

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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

DONATE BLOOD

June 25 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish Activities Center. Be the one to keep our blood banks and your gas tank full. 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

WANT TO BE AN USHER?

Ushers are needed, especially for the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Call the parish office.

FEAST OF SAINTS JOHN & PAUL

Read about our parish namesakes and how our redwood icon came about. See page 7.

PICNIC

A row of black silhouettes depicting various picnic activities: a person sitting on a lawn chair, a person standing by a table, a person sitting on a bench, a person standing with a picnic basket, a person sitting on a lawn chair, a person standing with a picnic basket, a person sitting on a lawn chair, a person standing with a picnic basket, a person sitting on a lawn chair, and a person standing with a picnic basket.

Today 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Food -- Games -- Music

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the day!

SS. John & Paul Shirt, T-Shirt, and Sweatshirt orders will be taken



Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, June 25:

- *Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- *1:00-7:00 p.m. Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 26:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *6:30 "Women in the Old Testament"

Wednesday, June 27:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *6:30 Summer Son Shine Mtg.
- *7:00 Cantors

Saturday, June 23:

- *3:00 Confessions

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.

Ushers Needed

We are in need of ushers, especially for the 11:30 a.m. Mass. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 586.781.9010.

SSJP Wearables

Our SS. John & Paul Polos, T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and hats will be available again! We will be taking orders for them during the picnic and thru July 8. Prices are as follows:

- Polos — \$30
- Sweatshirts — \$16 Adults; \$15 Youth
- T-Shirts—\$7.40 Adults; \$6.40 Youth
- Hats—\$12.

Look for the display at the picnic.



Golf Outing Sunday, August 26 Bruce Hills Golf Club

**\$55.00...includes
golf, cart, lunch, and dinner!!!**

Registration forms available in the hallway to the Activities Center.



Calling All Gardeners!

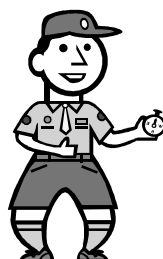


The Gardening Angels Committee is a small, friendly group of people who take care of the gardens and grounds at SS. John & Paul. We are always looking for new members and even if you have only a little bit of time to share, we have a job for you! Call Suzanne at 248.656.6074 if you would like to be part of this worthwhile group. Remember that you are closer to God in the garden than anywhere else on earth.

Second Annual Perennial Exchange

Gardeners, mark your calendar for the second annual perennial exchange on Saturday, September 15, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the SS. John & Paul pavilion.

Bring any perennials, herbs, shrubs or trees that you would like to swap in a labeled container (pot, bag, milk jug, etc.) and be prepared to come away with new additions for your garden! Start looking at your flower beds now to see what needs to be divided in the fall and make plans with a friend or neighbor to be here on Sept. 15. See you then!



Eagle Scout Project Thank You!!

Thank you for all of your donations from last week's coffee and donuts. I raised \$793.29 for my Eagle project. All of the money I raised is going to buy the supplies for my Eagle project. I thank all of you who helped me with my project and hope that you enjoy the landscaping of the new sign on 28 Mile Road.

Brian Klozik

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**2007-2008
Religious
Formation
Program
September — May**
Have you registered yet?

G.R.A.C.E.
All ages

Green form for parishioners
18 yrs. and up w/o children
Salmon form for families
with children

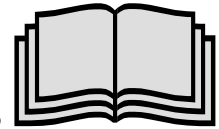
EARLY CHILDHOOD
3-1/2 to 5 yrs. old
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Purple form

SUMMER SON SHINE
Vacation Bible School
4-10 years of age
July 16-20
Yellow form

For information about each program
and forms, please contact the
Religious Formation Office at
586.781.9488

WITNESS TO THE LIGHT

Lk. 1:57-66, 80



Evangelist John said ‘he was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.’ He was specially named, specially chosen to be the fore-runner of the coming of his cousin Jesus. Before he was even born, he was chosen for a purpose unique only to him in his life, and that was to prepare the way for the coming of Christ. Some people thought that John was to be the Messiah, but he was to prepare them for the light to come.

Even before we were born we were specially chosen to be co-runners who have been radiated by the light of Christ. By our birth through Baptism we are called to extend that light to the ends of our neighborhoods, the end our of abilities, and to the end of our time. We are to give witness to the light just as John did by how we live each day.

Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary were common average people, but they were all born to do ‘little mighty’ things in their time, for all time. Just as they were, we are ‘servants’ whom the Lord has known before we were born. In our life’s time we are to give birth to Him according to our individual personalities daily in all our encounters in the world around us.

John was born to make known the coming of Jesus. We are born for the remembering of his life, death, and resurrection by the way we live. We are born to announce that he lives and gives new birth and life to all.

Daily Prayer

“Lord, let me know your love and mercy, that I might treat those I’m now judging with more of the love and mercy you show me.”

“Lord, it feels like you are inviting me to take a narrower path today than the one I usually take, following the way everyone around me goes. Help me choose your way with greater freedom and peace.”

There is a real and sustaining joy that comes with a sense of intimacy with our Lord in the midst of our daily, busy lives. It seems only right to take a few minutes at night to give thanks to the Lord for all the gifts of the day that we have been blessed with.



Summer Son Shine Vacation Bible School
‘GALILEE BY-THE-SEA’
A Holy Land Adventure

JULY 16-20 — 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
For 4 & 5 year olds and Grades 1-5

HURRY!

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN

Help is still needed. See Ms. Bauer in the Parish Office

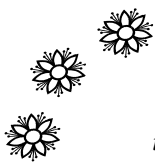
Take Up Your Cross



For every believer in Christ, the cross has a dual symbol. In it we see the horror of inflicted

human suffering. At the same time, because the redemption of the world takes place through the cross of Christ, the cross becomes a sign of the ultimate victory of God.

As members of the body of Christ, the Church, we can unite our sufferings to Jesus' redemptive suffering. Our baptism into the cross of Jesus is present in many of our liturgical practices and devotions. Upon entering and leaving church, Catholics sign themselves the sign of the cross using holy water. At the start of every Mass, we sign ourselves. At the Rite of Acceptance for those coming into the church, the sign of the cross is marked upon their bodies. At the beginning of the Rite of infant Baptism the baby is signed with the cross by parents and godparents. In all of these gestures, we acknowledge the importance of this symbol and our acceptance of the "gospel of suffering." The uniting of ourselves to the suffering of Jesus on the cross.



*"Christ Jesus,
to follow you,
we are called
to suffer as you did.*

*Christ Jesus,
to follow you,
we must deny our very selves.*

*Christ Jesus,
to follow you,
we are called to lose our life
in order to save it.*

***Take up your cross,
deny yourself;
come follow me."***

Highlights of Worship Commission

Meeting on June 11, 2007

- ◆ Teaching mass was well received
- ◆ Ministries and guidelines are online
- ◆ Bev Huellmantel has accepted the role of Vice Chairperson
- ◆ Procedure for cleaning the plates and chalices will be added to the training sessions and the guideline booklet
- ◆ We are in need of new Commission members

Manresa Jesuit Retreat House

For greater growth in the spiritual life; a time of silence and peace

While most Manresa retreats are for either men or women, four special retreats are scheduled for both men and women:

- ◆ July 6-8 Praying with Images led by Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ
- ◆ July 12-15 The Spiritual Journey—St. John of the Cross led by Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ
- ◆ August 3-5 Weekend Retreat for Married Couples
- ◆ August 10-12 Weekend Retreat for Divorced and Separated People

Fr. Jim Serrick, Director of Manresa, invites you to join him on a 12-day tour to Sicily and Italy from November 5-16, 2007. For more information or to register for a retreat, call Manresa at 248.644.4933 or visit the website www.manresa-sj.org.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The question in today's Gospel, "What will this child be?" concerns all parents. We spend years trying to influence and shape the answer, hoping our children will be "strong in spirit" like the Baptist, and also "blessing God" like Zachariah.

FLOWER:

Families Live Out the Word in Everyday Routines

The child grew and became strong in spirit... Perhaps the most common prayer among parents is a prayer for their children, that their children will grow to be healthy, faith-filled, independent adults. We soon discover that if this is our dream and our prayer, then we as parents, godparents, grandparents, and other adults need to talk with one another and be in agreement about what is important. We need to model integrity, truth, and faith in our parenting, nurturing, discipline, and challenges. Our relationship with God will not only direct our way, but also that of our children.



Bakers Needed!

We are in need of homemade cookies to serve our donors, volunteers and Red Cross staff at our upcoming blood drive on Monday, June 25. If you would like to bake for us, please leave your name at the parish office. We will need about 2 dozen from each baker and they should be delivered to church by noon on Monday, June 25.

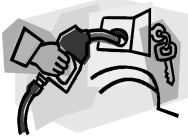
Samaritan House Back-to-School Backpack Drive

It seems as though summer just began but soon it will be time to start preparing for the coming school year. Samaritan House will sponsor their annual Backpack Drive beginning August 1. Backpacks will be distributed mid-August. The following is a listing of items needed so as you are out and about this summer you will know what to buy:

- ◆ Backpacks
 - ◆ spiral notebooks
 - ◆ pocket folders
 - ◆ report covers
 - ◆ wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
 - ◆ binders
 - ◆ children's scissors,
 - ◆ pencils, pens, crayons
 - ◆ watercolor markers
 - ◆ colored pencils,
 - ◆ white school glue, glue sticks
 - ◆ 12" rulers,
 - ◆ \$20.00 gift certificates to Payless
- Shoes or cash donations to purchase these items.

Items may be dropped off at Samaritan House during business hours Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Friday from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Please note that Samaritan House will be closed from July 3 – 9 for the Fourth of July holiday. Samaritan House is located at 58944 Van Dyke in the Alward's Plaza at 27 Mile Rd.

Be the One to Keep Our Blood Banks AND Your Gas Tank Full!



SS. John & Paul will be sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Monday, June 25 from 1:00 – 7:00 PM. **All presenting donors will be entered to win a \$100.00 gas card!** Please help replenish our community's depleted blood supply by signing up today or walking in June 25. Help save lives! Sign up sheets are located in the hallway to the Activities Center. Please take heart and make time to give this vitally needed gift of life!

Project Hope Thanks Us

The following letter is in response to our Mother's Day Flower Sale.

Dear Parishioners of SS. John & Paul,

I was left speechless when I received the very generous donation from your congregation for Project Hope for \$404.00. You'll find this hard to believe, but I had just requested that payment be made for one of the pregnant women we're working with to cover her trailer rent of \$405.00. So often it's the case that I trust that God will provide but actually your generosity and the timing of it was more than I ever hoped for.

We continue to do wonderful things here at Catholic Services and the women we are working with are the most needy I've seen in a long time. Our current state of financial woes in Michigan is truly hurting the most vulnerable of our society. Your gifts, prayers and constant encouragement is what gives us the hope that we can continue our mission of assisting families in need.

All my best to each of you and again my most sincere thanks.

Mary Wade, Project Hope Coordinator



Cultural Diversity Festival

The North Macomb Vicariate Cultural Diversity Team invites you to their cultural celebration on Saturday, June 30 at St. Therese of Lisieux Church at 48115 Schoenherr Rd. in Shelby Twp.

The celebration will begin with mass at 4:30 p.m. with celebrant Bishop Daniel Flores and continue with dinner and music starting at 6:30 p.m.; dancing until 11:30 p.m. There will be food, music, dance and art displays from many countries of the world. Entertainment will be provided by a Flamenco dancer, Polish dancers and much more!

If you would like to share your roots with food, objects to display or music from your heritage, or for more information, please contact Emily Diaz-Torres at 586-484-9038, Mayte Penman at 586-770-0603 or Maureen Aman at 586-242-4250.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Children under 5 years are free. Tickets are available in the Parish office.

Pastor's Perspective

*Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist

As the one who points the way to Christ, the Church has long honored St. John the Baptist. We see this today in how the feast of the birthday of John the Baptist is considered more important than the Sunday celebration of ordinary time. Not even the feast of the Immaculate Conception or Assumption of Mary replace the Sunday celebration as this one does. This feast reminds us that God works in history and people and events can come together in such a way as to permanently mark that history as God's own history. The birth of John the Baptist is one of those times.

*Feast of SS. John and Paul

The brothers and martyrs of Rome who are the parish's namesake have a feast day on June 26th. As our parish's namesake we transfer it to the nearest Sunday, and so we are celebrating not only the birth of John the Baptist today but the lives of these two men. Elsewhere is a description of the icon we have in their honor and of what we know of their lives. At the heart of their lives is the witness that the claim which Christ has on us is always deeper and more important than any other claim. Properly understood, and not necessarily in competition, the claim of Christ is stronger than the claim of family, community, tribe, and nation. These brothers who were martyred for that faith remind us of that.

*Christian Anthropology (continued)

A few weeks ago I opened up some ideas in the area called Christian anthropology—the Christian understanding of humanity, community, and salvation—by looking at the question of what happens to unbaptized babies. [To read those thoughts, you can go online at www.ssjohnandpaul.org and click on “weekly bulletin” and look at the May 13, 20, and 27 bulletins.] I want to explore the same ideas now from a different angle—the reality of people of

other faiths who do not believe in Jesus as the Son of God as we do and who are not baptized. What about them?

The first thing to say is that the Church distinguishes the Jewish faith from other faiths. There is no general statement that can apply equally to the faith of Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and the like. We must remember as Christians that our faith is deeply rooted in the Jewish faith. As St. Paul says, we are “grafted onto” the tree of faith that is from the Jews. We must remember that Jesus was a faithful Jewish man and that all the apostles and earliest disciples were faithful Jews. It is an unfortunate and shaming reality that many in the Church, including bishops and popes, over the centuries oftentimes cooperated in negative stereotypes of Jews, marginalizing them in society, and forcibly pressuring many to convert to Christianity.

Thankfully, the Church now recognizes where it went astray at times and recognizes that God's covenant with his people Israel remains in place. In other words, there is a recognition that if someone is faithful to that covenant as a Jew, the mystery of salvation is at work in them. Christians invite all, including those of the Jewish faith, to the “good news” of life in Christ and to share that life in the visible, historical Church. But this is not done with the sense that Jews must become Christian to “be saved.”

As to the Catholic understanding of other non-Jewish and non-Christian faiths, there have been two main lines of theological thought. The first is sometimes called “exclusivist” and dominated Catholic thinking for many centuries. In that view, such faiths were not the work of God but only of human effort and maybe even demonic at times. The Christian faith is seen as a liberation of such people from the error of their ways and their bondage to the devil. In this view the necessity of baptism, of being a member of the Church, and of rejecting all that came from the previous religion is strongly proclaimed. Without these, the people are lost. The problem with this exclusivist approach is two fold. It lumps

all such religions together in the same folder, viewing them in the most negative light possible. Secondly, it fails to deal with the real goodness, virtue, and historical strength of many of the religions it is condemning.

A second theological approach has been called “inclusivist.” In this view, most religions are seen as positive expressions of the desire for and search for God, each having some elements of the truth. These ‘seeds of the truth’ are to be honored and even Christians can learn from them. Christianity has the ‘fullness of revelation’ and the Christian gospel is to be preached to all peoples. But under this approach one has to be much more reticent in proclaiming that certain people are lost and certain ones are saved. In Catholic circles this approach links to the thinking about ‘baptism of desire’ and recognizes that many non-Christian people might be living exemplary lives and are not to be thought of as excluded from salvation.

This second approach became dominant at the second Vatican Council and continues to this day. The main criticism of this approach is that it still decides what is right and wrong in other religions based on how “close” various elements of their teaching and life comes to the Christian approach. It is thus criticized as tolerating other faiths but not recognizing them as true handiworks of God's Spirit. It is willing to grant that God works beyond the bounds of the Church but tends to see that as pertaining to individual souls rather than the historical religions and their practices.

More next time.

*Scripture Quote

In the psalm response today from Psalm 139 we have one of the most beautiful Scriptural prayers and well worth memorizing: *“Truly you have formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb, and I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are your works, O Lord.”*

Fr. Buersmeyer

HONORING OUR PARISH NAMESAKES JUNE 26, THE FEAST OF SAINTS JOHN AND PAUL

“Apart from their names and the fact that they are Christian martyrs there is little that is certain about these two saints.” [*Butler’s Lives of the Saints*. New Edition, 1997. June volume]

Not much to go on for our parish name, is it? And yet, note the key words that they were ‘Christian martyrs’. They were honored as martyrs, shortly after their deaths (late 4th c.), and the one who is said to have deposited their relics in the current Church of SS. John and Paul in Rome and established a Church over a home there was Pammachius, a well-known friend of St. Jerome and a Roman senator, who lived during the time indicated and certainly could have known of these two brothers. However, there is not enough independent historical testimony from the period to sort out the legends from the facts connected to these two saints, other than that they were martyrs honored for their faithful witness during a time of persecution.

The recorded acts of John and Paul are quite ancient but are of little historical value, since they contains many noticeable chronological errors. But it will be these stories which pass into the “Golden Legends” of the Middle Ages and become the basis for the account that is usually given of their lives: brothers who served in Emperor Constantine’s army, who refused to re-join the military when the later emperor Julian requested and were subsequently put to death at Julian’s command.

The whole story is as follows. John and Paul were brothers and army officers whom the emperor Constantine held in high esteem and so were assigned to the household of his daughter Constantia. Constantine recalled them to active military service against the Scythians and when the army was in danger of defeat they convinced the commander that victory would be assured if he became a Christian (in the medieval legend this was changed to a vow to live celibately). He consented and, according to the story, a legion of angels appeared and victory followed. But when Julian the Apostate become emperor (called such in Christian history because of his renunciation of Christian faith and his return to ancient Roman pagan worship), and they were called back to service, they refused to go to the court to take the oath to serve the Roman gods and offer sacrifice. Julian gave them ten days to reconsider, after which he had them killed by a captain of the guard, Terentius, and buried on the spot. During those ten days the brothers were said to have distributed all they possessed to the poor and thus ready to fully face their fate. The place of martyrdom soon became a pilgrimage site and, according to legend, Terentius’ own son was cured by visiting the site, thus causing the conversion of the martyrs’ executioner to the Christian faith. The date of their martyrdom is not known but 362 A.D. is the usual year given. Their feast day is June 26th.

The devotion to SS. John and Paul grew and remained strong due to two primary reasons. First, because their names were eventually inserted into the Roman canon (what we today call Eucharistic Prayer I) and prayed at every Mass in the Catholic Church for centuries. Secondly, The Church of SS. John and Paul in Rome is one of the ‘stational churches.’ These are churches visited by pilgrims and the bishop of Rome during the Lenten season (Friday after Ash Wednesday for the Church of SS. John and Paul) and so receive significant attention each year. In times past the Church’s Liturgy of the Hours used an image from the Book of Revelation, comparing them to the two olive trees and the two candlesticks or lampstands, which are said to “stand in the presence of the Lord” (Revelations 11:4). And the Magnificat antiphon added “these just men have stood before the Lord and have not been separated from one another,” referring to how they were not just brothers in life but became even deeper brothers by sharing the same faith and same martyrdom.



THE REDWOOD ICON OF SS. JOHN & PAUL

In the fall of 1999 the Parish of SS. John and Paul commissioned Tony Bellomo, a nationally known liturgical artist, to create a rendering of the brothers, John and Paul, for the church. He met with a committee from the parish and read everything that was available about the brother saints. He decided upon a large redwood carving that could be hung upon a wall of the church. As he was playing with different designs he prayed with some of the statements from the Liturgy of the Feast of SS. John & Paul mentioned above.

The icon depicts the two brothers, arm in arm, almost dancing to the Resurrection. If either brother had any doubts about facing martyrdom, they gave each other the *courage to hope*. They knew in the deepest recesses of their hearts that the Resurrected Christ awaited them with open arms and a welcoming smile of victory. The two olive trees of Faith are strong and erupt in massive flames of Light leading all to the joy of Resurrection.

The SS. John & Paul Icon encourages us to live as the Light of Christ, to devote ourselves to serving the needs of the poor, the sick and the broken. It reminds us that we can always live our Christian faith better in community than alone. In serving and loving others we are assured of the promise and glory of the Resurrection. With the witness and help of these two brothers in faith, let us also have the courage to hope.



Meijer Community Rewards Update

We received a check from the Meijers Community Rewards Program for \$80.32 for purchases made in April. So far 214 parishioners have enrolled in this fundraising program, with all proceeds earmarked for the purchase of the new sign on 28 Mile Road. Since April 2004 we've earned over \$6,844, which will almost cover the **entire** cost of the sign, installation and lighting. Thank you for using this fundraising opportunity to benefit the parish.

Just a reminder that effective May 1, 2007, Meijers 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 these past three years. Thank you.

Gordon Foods Fun Funds

We received a check for \$15.81 from Gordon Foods for rebates earned on Fun Funds purchases made by parishioners. Since August 2004, we've earned \$213.04, which will be put toward the purchase of the new sign on 28 Mile Road.

Fun Funds generates cash rebates through Fun Funds purchases made at GFS stores. To enroll, all you have to do is fill out and return the postage paid self-addressed enrollment card. Applications are available in the office or at the store. The rest is easy-just present your Fun Funds card to the GFS cashier when you check out. Thanks for remembering the parish when you shop.

Pray for our sick



Mary Angelosante, Rita Bayer, Suzanne Bawol, Mary Burcar, Bill Cauley, Vivette Clark, Ralph Cleary, Deborah Conn, Chris Del Pappa, Lauren DeNio, Art Donovan, Toni Dutchik, Antoinette Errante, Alojzy Filipowicz, Mark Formanczyk, Krystyna Green, Lora Hardin, Veronica Hartley, Jerry Hyvonen, Janet Johnson, Krissi Kehrig, John Kerr, Hayden Kroll, John LaCroix, Mrs. Fred LaRose, Jacob Main, Bernice Mayer, Agnes Mehlick, Karen Mehlick, Trudy Mehlick, Adele Miller, Larry Newsom, Denise Olejniczak, Leo Osantoske, Sr., John Pakledinaz, Dorothy Puffpaff, Hank Roman, Mary Ruppert, Albert Sabbe, Alice Sabbe, Camille Smith, Michelle Smith, Tommasina Smith, Cecelia Smith, Mary Sorrow, Ken Stempien, Barbara Supina, Duane VanPamel, Elvira

Pray for our military



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

Stewardship Report

June 16-17, 2007

Weekly budget\$11,600.00
 Offertory.....\$7,933.50
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....262
 ESO (15th of month)\$2,057.50
 No. ESO28
Total offertory\$9,991.00

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Debt Reduction / (4).....\$125.00
 Children's Env. / (10).....\$24.75

The Old Testament says that "children are a gift from the Lord." Think about the many gifts that we have been blessed with. How do we thank God for the many blessings in our lives?

Readings for the Week of June 24, 2007

Sunday, June 24:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12;
 Lk 1:5-17
 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26;
 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Monday, June 25:

Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 26:

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 27:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 28:

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b -12, 15-16;
 Ps 106; Mt 7:21-29

Friday, June 29:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19; Gal 1:11-20;
 Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8,
 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday, June 30:

Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53,
 54-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, July 1:

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16; Gal 5:1, 13-18;
 Lk 9:51-62

Sponsor of the Week

Randazzo Fresh Market



Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday

June 24, 2007

Sophie Pieczonka by Balicki Family
 Gus Gerardi by D. Nelson Family
 Jay W. Nelson by D. Nelson Family
 Jerry Stachurski by S. Davis
 Bob & Carolyn Clancy (50th Anniversary) by Family

Monday, June 25, 2007

Ken Willoughby by T. Klakulak Family

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Frances Pewinski by Greenway Family

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

St. Therese in Thanksgiving by
 M.A. Mulvaine

Saturday and Sunday

June 30-July 1, 2007

Andrew VanDamme by E. VanDamme
 Giuseppe Pittiglio by Family
 Emilio & Maria Tersigni by Family
 Ken Willoughby by Krieg Family
 Olga & Josephine Recchia by Family

Liturgical appointments for June 30-July 1, 2007				
	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer
Lectors	N. Peters G. Pagliarella	P. Dobbs G. Bawol	J. Reaume J. Reaume	S. Sabath S. Darga-Martino
Eucharistic Ministers *Captain	L. Foltran* M. Beaudin C. Ginste A. Peters K. Peters	J. Sova* M. Schimmel M. Schimmel M. Sobetski A. Weaver	S. Pospiech* R. Newlin P. Partyka B. Quayhackx P. Quayhackx J. Sabina J. Sabina	V. Klavec* J. Martino S. Wright M. Catalano J. Gilbertson
Altar Servers	—Open—	—Open—	M. Compeau S. Mason	J. Yankee
Greeters	L. Amato C. Hatcher	E. VanPamel A. Weaver	R. Stellute Y. Wojdacki	C. Winde
Ushers	Team #2 M. LaRaia M. Hendershot J. Krieg M. Macha	Team #3 B. Dale E. Fannon S. Krajewski A. Sova R. Chapman	Team #5 L. Monfils M. Bayer B. Janowiak K. Partyka L. Keast	Team #7 B. Cauley R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jiannuzzi M. Bytner
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