

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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

DAY OF ADORATION

Sign up for a time slot for the Day of Adoration on March 18. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar for exposition and prayer throughout the day. We will end with Benediction at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

With individual absolution on March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Several priests will be available.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Can you serve on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or one of the Easter Masses? If so, please sign up on the board.

CAN YOU GIVE AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME?

We're looking for help with our yearly cleaning of the church in preparation of our Easter celebration. If you can help, please sign up on the board.

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.



—Lenten Friday—
**Soup and
Station of the Cross**
March 7, 2008
6:00 p.m.



Please join us for a simple meal of
meatless soup and bread, then pray
the Stations of the Cross

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Next Week

MARCH 9, 11, 12, 14
6:00-8:30 p.m.

Catechetical Area:
**Understanding the
Sunday Eucharist**

Theme:
**How Do We Understand and
Experience the "Real Presence of Jesus?"
What Does That Mean?**

Event:
**Holy Week Day of
Prayer and Adoration**

Dinner Menu:
Meatless pasta, salad & dinner roll

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, March 3:

- *Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- *11:30 a.m. Senior Cards
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells
- *7:45 p.m. Worship

Tuesday, March 4:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *10:00 a.m. Art & Environment
- *5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- *5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells
- *6:30 Gr. 1-6 Lesson Planning
- *7:00 p.m. Building Meeting

Wednesday, March 5:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *7:00 p.m. Evang./Hospitality
- *7:00 p.m. Cantors
- *7:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent/Candidate Orientation
- *7:00 p.m. Budget Committee

Thursday, March 6:

- *7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
- *7:00 p.m. Men's Club

Friday, March 7:

- *6:00 p.m. Soup and Stations

Saturday, March :

- *7:30 a.m. Men's Scripture/Prayer Group
- *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.



Hosting the Elijah Cup this week:

The Pallas Family
8:00 a.m. Mass



FAMILY EASTER EVENT

Saturday, March 22, 2008

11:00 am—12:00 noon

Come enjoy an Easter story and then decorate an Easter bag. We will also gather eggs outside if weather permits. Please bring your own baskets!



Catholic Book Store

The Catholic Book Store will be here next weekend, March 8-9, and will be open immediately following each mass. They will have a display of books, bibles, religious articles, music, and more. Please stop after Mass and pay them a visit



Easter Flower Memorials

To celebrate the memory of a loved one, we are offering the opportunity to make a donation for the flowers and plants which will be used to decorate our church for Easter.

If you do not receive a packet of offertory envelopes because you use on-line banking or ESO and would like to make a donation for the flowers, please fill out this form. If you do receive offertory envelopes, an envelope specifically for an Easter flower offering is included in the packet and you do not need to fill out this form.

CLEARLY PRINT the name of the person in whose name you are making the donation. If you are paying by check, please make it payable to *SS. John & Paul Parish*. Enclose this form and your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flower Memorials". You may drop your envelope in the collection basket or mail, or bring it to the parish office.

Names of those being remembered will be printed in our Easter bulletin. **(The deadline for names to appear in the Easter bulletin is March 16).** Suggested donation is \$10. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

NAME(S) TO BE REMEMBERED:

Your name: _____

2008-2009 Religious Formation Program

September — May
G.R.A.C.E.

Parish Formation Program
For All ages

Next Session: March 9, 11, 12, 14
6:00-8:30 p.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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

Sessions: Mar. 16, 30

No Session: March 9, 23

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

Blindness

Selfishness blinds us to the needs of others. Insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we've caused others. Snobbery blinds us to the equal dignity of others. Pride blinds us to our own faults. Prejudice blinds us to the truth. Hurry blinds us to the beauty of the world around. Materialism blinds us to spiritual values. Superficiality blinds us to a person's true worth and causes us to judge by appearances.

It is not only with the eyes that we see. We also see with the mind, the heart, and the imagination. A narrow mind, a small heart, an impoverished imagination all lead to loss of vision, darken our lives and shrink our world.

Our journey from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith, from darkness to light. Those who have been enlightened by Christ can never again see themselves and their lives in the same light as before. Everything is lit up with an inner radiance. Faith helps us to find our way through the chaos, confusion and darkness of the world. The real journey of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.

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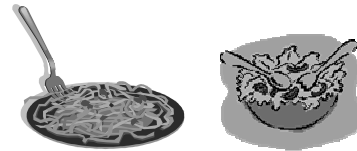
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Church Cleaning

For our Easter Celebration
SUNDAY, MARCH 16
12:30 p.m. (after the 11:30 Mass)

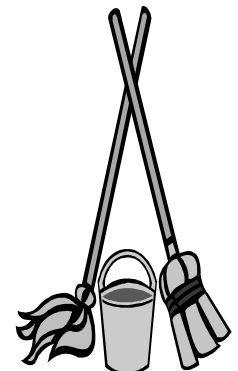


Lunch provided!

As we get our homes ready let's not forget our worship space in which we will celebrate this holy day.

We need many, many hands to help with our yearly cleaning of the church.

If you can give **1 hour** of your time, Please sign up on the board in the hallway.





Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

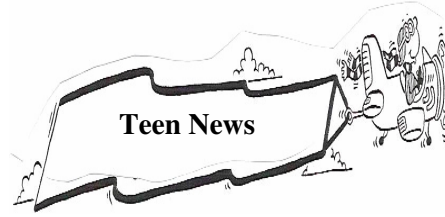
The recycling program at church is well under way and we appreciate the parishioners' use of the recycling bins which are located in each room of the activities building, the sacristy, the office, and the kitchen. We now fill two recycling bins each week for trash day. Please remember to recycle while in the church building.

As reported in the Vol. 17 No. 7 Shelby-Utica edition of C and G Newspapers, there is recycling available for electronics at the Shelby Choi Kwang Do school at 51500 Schoenherr Rd. between 2:00-9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 am-3 p.m. on Saturdays. You can bring televisions, telephones, typewriters, florescent lighting tubes, and any other electronics. You can also bring in old computers, but it is recommended that the hard drive be wiped clean, which can be accomplished at the recycling center. Donations are welcome. The suggested donation for recycling a computer is \$15, with an additional donation suggestion of \$5 if you are requesting that the hard drive be wiped clean. Richard Bole runs the recycling center and requests the donations for recycling costs and to cover the rental of storage space. Bole encourages everyone to recycle their electronics, even if you are not able to afford a donation at this time. All electronics are either reused or recycled. Please call (586) 566-8883 for more information.

Ps. 24:1: *"The earth is the Lord's, and all it holds, the world and those who live there."*

Scholarships Offered by Knights of Columbus

Scholarship application forms and a description of the scholarship application criteria are still available from the parish office. All applications must be completed and returned to the parish office by March 15, 2008 to be considered.



Parent/Teen Meeting Regarding Confirmation

- ◆ Sunday, March 2, after the 11:30 mass **OR** Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. Any questions, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586.781.9488 or e-mail at kpeters@ssjohnandpaul.org.

Help Wanted — 9-12 Grade Teens

- ◆ We are in need of any and all help from the 9-12 graders on Good Friday, March 21. Every year the 9-12 graders present the Stations of the Cross at noon. We will practice for this event on Sunday, March 16, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Please check your calendar to see if you could attend these two dates and give Mrs. Peters a call at 586.781.9488.

Overnight Retreat

- ◆ Grade 9-12 teens, mark your calendars for an overnight retreat on April 25-27. Watch the bulletin for more information.

All Teens and Altar Servers — Cedar Point Trip

- ◆ The Cedar Point trip has been booked for June 25, 2008. Please mark your calendar and watch for more details as the date gets closer.

Rainbow Conference

- ◆ Enjoy the photos from this year's Rainbow Conference. This conference is such a faith-filled experience and a great way for the teens to continue on their journey of faith. A special thanks to Ms. Nicole Peters and Mrs. Donna Picklo who drove and chaperoned the teens this year. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of adults who support the teens.

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Catholic Services of Macomb Announces “Women’s Options”

Catholic Services of Macomb is now offering Women’s Options, a group that provides women with a forum to explore relationships, express feelings and develop or sustain a sense of self esteem and empowerment.

The Women’s Option program will help women to:

- Identify and understand the “red flags” of unhealthy relationships
- Understand the cycle of rage and resulting behaviors
- Develop a sense of healthy independence
- Develop the ability to set boundaries with others

Women’s Options offers support to women age 17 or older who may be in unhealthy or abusive relationships.

If you have any questions, would like additional information, or would like to make a referral, please call Susan Husken, MA, LLPC, NCC at 586-416-2300.

Widowed Men and Women Welcome Spring

Celebrate the coming of spring with *Widowed Friends*, a peer support group of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Come and meet new friends at our *Spring Fever Party* on Sunday, April 6, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the River Crest Banquet Hall on Avon Road in Rochester. Enjoy a buffet dinner, games, entertainment, music, and dancing in a safe setting. Cost is \$25 payable by March 21.

For mailing address or more information, call Claudette at (248) 542-2584 or Gerry (586) 794-0477 as soon as possible.

Blood Drive Results

Thanks to all our donors and would be donors for taking the time to donate or attempt to donate blood at our last blood drive on February 24th. Out of a total of 59 of you, we collected 48 pints of blood, potentially saving as many as 144 lives!

Our gratitude to Mary Adkins as well for helping coordinate the drive and making, with Marcia Capp, an awesome lunch for the Red Cross staff and our volunteers. We would like to also acknowledge our volunteer bakers, Maureen Nowak, Carolyn Clancy, Irene Stavenow, Peggy Benson, Laura Gerds and Cathy and Olivia Radtke. Thanks to your wonderful hospitality, SS. John & Paul is becoming widely known as THE place to donate blood.

And finally, thanks to Eddie Ghidoli and Monica Payne, our own Red Cross Volunteers. We were fortunate to have Monica select our drive to be her last as she is now, after 40+ years, retired from the ranks of the Red Cross volunteers. Thanks for your many years of service Monica! Enjoy your retirement!



The Blue Nuns Go Green!

Please join us on our road trip to Monroe, Michigan on Saturday, April 5, 2008 to visit the IHM Mother house to see first hand this award-winning example of environmentally sustainable design. People have traveled from far and wide to see how the Sisters have transformed this 150 year old institution to the highly functioning, earth-friendly building it is today.

We will leave at 8:00 a.m. from a local place (yet to be determined) and travel to Monroe via carpool. The tour is from 10:00 a.m.—noon, followed by lunch. We will be returning to the Washington area by approximately 3:00 p.m. The fee for the tour and lunch is \$15.00.

This is a vicariate-wide event. If you are interested in going, please RSVP to Kathy at 781-9010 by March 21st.

Fourth Sunday of Lent—Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers—*Operation Rice Bowl*

Jean Denis and Francois are neighbors in Coteaux, Haiti. For years they barely supported their families through subsistence farming. In 2002, they joined an agricultural cooperative organized by Catholic Relief Services and began to see change. They received and planted better seed, diversified their crops, found better techniques for raising livestock, learned to combat erosion, and generated surplus crops to take to market. Now their families no longer face hunger or malnutrition. As Jesus transformed the life of the blind man, so CRS transforms the lives of rural farmers. By giving through Operation Rice Bowl and purchasing Fair Trade products, you support the dignity of workers by ensuring just wages and economic self-sufficiency.

Please remember to return your Operation Rice Bowl to the church by March 14. There will be a receptacle by the parish office doors for the returned rice bowls. Thanks for your continued participation!

Pastor's Perspective

*Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Last week I described the Eucharistic Day and Communal Penance Service which will take place on Tuesday of Holy Week. This time I want to look at Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Before doing so, however, we need to ask “When does Lent come to an end?” The usual answer is Easter (or the Easter Vigil). If you count the number of days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday morning you get 46. Then minus the six Sundays of Lent (because Sunday is never considered a fast day/day of penance), and you get the traditional 40 days of Lent.

But when the Catholic Church revised the liturgy and the liturgical calendar after the second Vatican Council it recovered the importance of the three celebrations of Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and the Holy Saturday evening Easter Vigil. It became clear that these three should be seen as a unified celebration of the central mysteries of our faith—Jesus connection of his life and death to the Eucharist; Jesus' suffering and death on the cross; and Jesus' resurrection. Theologically we speak of these as his “paschal mystery.” As such these three days form their own unity, a mini-liturgical season of sorts called “The Triduum” or “Three Days.”

So, it would be quite proper to consider Lent as ending on Holy Thursday afternoon, prior to Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper. Our Lenten penance comes to an end and we begin a two day fast in preparation for the great Easter Vigil, joining the candidates and elect who are doing the same fast in preparation for their initiation into the Church. One day of that two day fast is mandatory (Good Friday, along with abstinence from meat) and the second day (Holy Saturday) is optional but encouraged.

When the liturgical calendar is viewed this way it brings out the importance of the three central celebrations of Holy Week—the great “Triduum” of Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon, and Holy Saturday evening Easter Vigil. The Church urges its members to participate

in all three, if at all possible, though none are mandated. To so participate is to be brought into the heart of what it means to celebrate Jesus' life, death and resurrection. So mark your calendars and make the effort to participate on March 20 at 7:00 p.m. (Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper), March 21 at 1:00 p.m. (Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion) and March 22 at 8:00 p.m. (Easter Vigil and initiation of new adults).

Holy Thursday begins with the tabernacle empty and doors open (or in our case, since we use the tabernacle for the chapel of repose, removed). Like the Jewish faithful who remove any trace of leavened bread or yeast from their homes in preparation for the new Passover, we remove all traces of the Blessed Sacrament from the Church before beginning this Mass. Why? So that we are confronted with the stark reality that unless we gather in the name of Jesus, listen to his Word, and do what he asked us to do—take, break, bless, eat and become the Bread of Life, his very body and blood—we will not have the ongoing sign of that presence to reserve in the tabernacle.

Moreover, the gospel on Holy Thursday evening doesn't even talk about the institution of the Eucharist directly. Instead it uses John's account of the Last Supper and focuses on Jesus' washing the feet of the disciples. There is no Blessed Sacrament—ongoing presence of Jesus active in the Church—without the Eucharist properly celebrated. But there is no true Eucharist unless we are willing to do as Jesus did and wash the feet (serve) all to whom he sends us.

We contemplate the awesome connection between Jesus' life and the gift of the Eucharist, but only by recognizing we have to let our lives be fully connected to Christ and fully open to being sent out in service by him. At the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper we process as a whole community to the chapel of repose (we set that up in our main hall in the Activities Center) and are invited to spend some time that evening in prayer with the presence of the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament, now once again reserved in the tabernacle. The chapel is open until midnight. This prayer helps us to prepare for the transition to Good Friday and reminds us of Jesus' request

to his closest disciples “Watch one hour with me.”

As the sobering reality of Good Friday dawns we enter a day of fasting, prayer and penance in conscious recognition that we are called by Christ to be ready to lay down our lives for the sake of others. The main liturgy that day is the afternoon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. It is not a Mass or celebration of the Eucharist—by custom no Mass is celebrated on this one day of the year. But it is a liturgy, a gathering of God's people in prayer, so that we might do several things. We listen to and contemplate yet again the awful yet awesome story of his suffering and death. On Palm Sunday we entered into Holy Week listening to and contemplating that passion of Christ through the writings of Matthew, Mark, or Luke (this year through Matthew). Then on Good Friday we do the same through the gospel of John.

We then intercede for the needs of all humanity. The placing of these intercessions after the gospel of the day implies a willingness to place our lives at the service of God for these needs to be met. We then venerate the holy cross to more specifically remind ourselves of the meaning of this ever-present yet never easy to understand symbol of God's love for us. Once again when kissing or touching or kneeling before the cross we are invited to place our lives there in union with Christ. Finally, we receive communion from the Eucharist Jesus has offered with us on Holy Thursday evening. We know that it is only the gift of the Lord's own life that can truly sustain us at the deepest level.

Many of us grew up with the custom of setting aside 12 noon to 3:00 PM on Good Friday as a time of quiet and prayer, perhaps visiting the church or praying the Stations of the Cross. All good practices. But the main liturgy we are invited to be part of that day is the full Liturgy of the Lord's Passion described above. Try to set aside that hour and a half this year and come to the church.

Next week I will look at Holy Saturday, and especially the Easter Vigil.

*March Monthly G.R.A.C.E.: What Does the Church Mean by the “Real Presence” of Jesus?

A little side note: our March G.R.A.C.E. session for the whole

community will focus precisely on that Holy Thursday question of the “real presence” of Jesus. What does that mean? What practices should that lead to at Mass and other times? Join us the week of March 9th (Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday) for this next installment of faith formation for adults and children alike. Grades 1-6 will have their own modules, as will grades 7-8, high school, and adults. Each at their own level will be looking at this Catholic belief in the real presence of Jesus. Join us for an interesting G.R.A.C.E. session.

***The War in Iraq and Catholic Just War Teaching**

Every so often priests of the Archdiocese get together for a seminar on some “disputed theological question” related to Catholic teaching. The most recent one took place last week and was on the question of whether the Iraq war and the current ongoing surge could be considered just, according to Catholic teaching. Mark Latkovic, a moral theology professor at Sacred Heart Seminary, argued both for the just nature of the Iraq war and even more unambiguously for the just nature of the recent “surge”-related developments in U.S. war policy. Michael Hovey, the Director of the Office for Catholic Social Teaching for the Archdiocese, argued just the opposite. That such different conclusions can be reached by theologians comes mostly from two clear facts: (1) Jesus’ teaching on loving enemies and reacting to them nonviolently and the unwillingness of Jesus to use violence in the face of his enemies; (2) The nearly 1600 year Catholic teaching of “just war” that allows pragmatic judgments to be made about the use of force by legitimate authority.

At the end of the 4th century Augustine, one of the earliest thinkers about “just war,” struggled with such ideas in his writings. He knew well the clear teaching of Jesus and the teaching of the Church in the first few hundred years against the shedding of blood, even by members of the military, if they were Christian. But he also saw the effects of various nomadic groups encroaching on the Roman empire as well as the necessity of civil authority to intervene in civil unrest at times. Augustine resolved the dilemma by arguing against the use of violence to preserve one’s

own life alone (thus taking Jesus’ teaching on ‘turning the other cheek’ literally), but arguing for the potential legitimate use of violence by authorities or even individuals when they are protecting the lives of others. Aquinas in the 13th century captured what became the classic understanding of Catholic just war theory, arguing that at times violence can be just not only in defense of others but also in self-defense.

In practice, the earliest pacifist, complete non-violence tradition, which stemmed directly from Jesus, gives way almost completely to the just war and therefore legitimacy of violence approach. So much so that by the twentieth century many Church leaders and thinkers argued that it was immoral for Catholics not to participate in wars that legitimate authority has authorized.

I think it is worth exploring in more depth Catholic teaching in this whole area, and so I will take up these ideas again, over the next few weeks, as space permits. In the end it is clear to me that when we start from a presumption of “just war” rather than from a presumption of “unjust war”, we get ourselves far removed from the teaching and practice of Jesus. On the other hand, the Catholic theological and pastoral tradition about the ability of legitimate authority to use even violent force to protect its citizens is clear-cut. As such we can’t simply dismiss that tradition out of hand. In the end I think it leads Catholics to what has been called “selective conscientious objection”. Not all war/use of violence by legitimate authority is just, in fact most wars are probably unjust at the start and conducted unjustly. But some wars and some use of violence in legitimate defense is just and therefore Catholics can participate in such actions and be part of such groups: military, police, special services, etc.

What are the criteria for evaluating war or the use of violence as “just”? More next week.

May we be willing to do penance not just for our own failings but for the healing caused by others’ sins, especially the sin of violence against those who are innocent.

Fr. Buersmeyer

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

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

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

3:00 Saturday, March 8,15
Monday, March 17 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Or call for a scheduled time

Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Masses on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.,
Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. All with palm blessing and procession

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Individual Confessions from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Mass at 9:00 a.m.
All Day Adoration; 6:30 Benediction
Communal Penance Service at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 20

MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER AT 7:00 P.M.

Prayer until midnight with brief prayer services at 9:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21

LITURGY OF THE LORD’S PASSION WITH VENERATION OF THE CROSS AT 1:00 P.M.

Preceded by Stations of the Cross at 12 noon.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 22

EASTER VIGIL AT 8:00 P.M.

Easter Family Event at 11:00 a.m.
Blessing of Food Baskets at 12 noon.
No 5:00 p.m. Mass this day.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.



A Stewardship Reflection - Lent

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – these are the three traditional Lenten practices. But they also help us prepare for good stewardship. God has given us everything we have, and the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can provide a sobering scorecard of our use of these gifts – and new insight on how to use them in the future.

Time is one of God’s most precious gifts. Prayer provides a way to give back to God some share of the time that He bestows on us. It is also a very powerful way to make ourselves available to God. We can then see more clearly the ways He is calling us to use the many other gifts with which He has blessed us.


Fasting, the voluntary abstinence of food or some other gift of God, helps us realize just how abundantly we have been blessed. Voluntarily doing without something we like reminds us of its value and prevents us from taking it for granted. Gratitude for God’s gifts is a foundation to stewardship, and fasting – even if for a short time – reawakens us to the great generosity of God.

When we give away that from which we fast, we are doubly blessed. Almsgiving allows the poor to be fed from our hunger, the needy to be helped by the generous giving of our abundance. Almsgiving can take many forms. Perhaps we volunteer our time at a soup kitchen or help at a homeless shelter. We also can use our talents as a teacher to substitute for a religious formation class or add our voices to the Easter choir. Maybe we could contribute the cost of the cups of coffee or cans of soda we consume to purchase something for our monthly food drive.

May the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us realize how very good God has been to us and inspire us to share our many blessings with others.

Pray for our sick

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| Mary Angelosante | Trudy Mehlick |
| Rita Bayer | Adele Miller |
| Jean Brudzinski | Samantha Nelson |
| Mary Burcar | Larry Newsom |
| Bill Cauley | Lori Newsom |
| Ralph Cleary | Denise Olejniczak |
| Chris Del Pappa | Leo Osantoske, Sr. |
| Lauren DeNio | John Pakledinaz |
| Art Donovan | Carl Pallas |
| Antoinette Errante | Alex Polzin |
| Jack Gehrholz | Dorothy Puffpaff |
| Krystyna Green | Marie Richard |
| Geri Hammer | Hank Roman |
| Lora Hardin | Theresa Romero |
| Ruth Hunsucker | Mary Ruppert |
| Janet Johnson | Albert Sabbe |
| Yolanda Kaufman | Sylvia Schult |
| Molly Keffalo | Jeff Simpson |
| John Kerr | Camille Smith |
| Hayden Kroll | Michelle Smith |
| John LaCroix | Tommasina Smith |
| Fred LaRose | Cecelia Smith |
| Mrs. Fred LaRose | Mary Sorrow |
| Vito Loconte | Steven St. John |
| Jacob Main | Betty Staller |
| Bernice Mayer | Barbara Supina |
| Antoinette McBain | Charlie Trombly |
| Agnes Mehlick | Richard Waluk |
| Karen Mehlick | Betty Waligore |




February 23-24, 2008

Weekly budget\$11,600.00
 Offertory\$9,950.22
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....305
 ESO (30th of month).....\$2,177.00
 No. ESO30
Total offertory\$12,127.22

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)
 Capital Imprv. / (4).....\$210.00
 Children’s Env. / (7).....\$6.87
 Church in Europe / (3).....\$25.00
 Easter Flowers / (3).....\$85.00

**YTD Offertory
as of 2/29/08**

YTD Budget.....\$436,633.00
 YTD Offertory\$417,150.00
 Shortage/Surplus\$19,483.00



Readings for the Week of March 2, 2008

Sunday, March 2:
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14;
 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday, March 3:
 Is 65: 17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4: 43-54

Tuesday, March 4:
 Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5: 1-16

Wednesday, March 5:
 Is 49: 8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5: 17-30

Thursday, March 6:
 Ex 32: 7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5: 31-47

Friday, March 7:
 Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 8:
 Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7: 40-53

Sunday, March 9:
 Ez 37; 12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8: 8-11;
 Jn 11: 1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Pray for our military



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

Sponsor of the Week

On the Level Roofing



Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday March 1-2, 2008

Louis Scarpaci by Family
Lorraine Darga by Martino Family
Ken Willoughby by Family
Walter Gurgul by P. Otto Family
Blaise & Frances Pewinski by Family

Monday, March 3, 2008

Maria Amennuno by Maltese Family
Pasquale & Celestino DePalma by Maltese Family

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Dorothy Dawood by Fields Family

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

George Mottram by Pospiech Family

Saturday and Sunday March 8-9, 2008

Nellie Putrow by Hammer Family
Clemente Truden by A. Truden
Daniel Stavenow by Family
Walter Gurgul by P. Otto Family
Clare & Isaac Giffin by Family

Liturgical appointments for March 8-9, 2008				
Mass	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	G. Pagliarella N. Peters	J. Resutek J. Giffin	M. Greenway J. Marino	S. Brunet C. Gregory
Eucharistic Ministers *Captain	D. Peters* D. Peters K. Peters A. Peters Deacon John	R. Schultz* A. Ferrario B. Huellmantel P. Sagert R. Sagert	R. Newlin* J. Loebs A. Murray P. Quayhackx B. Quayhackx B. Greenway Deacon John	K. O'Neill* P. Dutchik J. Gilbertson E. Goble D. Jiannuzzi
Altar Servers	M. Campbell T. Culver	—Open—	M. Sabat O. Cali J. Trombley	N. Delcourt G. Ellis
Greeters	M. Hendershot M. Hendershot	S. Boettcher T. Boettcher	D. Bernia M. Hoenle	K. Waligore C. Winde
Ushers	Team #1 B. Diebboll L. Foltran R. Pewinski J. Wright	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 J. Gehrholz
Collection Counters	Team #2 — Trudy Amore, Marcia Capp, Jeanette Casteels, Katherine Doskocz, Bill Herman, Jerry Pospiech, John Sabina, Christine Winde			