

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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

SHARING TREE GIFTS DUE

All gifts for the Sharing Tree are due today!!

POINSETTIA SALE

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

SIGN UP FOR DAY OF ADORATION

Sign up for a half hour prayer time slot during the day of adoration on December 8 beginning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and continuing throughout the day. Benediction will be at 6:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY — DECEMBER 8

Masses for this holy day will be at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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.



Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, December 1:

- *Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- *11:30 a.m. Senior Cards
- *4:45-6:00 Gr. 1-6 Fall Session #4
- *7:45 p.m. Worship
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells

Tuesday, December 2:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *Art & Environment after 9:00 Mass
- *4:45 & 6:30 Gr. 1-6 Fall Session #4
- *5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- *5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells

Wednesday, December 3:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *4:00-6:00 Reconciliation Interviews
- *7:00 p.m. Evan./Hospitality

Thursday, December 4:

- *4:00-6:00 Reconciliation Interviews
- *7:00 p.m. Men's Club
- *7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Saturday, December 6:

- *1:00 p.m. Special Needs Ministry
- *3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communal Penance
- *3:00 p.m. Gr. 7-8 Scavenger Hunt and Christmas gathering

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.



Baptism

Noah Patrick Sebastian baptized on November 23, 2008 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Welcome to our parish family!

**Immaculate Conception
And Day of Adoration
December 8, 2008**

**Masses for the holy day will be at
9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

—All Day Adoration—

The Blessed Sacrament will remain on the altar throughout the day beginning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please sign up on the bulletin board for half hour prayer slots throughout the day

6:30 p.m. Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal Penance Services

- Saturday, December 6
at 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 16
at 7:00 p.m.

Individual Confessions

- Saturday, December 6, 13, 20, 27
from 3:00-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 23
from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Vocation Committee Invitation:
“Advent”-ure As Families Toward
“Christ”-mas Presence**



First Week of Advent

It is the mission of the Vocation Committee to remind us that as baptized Christians we are “called” to be Christ-like people. We thought for Advent we would do a four week calling to an “Advent”-ure of “Christ”-mas Presences. The first week will be dedicated to husbands/fathers, the second to wives/mothers, third to children, and the fourth to the family.

FATHERS AND HUSBANDS

There is an old saying, “The best gift a father can give to his children is to love their mother.” There is another saying, “The best gift is a gift of self.” With this in mind, we challenge you to come up with “special” ideas that fit these sayings.

Some ideas...extra “I love you”, clean the garage, encouraging statements, foot massage, learning something new together, a prayer walk, an evening of music, do whatever is asked of you right away...and we are sure these are just the tip of your creativity. God bless and happy “Advent”-uring. Watch for side effects!!

QUALITIES OF A FATHER (from Christopher New Notes)

Here are some of the characteristics a good father needs to develop:

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| A father loves | A father sets standards |
| A father is present | A father forgives |
| A father shares himself | A father is patient |
| A father listens, teaches, and cares | A father makes mistakes |
| A father gives example | And a father inspires |

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.

Grade 1-6 Age Specific Fall Session #4

Monday, December 1, 4:45-6:00 p.m. **OR**
Tuesday, December 2, 4:45-6:00 p.m. or 6:30-7:45 p.m.

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



Looking for Christmas Help

**1) Sunday, December 21
after the 11:30 a.m. Mass**

Lunch will be provided.

We need help with putting up the many pre-lit Christmas trees in the sanctuary of the Church.

**2) Tuesday, December 23
after the 9:30 a.m. Mass**



On this day we will need help decorating the rest of the church.

Sign up

for either of these on the
bulletin board in the hallway.

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Interviews:

December 3/4
between 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Sacrament

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

OR

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

**Preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist
Wednesday or Thursday
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.



As we begin Advent...

...we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth. We begin Advent with our longing, our desire and our hope.

***Come, Lord Jesus! Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.***



Poinsettia Sale December 6-7

The teens will be selling poinsettias for the holidays on December 6-7. All proceeds go to help support teen events. Please support our teens! Thank you!

A Couple of Things From Deacon John...

There are ups and downs in a lot of things these days, particularly if you look at the financial markets. That can be true in our work of trying to follow the Gospel message. Sometimes everything fits together perfectly and then there are those other times. God understands that and is always there even in those challenging times.

That crossed my mind as we put together the prayer service for the people with special needs. The first session was a wonderful surprise. We had close to 20 people there and we had a great time. There were smiles on all their faces. However, the time for the next session arrived and no one came except the trusty volunteers. But, the set back did not last too long. We won't stop, just pray that the spirit moves a few people to join us next time. Our next session is Saturday, December 6, at 1:00 p.m.. Please, if you know someone that would like to join us let them know. We'd love to have them. There will be prayer, games, refreshments and those smiles!

We also plan on having a session Saturday, January 3. We're doing themes for the seasons. We'll talk about Advent/Christmas in December along with God as my guide in the New Year.

As a reminder, the men's prayer group still meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m...yes that is in the morning! There is wonderful conversation, prayer, and sharing. We'll be meeting on December 13 and 27. Please consider joining us.

We are all in the waiting mode looking for that light who is Jesus. Enjoy this wonderful Advent season.

Deacon John



Men's Club

The Men's Club continues to meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Activities Center. They gather to play cards and socialize. They are always looking for new members.

Feel free to attend on the first Thursday of any month. There's no need to sign up—just call the parish office to make sure they are meeting that day. The next time they will be meeting is December 4 at 7:00 p.m.



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 at 586-781-9488.
- The teens will gather and serve the meal and do the clean up for the MCREST Dinner on Sunday, December 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All teens **MUST have a permission slip signed** before you can attend this event. Please call Mrs. Peters if you should have any questions.
- 9-12 grade Christmas Gathering will be held on Sunday, December 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a friend and join us!

7th & 8th Grade Community Service Project:

**Take it...
then leave it!!!**

- The 7th & 8th grade teens will be doing a service project along with a Christmas gathering on Saturday, December 6, from 3:00-7:30 p.m. The teens will be on a **CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION SCAVENGER HUNT** to help support the Samaritan House. All teens must have a permission slip signed and completed before attending this event. **All permission slips are due in the office by December 1. No late permission slips will be accepted.** If you would like to help with this wonderful event by being a chaperone and driver, please call Mrs. Peters at 586-781-9488.

MEET AT CHURCH. THE SCAVENGER HUNT WILL BE FROM 3:00-4:30 P.M.

WE'LL CELEBRATE 5:00 MASS TOGETHER FOLLOWED BY PIZZA AND GAME NIGHT. BRING A FRIEND AND PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO HELP WITH DRIVING. PERMISSION SLIPS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.

Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons, and other church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, telephone 866-343-8055. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner.

This tollfree telephone number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people, and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes, and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with complaints not involving clergy or church personnel should refer to the archdiocesan web site at www.AODonline.org for contact information for civil authorities.

FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND DECEMBER 6 & 7



Please bring your non-perishable,
unexpired food donations!
Requested items for the month of
December are:

Canola Oil, Cereal, Hot Chocolate, Oatmeal,
Beef Stew, Saltine Crackers, Jam/Jelly, Frosting,
Apple Juice, Coffee, Canned Fruit, Laundry Soap

All other non-perishable food items and toiletries,
health & hygiene items are gladly accepted!

Thank you for your generosity!



Soup Kitchen News

Thanks to everyone who participated and donated food in October. Once again, the soup kitchen volunteers outdid themselves. We served a delicious spaghetti lunch.

Our next meal will be served on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. We will serve a spaghetti lunch with salad and fresh fruit. **Donated items should be delivered to the parish kitchen no earlier than Sunday, December 14th. Please mark your bags SOUP KITCHEN.** Please call Pat Sagert (586.781.7035) or Barbara Jarzembki (586.336.1450) to see what is needed.

The Soup Kitchen team meets at 8:30 a.m. SHARP the day of the lunch at SS. John & Paul and leaves via car-pool to the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen at 8:45 a.m. God bless you for your continued generosity.



Celebrating MCREST's 20th Anniversary

*Serving the Homeless
Since 1988*



The Chenille Sisters will perform at a Christmas benefit concert to celebrate MCREST's 20th Anniversary on December 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at Warren Consolidated Schools Performing Arts Center at 12901 Fifteen Mile Rd., Sterling Heights. Tickets are \$30.00 and \$20.00 (Afterglow for an additional \$15.00) and are available at (586) 415-5101 or www.mcrest.org. All proceeds will benefit MCREST.

Pastor's Perspective

*Happy New Church Year!

On this first Sunday of Advent, as we begin the new Church liturgical year, we look in hope toward the fulfillment of the kingdom of God and realize how far we are as a world from that fulfillment. In turn this calls us to both hope and patient yet expectant watching and waiting. Now no one needs to take literally Jesus' second coming is close at hand. You are not forbidden from so believing but that is not the point of the Church's prayer "Come, Lord Jesus" or its teaching on the second coming of Christ (called in Greek the *parousia*).

Our belief that Christ will come again one day in fullness is a recognition that we live "between the times." We know something of that fullness in knowing Christ and his way, in following that way as baptized members of his Body, and especially in the connection to that fullness in the divine liturgy of the Mass. But we also are very aware of how we lack fullness of faith, hope and love. We are aware of how the world does not embrace the justice of God's kingdom over merely human justice. We know that Christ calls us to a deeper commitment to that kingdom.

As Advent calls us to patient and watchful waiting, as it calls us to "prepare the way of the Lord," let us enter into the spirit of the season by taking some time for quiet reflection and deeper prayer. Advent is not Lent. It is not a penitential season primarily. It is a reflective season, a quieting down and contemplative season, so that when we celebrate yet again the remembrance of Jesus' birth on Christmas, we have done more than simply shopped, decorated, had parties, and so forth. We will have allowed the Spirit of God to work in our hearts, loosening the attitudes and anxieties that keep us far from the kingdom of God.

*The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

I call your attention again to Monday, December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. As mentioned last week, during the last 30 years or so, when a holyday of obligation falls on a Saturday or Monday, the bishops usually remove the obligation to attend Mass, although still encouraging people to celebrate on those days, if at all possible. The feast of the Immaculate Conception is an exception to this practice, because it is the most significant of the Marian feasts for this country. The Church of the United States was dedicated to the patronage of Mary the Immaculate Conception many years ago. Thus Monday, December 8th will remain a holyday of obligation.

*Day of Eucharistic Adoration

Last year we added a day of prayer and Eucharistic adoration to the Advent season on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will do so again this year. After the 9:00 a.m. Mass that day we will keep the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar and ask that people fill in the time slots throughout the day for prayer. Adoration will end with a 6:30 p.m. Benediction service, followed by another Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 7:00 p.m.

Such a day fits within the spirit of the Advent season and its reflective mood. Keeping the Advent season on Sundays and other days at Church and at home through Advent wreaths and other practices does not eliminate the hustle and bustle around us. Rather, it provides a haven of peaceful contrast that encourages us to wait, be patient, hope, and prepare before we go crazy with our celebrations.

*Communal Penance Service with Individual Absolution

The first of our communal penance services with individual confession and absolution takes place this **Saturday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m.** If you plan on celebrating the

sacrament of Reconciliation that day, please be here by 3 o'clock. It will last about one hour. The children who have prepared for first Reconciliation have the choice between this celebration and the one later in the month (December 16th). A couple of extra priests will be here to help me with the time of confession. Remember, in communal celebrations of the sacrament, unlike the individual ones in the reconciliation room, the focus is on preparing together, sharing a common penance, and praying for one another, not on an extensive confession. Think about ways your life has strayed from full trust in God and, in a few words, express those sins and your sorrow directly to one of the priests. If you have need of a longer time for confession or are dealing with serious areas, please try to come to one of the scheduled times for individual confession instead.

*End-of-Life Decisions (continued)

Last week I presented a case study of a woman who had respiratory problems and didn't want to be on a ventilator (last week's bulletin is available online at ssjohnandpaul.org). The son initially placed her on one, at the encouragement of the doctors, but then followed his mom's desire and had it removed. Was her request morally justifiable? Did the son do the right thing in not fighting his mother's wishes? Is a ventilator (or assisted nutrition and hydration) ordinary or extraordinary according to Catholic wisdom (remember that only if something is judged ordinary for the situation is it morally obligatory)?

The heart of the case study, I think, is the difference for why the son first put her on a ventilator and then later didn't fight having it removed. When the woman was rushed to the hospital, there was no clear sense of what the underlying causes for that specific episode were. Would it have been morally wrong to honor his mother's prior stated wish never to be on a ventilator and never start that procedure? No, since she had as history of struggle in this area and her beliefs about not being on a ventilator were clearly known

in advance. But it was quite prudent of her son to allow some time for diagnosis, as long as he was willing to discontinue the treatment at a later time.

In that sense putting the woman on a ventilator at her age, condition, and expressed desires on the issue would be considered, according to Catholic wisdom, extraordinary treatment and therefore not mandatory but certainly allowed. More specifically it was probably a prudent thing the son did, in spite of going against his mother's initial, expressed wishes (I am assuming he had the durable power of attorney to make health care decisions and she was unconscious at the time the decision needed to be made). After all, in some situations the doctors might have found an underlying, treatable cause that would then allow the woman to live with better health and no ventilator in the future. In this particular case they did not, but one could not know that going into the diagnosis.

Once the mother was again conscious, alert and able to make her own decision, then the decision passed to her and she was adamant yet peaceful about not being on a ventilator. Being extraordinary treatment there is no moral concern about her refusing such treatment, including removing treatments that had been started previously, even though she knew in all likelihood death would result relatively shortly. During the time from removal of the ventilator till her death ordinary treatment would be all those measures—pain management if necessary, cleanliness, speaking with her, holding her hand, keeping her hydrated if her body didn't resist that—that is, all measures that treat her as a cherished person, respecting her full human dignity.

What about removing the ventilator (or feeding tubes, etc.) once they have been started. Isn't that causing a death? No, the same weighing of reasonable hope of benefit and undue burdens might lead initially to trying a treatment and then saying "Enough!" Removing such treatments that are keeping someone breathing or fed in an assisted way is not the reason for the death. The underlying illness is. In

other words, one can make judgments about what is ordinary or extraordinary only in a given situation. When that situation changes (the hoped for benefit fades or the burdens unduly increase), then the treatment can pass from ordinary to extraordinary. It should be noted that the reverse can happen as well. If the underlying cause of the woman's respiratory failure had been something unrelated to being on a ventilator for very long and so could be treated relatively easily, even if she needed to be on a ventilator for a very brief time, the judgment for using a ventilator might pass from one of extraordinary treatment to ordinary treatment.

Four things to note from the tradition of Catholic wisdom in this area concerning the above example and moral analysis. One, the judgment of the competent person (or proxy if underage or incompetent) is to be followed unless clearly against moral teaching. That is why the woman could have refused any ventilator at the beginning of the episode and been morally justified. She was competent to do so and at her age and condition it was morally acceptable as well. Secondly, for most treatments there is no one universal answer. Many people in the woman's situation would do what she did. Many, on the other hand, would want a ventilator. One group is not right and the other wrong. Rather, each person has to try to make decisions which fit into their overall sense of how God is asking them to live their life or be at peace as he/she moves toward the end of life.

Thirdly, there is no pre-judgment about what is considered ordinary and what is considered extraordinary because it depends on the specific situation and specific patient. Fourthly and related to the previous one, there is a difference between what is *morally* ordinary or extraordinary and what is *medically* ordinary or extraordinary. Medically, common treatments are often termed ordinary or specific protocols for treating specific illnesses are the "ordinary" treatment. Experimental treatments or less-tested methods are considered medically extraordinary. But in the moral judgment realm, it is not how

often a procedure is used that gives the final judgment but the specific circumstances related to the judgment of the competent person. The more tried and successful a treatment option is can have some impact in the sense that such treatment might begin to have greater hope of benefit and can become less costly with less recovery time and so less burdensome. But even the most common procedures can become extraordinary in a specific case, if they no longer are a benefit to the person or are an undue burden, which often happens near the end of life.

On all the above the recent Vatican interventions and teachings of U.S. Bishops concur. But as mentioned last week, they have a worry about the spread of euthanasia and assisted suicide, and so have at times begun to categorize especially assisted nutrition and hydration as "in principle ordinary care." To pre-judge a treatment as ordinary or extraordinary is a shift from the previous long tradition. In what situations in particular have some of the bishops and the Vatican spoken out? Two in particular. The first is when someone is in what is called a permanent vegetative state, and there seems to be a broad consensus from the teaching authorities that assisted nutrition and hydration is in almost all such instances morally ordinary and so obligatory. The second, and here there is no clear consensus, is to label assisted nutrition and hydration as in principle ordinary treatment, when death is not imminent. I will take up each of these in the weeks ahead.

*Scripture Quote

"Yet O Lord you are our Father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." (Isaiah 64:7)

We hear this beautiful passage in today's first reading. Notice the way it connects to the Advent season: by saying yes to God we go from being unfocused "lumps of clay" to finished works of art. Advent is a season to see what is unfinished in us and other people and to cooperate with God's shaping us into a more complete work of art.

Fr. Buersmeyer



“Father, we are the work of Your hands”

Is God’s work in you to be of service to Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office, Fr. Tim Birney, 313.237.5875 or visit www.vocationsdetroit.org.

Come Away Vocation Days

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit Vocation Office, *Come Away Vocation Days* are days of input, information and reflection for young women ages 18-35 who may be considering a call to religious life.

They will be held on Saturday, December 6; and on Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. followed by Mass at Mary’s Manor, 27405 W. Ten Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, at Middlebelt and Inkster Roads. Contact the Vocation Office at 313.237.5875 for information on how to register.



Wedding Banns

Raechel Ann Grabski and Shane Lloyd Fockler
— December 19, 2008

Stewardship

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Offertory figures for
November 22-23, 2008
November 29-30, 2008
will appear in the
December 7 bulletin

Weekly budget.....\$11,700.00
Offertory
No. Sunday envelopes used
Total offertory

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / ()
Children’s Env. / ()
CCHD / (1).....

How can we live out stewardship in our lives? Here are a few ideas: Attend G.R.A.C.E., receive the sacraments, read scripture, serve as an usher, examine your conscience, recycle, give thanks.



**Readings for the Week
of November 30, 2008**

Sunday, November 30:
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 1:
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2:
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3:
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4:
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5:
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6:
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 7:
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

Pray for our sick

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

**Pray for our
military**



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| Noel & Greg Ales | Jonathon Krusinski |
| Nick Bassett | Chris Krusinski |
| Augie Biache III | Teija Kinnunen |
| Mike Boback | Paul McGowan |
| Steven Chauvin | Matthew McLocklin |
| Andrew Eppens | David Newberry |
| Eric Eppens | Ryan Ribant |
| Tony Gentilia | Thomas Schmidt |
| Michael Kaminski | Vincent Titeriga |
| David Krzycki | Daniel Trendell |

Sponsor of the Week

This week’s sponsor is **Theut Products**. Please see their full ad on the back of the bulletin. And remember to patronize all of our sponsors because they make this bulletin possible!



Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday November 29-30, 2008

Julia Bennett by Cooke Family
Lorraine Picklo by Family
Melvin Partyka by Family
Leon Skuratowicz by Wolick Family
Saverio & Ida Lancia by Family
Michael & Laura Pittiglio (25th Anniv.)

Monday, December 1, 2008

Irene Deutsch by R. Dodge Family

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Frances Dick by M. Dale Family

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Kathleen Thomson by Parents

Saturday and Sunday December 6-7, 2008

Clemente Truden by A. Truden
Frances Meschini by L. Maniaci Family
Rosalia Cilluffo by A. Truden
Maria Schreli by P. Dutchik & K. Waligore
Louis Ranelli by Wife
Pauline Otto by P. Otto Family

Liturgical appointments for December 6-7, 2008				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant/ Homilist	Fr. Buersmeyer Deacon John	Fr. Buersmeyer Deacon John	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes
Lectors	P. Brunet B. Conlon	S. Bawol P. Dobbs	K. Brunner T. Fletcher	M. Catalano S. Darga-Martino
Communion Ministers *Captain	Deacon John K. Peters* A. Peters A. Zotter W. Zotter	Deacon John G. Bawol* A. Ferrario P. Sagert R. Sagert	B. Quayhackx* P. Quayhackx P. Partyka S. Pospiech J. Reaume J. Sabina J. Witek	P. Dutchik* K. O'Neill J. Martino E. Goble S. Goble
Altar Servers	N. Hepner	—Open—	T. Anderson J. Anerson M. Sabat N. Skelly	A. Stirzinger
Greeters	A. Polzin E. Polzin	L. Weathers M. Weathers	H. Witek B. Brunner	K. Waligore C. Winde
Ushers	Team #2 M. LaRaia M. Hendershot J. Krieg	Team #4 R. Giffin K. Grunewald B. Huellmantel H. Susalla	Team #6 B. Burcar B. Cammarata J. Pospiech B. Schulz J. Gerds	Team #8 L. LePage C. Klapeck R. Kopera J. Kretchman K. McBride J. Pyke D. Waligore
Collection Counters	Team #1 — Bill & Bev Huellmantel, Ken Grunewald, Catherine LaRose, Moira Mullin, Eddie Ghidoli, Hilary & Grace Susalla			

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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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