighttime G. A.</b>	Bill Conway Larry Delcourt	586-336-7681 586-752-6611
<b>Shopping</b>	Mary Ann Shearer	586-752-5199
<b>Showers</b>	Pat & Clem Chargot	586-752-3955
<b>Smoking</b>	Mimi Gendreau	248-652-3799
<b>Sunday Break Down</b>	Suzanne & Jim Reilly Pat & Tom Dobbs	248-656-6074 586-781-3564
<b>Telephones</b>	Marilyn McDonell	586-677-3880
<b>Transportation</b>	Bill Huellmantel Tom Klakulak	586-786-9625 586-781-9338
<b>Volunteer Registration</b>	Penny Grover	586-677-1609

**Help Save a Life this Holiday Season**

Our next American Red Cross blood drive will take place Monday, November 19 from 1:00-7:00 p.m.

The holidays are critical times for blood banks. With fewer drives occurring and more people on the road traveling, the supply is much lower than the demand. Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of life during this season of harvest and thanksgiving. To donate you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh 110+ lbs., and be in general good health. You can schedule an appointment by calling the parish office or by visiting [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and entering your zip code or our sponsor code, sspjch. Walk-ins are always welcome!

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*The Primacy of Grace or the Primacy of Sin?

We can learn a lot from cultural anthropological studies which look at the practices that define the identity of communities and tribes and ethnic groups. We can learn a lot from the biochemical processes which are at work in the brain. We are learning much from genetic markers and how they affect inherited traits and behaviors.

Psychology helps open up a deeper understanding of the emotional world within which we live and function. Sociology gives insights into how societies embrace and embody political, economic and cultural values. But to fully understand the human person we must ask what has God taught us about ourselves in and through revelation?

That is why all who study theology cover the topic of "Christian anthropology," the name of a course I am currently teaching. Christian anthropology, as the name implies, has to do with how we understand the human person in light of Christian revelation. But a key decision in such a course is: "Where do we start?" And, not surprisingly one of the key biblical texts that is analyzed and discussed comes from the opening chapters of Genesis, as it describes the creation of humanity in two different stories, along with the choice of disobeying God's command. What defines the core of who we are as human beings? Are we basically corrupted by sin and so totally lost until God's grace comes to us in Jesus Christ? Or, are we basically good and sin wounds that goodness but does not destroy it, and so the gift of God's gracious life is not simply waiting for Jesus Christ but is operative in all of creation?

Christian theology reads the story of Genesis in light of the revelation of Jesus Christ. Since St. Paul and others called Jesus the "second Adam", there was a tendency to contrast the salvation Jesus brings with the fall into sin that the "first Adam" brought. [Eve is seen as secondary due to the patriarchal nature of the early Church which

considered women less able to image God and more prone to weakness—thus it is Adam's sin that is considered pivotal, not Eve's. This is not right, but I am just stating a fact of early theology] Instead of reading the story of Genesis as a paradigm for how every human being has these same tendencies, it was read as a literal history of the first man and woman. Since they were considered historical human beings who were literally the father and mother of every human person who has lived or will live, once Adam and Eve had committed sin all humanity forever lost that intimate relationship they had with God in Eden. Every human being since then has inherited a weakened or even corrupted human nature that can achieve no good on its own merit.

For a variety of reasons the western Church (which includes Roman Catholics and Protestants) has especially tended to focus on the damage done by sin and then debated how grace does or does not overcome that damage. The great towering figure in western theological history who most fully influenced this development was St. Augustine. In a series of disputes with a group of theologians we call "Pelagians" (named after the British Christian Pelagius, who took as his mission the reform of Christian society in Rome and elsewhere, where he thought Christians had become quite lax in their faith lives and quite indulgent in their morals), Augustine honed his theology of "grace".

What is grace? That gift of God's own life which brings us salvation and enables us to do anything truly good. Pelagius emphasized how God had created humans with the capacity for doing good within their own will power and effort. While the sin of Adam damaged the ability of humans to achieve a consistent practice of goodness, it was still possible to do so by living a rigorous life of penance, prayer and self-sacrifice, focused on Christ. For Christians to say they needed something more from God than the innate capacity God had already given them and the example and reality of Christ was to fall into an excuse for doing nothing or doing less than they were capable of doing. The result was the loose society and lax Christian standards Pelagius saw

all around him.

Augustine was aghast at Pelagius' theology. He pointed out that it was an insult to God to say that he gave us a capacity which could be used for good or evil but by our own will power could be turned more fully to the good, apart from a further gift of God's grace to us. That would mean that human beings could take something God created and make it even better than God had originally made it, without God's further help. No, said Augustine, humans can do nothing apart from God's grace. Every good thought, every good action, is always first God's grace at work in us, not our own independent doing.

The dispute between Pelagians and Augustine came to a head over the issue of baptizing young children and infants. Pelagius had no problem with the custom of baptizing infants or waiting until they were older. Augustine, however, uses that practice of baptizing infants as "proof" that they must need to be saved from some type of sin. He focuses on the sin of Adam as the "Original Sin," which every human being inherits, just as every human being inherits his/her humanity through the heritage of the father. [NB: the biology of the time considered the father's seed as the active carrier of human nature; the mother was a passive, nurturing receptacle.] Until one is baptized, one is defined by that original sin and therefore has no possibility of salvation. Only in the life of God in Christ that comes through baptism, says Augustine, does one overcome this primacy of sin and receive the more powerful primacy of grace. Thus, for Augustine, all infants, all non-Christians, and all who fell away from the Christian faith were destined for condemnation in hell, according to the mysterious will of God.

These views of Augustine had a huge influence on western theology ever since that 5<sup>th</sup> century dispute. The tendency was to define Christian anthropology by sin and to see grace almost as secondary to sin and mostly as an antidote to sin. In Roman Catholic theology there was a sense that original sin wounds but does not fully corrupt the goodness of human nature, so that we are capable of cooperating in the journey toward salvation and wholeness. But there was still a strong emphasis on sin.

In Protestant theology there was an even stronger emphasis on the fully corrupt nature of humanity that is only good because of the sheer grace of God in Christ. Not even baptism, in a sense, ever overcomes the sinful nature that is always present in human beings.

What Augustine safeguarded for Christian understanding is that “all is grace.” Apart from God we are not able to achieve anything that is fully human or fully good. What Augustine skews, however, is how profligate that gracious gift of God’s life is. Because he wanted to stress how unmerited grace is, he (and much of western Christian theology since him) imaged it as parceled out in small measures, either to the elect few or only to Catholics or only to the Reformed or only to Christians, and so on. Because the focus was on the power and primacy of sin—and it was clear that sin is universally present in human life and no one escapes it, and grace was talked about mostly from the standpoint of how it overcomes sin—then most people are untouched by the grace of God.

But what if we start from the primacy of grace? That is the question contemporary theologians (over the last 70 years or so) have asked. Instead of seeing it as measured out in small doses to only a select few, what if we view grace as the communication of God’s life and see it at work, wherever we see goodness at work? Wherever we see deeply caring and committed humanity at work? In that case, maybe there is no such historical reality as human beings fully apart from God’s grace. In that case, maybe God’s life is as operative in non-Christians as it is in Christians.

Our Roman Catholic emphasis on the woundedness of human nature due to original sin rather than its full corruption offers a small opening toward that view. Yes, we are marked by a tendency toward sin. By virtue of being born human we are immersed in that tendency. But we are even more deeply marked by a gift of God’s grace. By virtue of being born human, God’s grace is at work in us. It is so much more than an antidote to sin. It is the very life of God at work in all of us. Moreover, by emphasizing the primacy of grace, much changes in our pastoral theology. No longer is it a case that we can divide the

world between Christians (those with saving grace) and “pagans” (those without grace). No longer can we think of evangelizing as bringing God’s life to those who don’t yet have it. No, God’s life might be more operative in them than in us. What we bring is the gift of Jesus Christ and the revelation that the pattern of his life, death and resurrection is the way of deepest humanity united to divinity.

In a future column, I want to connect this primacy of grace to the hope for salvation for all human beings, even those who lived horrible lives. More on that later.

**\*November G.R.A.C.E. session**

Please join us for the November monthly session. Parents: this is not optional. This is part of your child’s full religious education and affects the ability of the child to be a candidate for any of the sacraments. Other adults: this is not just for children or families with children. This is a whole community and intergenerational program.

Remember: we take one of eight core catechetical areas each month. In November we are focusing on the area of Catholic social teaching. Then we develop a specific theme within that broader area. This month we will develop the theme of the inviolable dignity of every human being. This is the core principle of all Catholic social teaching. Finally, we connect the theme and learning to a parish event. We will connect it to our upcoming December week of hosting the homeless shelter for MCREST.

**\*Scripture Quote**

From this weekend’s first reading from the book of Wisdom, a wonderful insight into the wideness of God’s grace:

*“For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?”*

Fr. Buersmeyer

**Jesus said:  
“Come, and you will see”  
John 1:39**

**Men’s  
Discernment  
Weekends**

For men 16 year of age and older who may be considering the priesthood

**November 8-11, 2007**

**January 24-27, 2008**

**March 27-30, 2008**

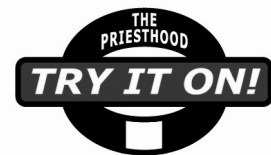
(Begins at 7:00 p.m. Thursday and concludes around noon on Sunday)

**Sacred Heart Major Seminary  
2701 Chicago Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48226**

**Pre-registration required  
(Signature of pastor required)**

Call the Vocation Office to  
**register by Monday, November 5  
313-237-5875**

or visit the website for  
more information at  
**Www.vocationsdetroit.org**



# Stewardship Report

October 27-28, 2007

**Weekly budget .....\$11,600.00**  
 Offertory.....\$10,651.00  
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....332  
 ESO (30th of month) .....\$2,079.50  
 No. ESO .....28  
**Total offertory .....\$12,730.50**

**Other Monies / (# Envelopes)**

Capital Imprv. / (4).....\$185.00  
 Children's Env. / (5).....\$4.66  
 Mission Sunday / (12) .....\$320.00

Because of your generous response to CSA 2007, last month we received a refund of \$19,066, which was deposited into our Archdiocesan savings account. Thank you for your pledges and payments to CSA.



## Readings for the Week of November 4, 2007

**Sunday, November 4:**

Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

**Monday, November 5:**

Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69; Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday, November 6:**

Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday, November 7:**

Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday, November 8:**

Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday, November 9:**

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 84; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Saturday, November 10:**

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145; Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday, November 11:**

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

## Pray for our sick

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

## 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 |                    |

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# Domestic Violence Is Real

**Some Facts:**

- ◆ 20 percent of women in America are in abusive relationships.
- ◆ A woman is abused in the U.S. every fifteen seconds.
- ◆ More women are injured by physical abuse, or battering, than by car accidents, muggings and rape combined.

**Help is available in Macomb County:**

Counseling Services

**Catholic Services of Macomb**  
(586) 416-2300

**Turning Point**

(586) 463-6990 (24-hour line)

Shelters

**Turning Point**

(586) 463-6990 (24-hour line)

Additional Help

Family Violence Helpline  
1-800-996-6228

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
**1-800-799-SAFE**

# Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry

**1-888-722-4355**

Are you hurting from an abortion experience? There is help through the Office for Catholic Social Action of the Archdiocese of Detroit.



## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### Saturday and Sunday November 3-4, 2007

Clemente Truden by A. Truden  
Josephine Recchia by Family  
Rose & Adolph Schmitt by Family  
Ida, Saverio & Maria Lancia by Family  
Pasquale & Caroline Vani by Family

### Monday, November 5, 2007

Charles Rothans by B. Verellen

### Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Debra Conn by C. Hojnacki

### Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Vito Vultaggio by Pospiech Family

### Saturday and Sunday November 10-11, 2007

Gerald Hatcher by Wife  
Jay Nelson by Family  
Vivette Clark by M. Dale Family  
Clare & Isaac Giffin by Family  
Ovilio, Elizabeth, & Anna DeCarolis by Family

## Liturgical appointments for November 10-11, 2007

Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer
<b>Lectors</b>	G. Pagliarella N. Peters	M. Greenway R. Resutek	S. Pospiech P. Quayhackx	M. Catalano S. Darga-Martino
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>  <b>*Captain</b>	K. Peters* D. Peters D. Peters A. Peters I. Stavenow	P. Dobbs* T. Dobbs J. Sova A. Weaver M. Capp	L. Zabkowski* D. Zabkowski B. Quayhackx R. DiDomenico L. Zellen S. Zellen T. Fletcher	J. Martino* J. Loebbs S. Brunet M. Bonaudo B. Hellebuyck
<b>Altar Servers</b>	G. Ellis	—Open—	H. Becker O. Becker T. Schneider	N. Delcourt
<b>Greeters</b>	M. Klakulak Family	J. Resutek A. Weaver	B. Quayhackx B. Ren	C. Winde
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Team #1</b> B. Diebboll L. Foltran R. Pewinski J. Wright	<b>Team #3</b> B. Dale E. Fannon S. Krajewski A. Sova R. Chapman	<b>Team #5</b> L. Monfils M. Bayer B. Janowiak K. Partyka L. Keast	<b>Team #7</b> B. Cauley R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jiannuzzi M. Bytner J. Gehrholz
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Jerry Pospiech, Katherine Doscocz, Connie Hojnacki, Bill Herman, Trudy Amore, Christine Winde, Marcia Capp			