

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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

SHARING TREE

Take a tag from one of the ten charities on the tree and return your gift by Sunday, November 30.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Join us as we celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, at 9:00 a.m.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Donate blood next Sunday, November 23, from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in the Activities Center.

ADVENT LITURGY

All are invited to a brief Advent liturgy of prayer, meditation and song next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in Church.

POINSETTIA SALE

Support our teens as they sell Poinsettias the weekend of December 6-7. Proceeds benefit youth group activities.

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.

Catholic Book Store, Work of Human Hands, K of C Christmas Hands, Today in the Activities Center



Wisdom Bytes

“Cremation...What the Catholic Church Teaches”

Presented by Fr. David Buersmeyer

Sunday, November 16

Immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Repeated again

Monday, November 17

Immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass

The first of a new series of adult formation opportunities is here. In response to many questions about what is the Catholic teaching on different topics, we have decided to address those concerns in a series of brief sessions (usually 30-45 minutes). The session will be held in Room C (right next to the coffee and donut room).

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, November 17:

- *Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- *11:30 a.m. Senior Cards
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells
- **Wisdom Bytes* adult formation topic "Cremation—*What the Church Teaches*" after 7:00 Mass.

Tuesday, November 18:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *7:00 p.m. MCREST orientation for volunteers
- *5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- *5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells
- *7:00 p.m. Cantors

Wednesday, November 19:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *4:00-6:00 p.m. Reconciliation Interviews
- *7:00 p.m. MCREST orientation for volunteers
- *7:00 p.m. Parish Council

Thursday, November 20:

- *7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
- *7:00 p.m. Usher Training
- *4:00-6:00 p.m. Reconciliation Interviews

Saturday, November 22:

- *8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- *3:00 p.m. Confessions
- *Gr. 7-8 WIND Conference

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.



MCREST Orientation

All MCREST volunteers must attend one Orientation Night on either November 18, 2008 or November 19, 2008.

The Orientation Night starts at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service followed by MCREST training. 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 volunteers. 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.

Advent Taize Service

All are invited to a brief Advent liturgy of prayer, meditation and song. This will take place on Sunday, November 23, at 4:00 p.m. and will focus on our spiritual preparation for the Christmas season. The liturgy will be ecumenical in nature, incorporating a variety of traditions, including the music of the Taize community.

Parishes in the vicariate have been invited to join us for this quiet break in the rush of preparation for the holiday. Join us in the church at 4:00 p.m. on November 23.



Christmas Resale! WOW!

Another huge success at taking your generous Christmas donations and turning it into a monetary profit for MCREST and a gift to those who might need cheering up during the holiday season. Our cash profit for MCREST is nearly \$1400. This will be used to insure the needed funds to run our upcoming MCREST week in December. The gift it became to others included Christmas trimming donations to the Romeo Nursing home, the Winston Group Home in Washington Twp., the Agape Center in Romeo, the Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul Society.

As usual...none of this would be possible without the generosity of you, the parish family. The items donated were beautiful...clean, often never used, and in very good condition. And we received SO many boxes of goodies. We are sorry some of you didn't get your items here in time, but we literally ran out of room to display them. Hang on to them for a few years and we will again put this project on the calendar (but not next year).

A big thanks to the hard working Hospitality Committee and their friends for all their hours to help us unpack, organize and display your donations. A special thanks to Peggy Loyson, Marilyn Weathers, and Agnes Weaver for co-chairing this event.

2007-2008 Religious Formation Program

G.R.A.C.E.

Parish Formation Program
For all ages

September—May

EARLY CHILDHOOD

3 1/2 to 5 yrs. old

Sundays 9:30 a.m.

October—April

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

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Interviews:

November 19/20 & December 3/4
between 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Books Collected On:

November 24/25 at
age-specific sessions



Celebration of the Sacrament

Saturday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

A postcard will be mailed out to all families with confirmation of interview and sacrament dates they have chosen.

Scripture

Prayer

Vocabulary

Concepts

Grade 1-6 Age Specific Fall Session #3

Monday, November 24, 4:45-6:00 p.m. OR

Tuesday, November 25, 4:45-6:00 p.m.

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

Remaining Fall Date: December 1/2

Winter Dates: January 26/27, February 2/3, 23/24, March 2/3

If you have a child preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation—all green books will be collected at this session. Please remember to send this book with your child on his/her day of attendance.



**Preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist
Wed/Thurs., January 21/22
6:30 p.m.**

Many of you have called to ask about when this preparation will begin. All families who have children eligible from grades 2 through 6 will receive a letter in the mail after the first of January inviting you to sign up for either one of the above evenings.

What Have You Been Doing With Your Faith?

Matthew 25:14-30

In our Gospel reading this weekend three persons are given money with which to invest or do something profitable. It is the same with us. Faith in Jesus has been entrusted to us and one day we will be asked, ‘What have you been doing with all that I have given you during these years of walking with Me?’

In our reading two invested heavily in the works of faith, that is, reaching out, self-sacrificing, caring, living the beatitudes. But what happened to result in the third person being ‘thrown out’? This person buried his/her faith for fear. If we believe, in a loving God, how good do we have to be? What is the place of fear in our relationship with God? Does faith demand perfection? Does God?

The two who did something in faith, received even more faith and the one who fearfully held faith, even what that person had, was lost. If faith is not lived out, we can lose it.

The faith-life is certainly an adventure. We believe that Jesus is returning from His journey, but we are on our own still. It seems when we walk in trust of God’s care, we grow deeper in trusting. With others we do the same. Trusting is not just an idea that exists in our minds, but it is a way of living. Trusting does not mean that all will go well; that’s the adventure of it.

Forgiving another person can increase faith. Being meek, a peacemaker, suffering insults are forms of the inner adventure of faith. Faith, as with love, is shown in deeds and in sharing what one has received. We can look at our deeds, but with faith and hope we will receive and share even more with the next adventure.



How the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 Can Benefit You and the Parish

Helpful Tips on how you can realize Tax Benefits by Making a Direct Charitable Distribution from your IRA

If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, this money is taxed as ordinary income. However federal legislation enacted on October 3, 2008 permits you, for the remainder of 2008 AND throughout 2009, to make a direct gift from your IRA to the parish or other qualified charity. This gift counts toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution.

For each of the years 2008 and 2009 you can exclude up to \$100,000 from your gross income for distributions made directly from your traditional IRA to a qualified charity. For married couples, each spouse can make a distribution from his or her IRA under the same provisions

The distribution must be from your IRA, not a 401(k) or other retirement plan. However, consult with your financial or tax advisor about the possibility of transferring funds from one of these other plans to establish an IRA with the distribution to charity coming from the newly established IRA.

The IRA distribution must be a direct charitable gift and not a distribution to a donor-advised fund, a charitable remainder trust or for a charitable gift annuity.

If you would like to take advantage of these income tax savings and support the parish, please review the following tips on how to handle your charitable gift correctly:

- ◆ Contact your IRA custodian or representative *before* making a gift to arrange for the proper transfer of funds from your IRA to the qualified charity. The check that is issued from the IRA must show that it is made *payable* to the charity.
- ◆ If you have elected to have income tax withheld from your normal IRA distributions, advise your IRA administrator not to withhold taxes from distributions to charity.
- ◆ While this topic is fresh in your mind, ask your attorney and financial advisor how to make the parish a beneficiary of your will, trust or IRA.

For more information about how you and the parish can benefit from an IRA charitable giving rollover, please contact the parish office at 781.9010.

These helpful tips are only for your information on this change in the IRA law and are not to be considered as legal, tax or financial advice. You should consult with your legal, tax and financial advisors to implement the benefits of this new law and related matters.



Attention All 9-12 Graders

- ◆ Registrations for the RAINBOW Conference are now being accepted. If you did not receive a packet and would like one, or if you have questions regarding the conference, please call Mrs. Peters 586.781.9488.

Attention Parents of 7-8th Graders

- ◆ If you can drive and chaperone the WIND Conference on November 22, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586.781.9488. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Teen Youth Group Session

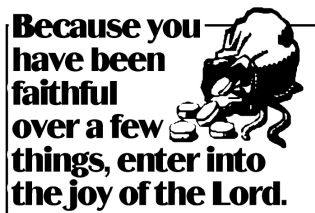
- ◆ Bring a friend and join us on Sunday, November 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will have a guest speaker talking to us about MCREST.

For Widowed Men And Women

Widowed Friends, a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men and women of all ages to...

...Join us on Sunday, November 23, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. for a pre-Christmas pot luck party. It is being held at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, 40900 Romeo Plank at Canal Road. Cost is \$5.00 plus a dish to pass. Meet new friends in a safe setting. Must RSVP by November 18 to Angie at 586.786.9760.

...Register early and receive discounted rates by December 31. Attend 2-days, 1 night, includes meals or a 1-day Learning Expo including 3 workshops and lunch being held on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29 at St. John's Retreat Center in Plymouth. Speakers, group discussions, a healing service, social time and much more. Discounted rates range from \$25-\$99. Call Rose at 586.726.0844 or Justine 734.455.6939.



Sunday, November 16, 2008
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sharing Tree Time!

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL SHARING TREE GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS
MUST BE RETURNED TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30!**

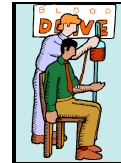
National Donor Sabbath Weekend

During this National Donor Sabbath weekend, faith communities throughout the country honor those who have given the gift of life through organ, tissue and eye donation. Did you know:

- One donor can save and enhance the lives of up to 50 people.
- There is no age limit for donation, nor any medical history that prevents signing up on the Donor Registry.
- Last year, 862 Michigan patients received a life-saving organ transplant, and nearly 1,000 received the gift of sight through cornea transplantation.

Organ donation, both from a living and a deceased donor, are permitted by the Catholic Church so long as there is no "excessive risks" to the donor, according to the [Catechism of the Catholic Church \(No. 2296\)](#). "To donate one's organs is an act of love that is morally licit as long as it is free and spontaneous. To be an organ donor means to carry out an act of love toward someone in need, toward a brother in difficulty. It is a free act of love, of availability, that every person of good will can do at any time and for any brother. As for myself, I have agreed to give my organs to whomever might be in need." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Please prayerfully consider organ and tissue donation. Talk it over with your family members and discuss your wishes. Sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry at www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call 800-482-4881.



Help Save a Life Next Weekend

Our next American Red Cross blood drive will take place on Sunday, November 23 from 8:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Please consider, perhaps in gratefulness for your own life, giving the gift of life during this season of harvest and thanksgiving. To donate, you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. If you believe you can't give because of medication you are taking, check with a physician or a qualified Red Cross staff person. Many medical conditions and medications do not prevent you from donating.

You may schedule an appointment by signing up on the poster on the bulletin board, calling the parish office or by visiting www.givelife.org and entering your zip code or our sponsor code, sspjch. Walk-ins are always welcome!



Bakers Needed

We are in need of homemade cookies for our upcoming blood drive on November 23. If you can donate two dozen cookies, please call the office and let us know!



Health Notes: *Move To Be Healthy!*

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, more than 60% of Americans do not get enough regular exercise. Advantages to exercise include: weight control, maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints; reduce high blood pressure risk and diabetes; promotes psychological well being; reduces risk of heart disease and premature death. Exercise can be as easy as parking a little further and walking a few extra steps or taking the stairs instead of the elevator.

So.... **MOVE** to be Healthy!

Pastor's Perspective

*G.R.A.C.E. Follow-Up on the Liturgical Year

In our monthly G.R.A.C.E. session this past week we explored one of the essential aspects of our Catholic History and Tradition—the Church's Liturgical Year. Allowing the meanings and rituals associated with the different liturgical seasons to intersect with and be integrated into our lives, can bring greater depth and meaning to us. Our waking, eating, working, schooling, shopping, playing, driving, reading, and so on is able to take on a "God-given" significance and richness. Specifically, in entering into the spirit of the liturgical year, our lives become more deeply connected to the life, death, resurrection, and mission of Jesus Christ.

The liturgical year is centered, in the first place on Sundays, the Lord's Day, celebrating the resurrection. Bringing that weekly pattern into our lives provides the framework for the liturgical year. The earliest Christians had no specific liturgical year other than gathering early in the morning on Sundays, to listen to God's Word, share a meal, and celebrate their identity in Christ.

The first season of the Church year that developed as a complement to Sundays was that of Easter and the days prior, a way to highlight what Sunday was about, remembering more specifically the final days of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and helping new Christians enter into those mysteries more fully. Christmas and a season of preparation for the Lord's coming gets added, then many further holydays, feasts and memorials of martyrs and other saints.

In particular we are finishing the current Church year and preparing for the new one which begins at Advent. Next Sunday we will celebrate the 34th or last Sunday in Ordinary Time. But it is designated also as the Solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI made this a universal feast for the Church in 1925, as a way to counter the growing atheism and anti-Christian attitudes emerging in the world at that time. The feast of Christ the King now ends the Church's liturgical year, bringing with it a sense that, no matter what we have experienced in the last twelve months, we will gain strength and meaning by

remembering that Christ is Lord of our lives. Let Christ be King so that his death and resurrection can counteract any false priorities we might be tempted to embrace.

In two Sundays we will then enter a new Church year with the Advent season. The colors change (to deep purple), the readings focus on preparing for Christ's coming, even the music changes (no Gloria). The home packets had a number of suggestions for keeping the Advent season. As we get busy about the holidays, keeping the spirit of the Advent season acts as a balance to the materialism and false sentimentality of the ads, in the stores, on the radio and TV. Advent as a season helps us to slow down and reflect more deeply on what it means to be prepared for the Lord's coming—not just in remembrance of his birth, but here and now into our lives, and one day in the fullness of his second coming.

Join us next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for a meditative-style prayer in preparation for the Advent season. With songs and readings, we will be drawn into the beauty and deeply reflective nature of the season of Advent.

Some of the material we used in the G.R.A.C.E. session is available on the website (click on Faith Formation and then G.R.A.C.E. Archives), but much more is available in the home packets we prepare for each monthly session. I strongly encourage all adults to be part of some of these monthly sessions. They are a great way to deepen our Catholic understanding. Then use the home packet to further explore the topics.

*Wisdom Bytes: What Does the Church Teach about Cremation?

The first of our "Wisdom Bytes" focuses on the question of cremation. This Sunday (today) after the 9:30 Mass, repeated on Monday after the 7:00 p.m. Mass, it will be no more than 35 minutes long. That is why we are calling them "bytes": small bits of information on the Church's tradition or teaching which can be of interest to Catholics. Future offerings will depend on your own questions and concerns, or topics that arise because of something that happens in the Church or the world. Let us know what would be of interest to you. Below is a brief overview of cremation for those who cannot attend the sessions.

In the last century or so, although still a minority, a growing number of people began to choose to have their bodies cremated rather than buried. In Europe, especially at the end of the 19th century, the practice was associated with the Freemasons and so was looked upon with suspicion by Church authorities, when these groups sought legal permission for cremation in Catholic countries such as France or Italy. Many Church authorities, therefore, cautioned against it, even though it wasn't forbidden by Church teaching. They feared that people would begin denigrating the Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the body. But cremation itself was not and is not forbidden.

In recent decades the practice of cremation has become very common in the United States and so the bishops of the U.S. asked for an indult (special permission) to add a section to the funeral rite, specifically for cremated remains. In 1997 permission was given to add an appendix on cremation to the official "Order of Christian Funerals." In that appendix the introduction reads in part: *"Indeed, the human body is inextricably associated with the human person, which acts and is experienced by others through that body."* And specifically of Catholic Christians, it reminds us that the body of the deceased in also *"the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the Bread of Life. Thus the Church's reverence for the sacredness of the human body grows out of a reverence and concern both natural and supernatural for the human person. The body of the deceased brings forcefully to mind the Church's conviction that the human body is in Christ a temple of the Holy Spirit and is destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead."*

Notice the great respect the Church gives to the human body, because it is seen as a temple of the Holy Spirit, an icon of the full human person who lives and acts through that body. Although our faith makes it very clear that our present human body is not the same as the resurrected body—our mortal bodies go to dust and that dust eventually scatters—the full funeral ritual of mourning the death of a loved one includes a profound connection to the body of the person who has died. For that reason the introduction on cremation

goes on to say: *“Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites.”*

Thus the overall pastoral wisdom the Church offers for all Catholics, no matter what happens to the body afterward, is to have the funeral Mass or service in the presence of the deceased body. The prayers and rituals make more sense when the body is present. There is a greater, visceral connection to all that the person is and has done, in most such instances. This means that when funerals are pre-arranged, Catholics are asked not to cremate the body until after the funeral. Moreover, the Church still highly values and honors the actual burial of the body and prefers such a practice, although making it clear that cremation is acceptable and not wrong.

What should happen to the cremated remains? In the same introduction to cremation the ritual states: *“The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.”*

In other words, the Church’s ritual for funerals discourages many of the sentimental practices that people initially want to do with the ashes. The deep concern that we never forget to reverence the person by reverencing the body that was the person’s, leads the Church to strongly encourage burial or entombment of the cremated remains, just as it does for the body itself.

Granted that the Church prefers that the body be present for the funeral liturgy, what if someone has already been cremated. Can the Catholic funeral liturgy be celebrated for the person?

And can/should the remains be present? The quick answers are “yes” and “yes.” Although the Church encourages cremation only after the funeral liturgy, it recognizes that there can be any number of reasons when cremation had to take place before the funeral liturgy. When that happens the funeral liturgy and its prayer are to be adapted to reflect that fact and the cremated remains may be present and blessed at the liturgy, if the local bishop allows it. [NB: In Michigan all the bishops allow it.]

In brief, funerals with the body present, followed by burial of the body remain the Church’s preferred way of honoring the dead. However, cremation is allowed and understandable. If possible, the Church asks that cremation not be done until after the funeral. When the cremated remains are ready, the Church asks that they be properly honored and buried or entombed. If the cremated remains are ready before the funeral liturgy, they may be present at the liturgy.

A final, personal note. I want to discourage the practice of having the burial and/or cremation quickly with no service and then scheduling a funeral liturgy for Saturday or another convenient day, with no body present. A family does not have to have visiting and can reduce the cost of a funeral by simply having the funeral liturgy at the church without visiting in the day(s) beforehand. But the body can still be present and then buried (or sent for cremation). Although each person has their own experience, after presiding at almost one thousand funerals as a priest, I can tell you that there is usually a big difference in the strength and healing that a funeral liturgy provides, when the body is present.

***Formation Day in Saginaw**

I will be leading a formation day for pastoral ministers in the diocese of Saginaw this coming Saturday. For that reason I will not be available for a funeral that day only. If necessary we will find another priest to be at a funeral Mass, if one is needed. The topic for the formation day is “Catholic Wisdom When Making End-of-Life Decisions.”

Let us continue to remember all who have died. May God give them the fullness of peace and joy in God’s kingdom.

Fr. Buersmeyer

A Mission: Possible Moment...

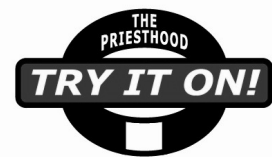
Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel that those who are faithful in small matters will be given great responsibilities. Many of us serving in ministry today can reflect back on our own “small” responses to the Gospel call, which led us eventually into greater responsibilities.

Perhaps we volunteered as a catechist and then found ourselves called to serve as a Director of Religious Education. Joining the parish choir may have led to greater involvement in music ministry and the need to study liturgy. Maybe our service in the parish food pantry called us to reflect on Catholic social teaching, which, in turn, inspired a desire to work for justice.

We invite others to join us in the vineyard even “in small matters.” Perhaps this may lead, for those open to the call, to greater responsibility for furthering the Reign of God.

How have you responded thus far to God’s call? Do you feel nudged toward “more?” Might lay ministry in the Church be worth exploring? Visit our website at missionpossibledetroit.org for further information.

—Patricia Rennie, Dean of Sacred Heart Major Seminary Institute for Ministry



*“Well done, good
and faithful servant...”*

How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, call Father Tim Birney at the Vocation Office at 313-237-5875, or visit the vocations website at www.vocationsdetroit.org.

Handy Little Chart

“You Say, God Says” Bible Versus

- ◆ You say: “It’s impossible”; God says: “All things are possible” (Luke 18:27)
- ◆ You say: “I’m too tired”; God says: “I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28-30)
- ◆ You say: “Nobody really loves me”; God says: I love you (John 3:1, 6 & John 3:34)
- ◆ You say: “I can’t go on”; God says “My grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9 and Psalm 91:15)
- ◆ You say: “I can’t figure things out”; God says: “I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- ◆ You say: “I can’t do it”; God says: “You can do all things” (Philippians 4:13)
- ◆ You say: “It’s not worth it”; God says: “It will be worth it” (Romans 8:28)
- ◆ You say: “I can’t forgive myself”; God says: “I forgive you” (John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
- ◆ You say: “I can’t manage”; God says: “I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)
- ◆ You say: “I’m always afraid”; God says: “I have not given you a spirit of fear” (2 Timothy 1:7)
- ◆ You say: “I’m not smart enough”; God says: “I give you wisdom” (1 Corinthians 1:30)
- ◆ You say: “I feel all alone”; God says: “I will never leave you or forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5)

Stewardship

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November 8-9, 2008

Weekly budget.....\$11,700.00
 Offertory \$10,158.10
 No. Sunday envelopes used260
Total offertory\$10,158.10

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (9)\$270.00
 Children’s Env. / (8)\$17.00
 Holy Day / (11).....\$345.00
 CCHD / (1).....\$5.00

The “worthy wife” described in today’s first reading is a perfect example of active stewardship, reaching out her hands to the poor and extending her arms to the needy.



Readings for the Week of November 16, 2008

Sunday, November 16:
 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128;
 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday, November 17:
 Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 18:
 Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 19:
 Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 20:
 Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149; Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 21:
 Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 22:
 Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 23:
 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23;
 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Pray for our sick

Mary Angelosante	Agnes Mehlick
Alana Aynse	Adele Miller
Jennie Barla	Linda Murphy
Rita Bayer	Samantha Nelson
Mary Burcar	Denise Olejniczak
Bill Cauley	Leo Osantoske, Sr.
Ralph Cleary	Carl Pallas
John Patrick Cuttle	Ken Petty
Timothy J. Cuttle	Alex Polzin
Gloria Dean	Doris C. Procopio
Chris Del Pappa	Dorothy Puffpaff
Lauren DeNio	Anthony Randazzo
Morris Duhaime	Pat Rea
Antoinette Errante	Marie Richard
Jack Gehrholz	Theresa Romero
Geri Hammer	Albert Sabbe
Lora Hardin	Sylvia Schult
Ruth Hunsucker	Bill Shevela
Yolanda Kaufman	Jeff Simpson
Molly Keffalo	Camille Smith
John Kerr	Michelle Smith
Leonard Koskodan	Tommasina Smith
Daryl Kraemer	Mary Sorrow
Hayden Kroll	Steven St. John
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Vito Loconte	Charlie Trombly
Fr. Jerry Machlik	Richard Waluk
Jacob Main	Betty Waligore
Bernice Mayer	Patricia Wyatt
Antoinette McBain	Beatrice Zellen

Pray for our military



Noel & Greg Ales	Jonathon Krusinski
Nick Bassett	Chris Krusinski
Augie Biache III	Teija Kinnunen
Mike Boback	Paul McGowan
Steven Chauvin	Matthew McLocklin
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Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday November 15-16, 2008

Walter Gurgul by P. Otto Family
Arthur Donovan by Thiel Family
Elizabeth Schindler by Krieg Family
Francesco Martino by Family
Paul Klein by Family
Pasquale & Carolina Vani by Family

Monday, November 17, 2008

Irene Deutsch by B. Gonska Family

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Ray Hoenle by Family

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Altese Family by A. Perazza
Lois Nelson by Huellmantel Family

Saturday and Sunday November 22-23, 2008

Joan Martino by Family
Lorraine Darga by Martino Family
Gerald Hatcher by C. Hatcher
John Agosta by Family
Bernice Castiglione by Pospiech Family

Liturgical appointments for November 22-23, 2008				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant/ Homilist	Fr. Sayes Deacon John	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer Deacon John	Fr. Buersmeyer
Lectors	B. Conlon P. Brunet	A. Loyson J. Sova	J. Golochowicz K. Brunner	S. Dickens J. Puzzuoli
Communion Ministers *Captain	Deacon John C. Ginste* F. Diebboll T. Klakulak M. Klakulak	A. Weaver* P. Loyson E. Sova M. Sobetski B. Huellmantel	Deacon John S. Zellen* L. Zellen J. Witek D. Zabkowski L. Zabkowski P. Fields	K. Puzzuoli* E. Goble C. Gregory D. Jiannuzzi K. O'Neill
Altar Servers	S. Dickens D. Pointe	T. Sova	M. Compeau S. Mason N. Mason	C. Sabath C. Bousho
Greeters	M. Hendershot M. Hendershot	C. LaRose M. Mullin	B. Brunner B. Golochowicz	H. Maher M. Maher
Ushers	Team #1 L. Foltran R. Pewinski J. Wright	Team #3 B. Dale S. Krajewski A. Sova R. Chapman	Team #5 L. Monfils M. Bayer B. Janowiak K. Partyka L. Keast M. Chmielewski	Team #7 B. Cauley R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jiannuzzi M. Bytner J. Gehrholz
Collection Counters	Team #4 — Tom & Mary Ann Klakulak, Joe Martino, Larry & Marilyn Weathers, Ron & Debbie DiDomenico			

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Weekend Masses	Weekday Masses
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Monday
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.,	9:00 a.m. Tuesday
9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.	and Wednesday

Parish Registration

New parishioners may register after each weekend Mass or Monday through Friday at the parish office

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00-3:30 p.m. of after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Baptisms

Please call the parish office for arrangements and parental preparation dates. Contact office at least 3 months prior to Baptism

Weddings

Please notify office at least six months (one year if not registered) prior to wedding date to arrange for marriage preparation

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