

# This week!

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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

## SHARING TREE TIME

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

## WISDOM BYTES

"Cremation—What the Catholic Church Teaches". Join us after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on November 16 or after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on November 17 for this adult formation session.

## CATHOLIC BOOK STORE, WORK OF HUMAN HANDS, AND K OF C CARD SALE NEXT WEEK

All three groups will be here next weekend. Visit them in the Activities Center after Mass.

## CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

See what's "New and Noteworthy", read past issues of our bulletin, find links to other sites. Go online and see for yourself—[www.ssjohnandpaul.org](http://www.ssjohnandpaul.org). Please visit our website weekly to keep abreast of what's new and noteworthy.

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**E**veryday

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

*November Theme:*  
**Liturgical Church Year —  
How It Forms Us As Church**

*Catechetical Area:*  
**Identifying With the Catholic Tradition**

*Event:*  
**Starting A New Church Year**

- ◆ What is the liturgical year?
- ◆ What are the meanings of the symbols and rituals of the liturgical seasons
- ◆ How can the church year make a difference in our lives?



*Menu:*  
**Mostaccioli, Salad  
Rolls & Drink**



**Next G.R.A.C.E. : January 11, 13, 14 or 16**  
*Theme: Year of Paul*

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

**Monday, November 10:**

\*Mass at 7:00 p.m.  
\*7:45 p.m. Adult Bells

**Tuesday, November 11:**

\*Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
\*6:00-8:30 p.m. G.R.A.C.E.

**Wednesday, November 12:**

\*Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
\*6:00-8:30 p.m. G.R.A.C.E.

**Thursday, November 13:**

\*7:00 p.m. Adult Choir  
\*7:00 p.m. MCREST Team Leaders

**Friday, November 14:**

\*6:00-8:30 p.m. G.R.A.C.E.

**Saturday, November 15:**

\*9:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Catechist Formation Topics  
\*3:00 p.m. Confessions

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**Regular Parish Office Hours**

Mon. - Wed .— 9 :00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday—12:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Sunday — 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



We are pleased to welcome those families who registered during the month of October, 2008:

Anthony & Mariann Abate and their children Nicolette and Anthony

Daniel & Adriana Geffert and their children Daniel and Madeline

Gregory & Jana Lantzy and their children Vincent and Jacob

Ryan & Rosemary Gibbs

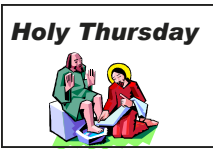
John F. Janowski

# G R A C E

## The Liturgical Year

This month we explore the meaning / cycle of the Liturgical Year. The Church celebrates the mystery of Christ from the Incarnation until the day of Pentecost and the expectation of Christ's second coming. The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. The presence of the Risen Lord and his saving work is felt throughout the entire Liturgical Year: Advent, the Christmas Season, Lent, the Easter Season, Ordinary Time and special feast days of the saints.

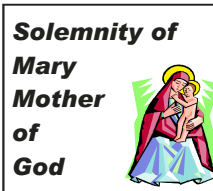
The following images are examples of feasts that we celebrate during the Liturgical Year. Write the order number on the blank in front of the picture and then draw a line to match the picture with its meaning from the second column.



This feast celebrates the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus and ends the Christmas season.



This day celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead.



We remember all the people who have lived lives of holiness and closeness to God and who are now with God in heaven.



Triduum (the 3 days before Easter) begins today and the Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated.



January 1st: The most ancient feast honoring Mary as the mother of Jesus.



June 26: This feast celebrates the martyrdom of the two brothers who our parish is named after.



The 4 weeks that begin each new liturgical year as we prepare for the coming of Christ.



The fiftieth day after Easter when the Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

*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 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.

**THEOLOGY AS SACRED TRADITION  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

Presenter: Fr. David Buersmeyer

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER  
IN THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

Presenter: Diane Bucko

**SS. John & Paul**  
**Saturday, November 15**  
**9:00 a.m.—2:15 p.m.**

**ALL ARE WELCOMED!**

9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Topic #14: Theology as Sacred Tradition

Presenter: Fr. David Buersmeyer

or

Flex Topic C: The Church at Prayer in the Eucharistic Celebration

Presenter: Diane Bucko

11:30 a.m.—12:05 p.m.

Light lunch will be served.

12:15 p.m.—2:15 p.m.

Topic #19: Catholic Social Teaching

Presenter: Fr. David Buersmeyer

To Register—Return to:

Mary Ann LaRaia

St. John and Paul Parish

7777 28 Mile Rd.

Washington, MI. 48094

586-781-9010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Check Topics you wish to attend.

Fee of \$10.00 per topic requested with registration. Walk-ins: \$15.00

Topic 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Topic 19 \_\_\_\_\_ or Flex Topic C \_\_\_\_\_



#### Attention All 9-12 Graders

- ◆ Early bird registration for Rainbow is due on November 10. 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. If you do not make the early bird registration, you can still go...with an additional fee.

#### 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.

#### Attention All Who Work With Youth

- ◆ There are workshops going on that will help you with teaching the youth, dealing with behavior problems, etc. going on at St. Therese of Lixieux in Sterling Heights. The workshops are put together to help those working with junior high and high school teens in any form. Each workshop runs from 7:00-9:00 p.m. every Thursday and will run until November 13. If you can make one workshop, or all, you will find it very beneficial. There is NO cost to you, just show up at St. Therese or call Karen Peters for more information.

#### 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



### Do You Need Some Yard Work Done?

On November 15, the teens will be busy! If you have any yard work you are not able to do such as raking, pruning, cleaning up flower beds, etc., please call the parish office (586.781.9010), tell us what you need done, and we will be happy to help you with your task. Likewise, if you would like to help as a worker for the yard clean up, please call the office.

### *Wisdom Bytes* **“Cremation...What the Catholic Church Teaches”** Presented by Fr. David Buersmeyer

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). We host our first session on **Sunday, November 15, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass**. The session will be held in Room C (right next to the coffee and donut room). The session will be **repeated after the 7:00 p.m. Monday evening Mass on November 16**.

### 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.

### Catholic Campaign For Human Development (CCHD)

**What is the CCHD?** CCHD was founded in 1970 as the Catholic Church's anti-poverty program in the U.S. For almost four decades, CCHD has promoted acts of solidarity with the poor and supported grassroots programs aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty.

**What does CCHD do?** CCHD funds community-based programs created and managed by low income people. The programs consist of anything from campaigning for policy changes in labor or housing, to reforming education curricula, to tackling other issues at the root of poverty in America. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, interact with those affected by it, and reflect on our faith response to it.

**Where do the funds come from?** CCHD's primary source of support comes from a once-a-year collection held in parishes all across the United States. The annual collection is an opportunity to build solidarity between the poor and non-poor. Because of the funds donated by you, CCHD is able to provide grants to make long-term changes in communities across the country. Twenty-five percent of the collection stays in the diocese for local anti-poverty programs.

**What should I do?** You are essential to CCHD and can make a difference in three ways: (1) **DONATE**. Your generous and prayerful donations in the collection and throughout the year are vital to the anti-poverty mission of CCHD. (2) **LEARN**. You can help by taking advantage of the awareness programs CCHD offers to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as member of the Church. (3) **PRAY** for the mission of CCHD and an end to the harsh cycle of poverty. Your solidarity with the poor of the U.S. makes CCHD's goals possible.

Please use the envelope you received today to make your donation next week and please be generous. Visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).



### Sharing Tree Time!

Our annual Sharing Tree is up this weekend. Please note:  
**ALL SHARING TREE GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS MUST BE  
 RETURNED TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30!**

### Help Save a Life this Holiday Season

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

The holidays are critical times for blood banks. With fewer drives occurring and more people on the road traveling, the supply is much lower than the demand. Please 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.

You may schedule an appointment by calling the parish office or by visiting [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and entering your zip code or our sponsor code, ssjpch. Walk-ins are always welcome!



### Catholic Book Store, Work of Human Hands Sale, and K of C Card Sale



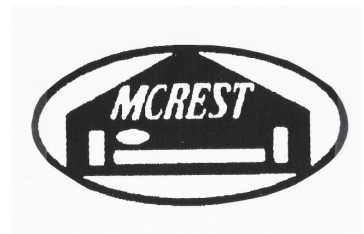
Please make a point of visiting the Social Hall next weekend, November 15-16 after all the Masses. The **Catholic Book Store** will be here with a wide selection of books, including Advent reading material, bibles and religious articles available for sale.

The **Work of Human Hands Sale** showcases fairly traded crafts, chocolate and coffee made by skilled artisans in developing regions of the world. Each purchase you make helps these artisans and farmers maintain steady work and a sustainable income so that they can provide for their families. The one-of-a-kind Christmas items, house wares, baskets, jewelry or food items you purchase at the sale will enrich your life and help a family in another part of the world look toward a brighter future.



The Knights of Columbus #7018 is again pleased to provide you with the opportunity to participate in the **“Keep Christ In Christmas” card program**. Cards are printed on quality stock, are offered in a number of languages and reflect the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please direct any question on the K of C sale to John Arnoske at 586.752.2881.

Look for displays by all three groups in the Activities Center after all the Masses.



### ◆ MCREST Oreintation November 18-19, 2008

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.

### ◆ MCREST Volunteers Needed

We still need more volunteers to make our host week successful. We especially need more adult male and female volunteers for Guest Assistance.

The Volunteer Sign-Up posters will be posted again on the weekend of **November 8-9, 2008 and during the GRACE program next week**. This will be the final week to sign up for volunteering because Team Leaders must organize their teams and mandatory orientation is on **November 18 and 19, 2008**.

Please volunteer and join us in welcoming our guests. We need you!!

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*The Church's Liturgical Year: The Focus for This Month's G.R.A.C.E.

Physicists talk about "time's arrow". Even though the physical universe makes mathematical sense, whether time is moving forward or backward (that is, either type of universe is coherent and theoretically possible), we are in a universe where, on the large scale, time always seems to be moving in one direction—forward. Eggs that are dropped splatter; splattered eggs don't re-assemble spontaneously in our hands. If time's arrow holds true, then all those science fiction plots which involve going back into time and changing the course of history will always remain a fiction. Philosophers have also talked about the direction of time in their own way, using terms such as "linear time" or "historical time". We move forward in time, moment by moment, integrating all that has gone before us into each present moment, shaping the future.

Interestingly, we humans have never been satisfied that such a linear or directional view of time is the most meaningful understanding of time. Probably it has to do with the fact that the arrow points for each of us to only one end—death—and humans have rarely allowed death to determine one's ultimate meaning. Instead, human societies always look for rhythms and patterns which open up more meaningful, deeper experiences as we go about our historical lives. We give such rhythms a significance that is more than the forward progress of linear time.

For example, we look at the alternation of dawn and dusk and invest meaning in light and darkness. We look at the waxing and waning of the shape of the moon and invest meaning in the lunar cycle of months and the quarterly pattern of weeks in a lunar month. We look at the sun's position in the sky in the course of those months and invest meaning in yearly events and annual remembrances. We give importance to historical and sometimes even legendary events which bring identity to a community (think of July 4<sup>th</sup>) and we weave annual feasts and celebrations around them. Linear, historical time—

the forward movement of time's arrow in all of our lives—is not the deepest way to understand life. We know that linear time can be intersected by other experiences of time, which connect us more fully to a community, to past events, to alternative futures, and such experiences make living in the present moment much richer and more meaningful. To be human is to be immersed in historical time but capable of transcending that linear view at any moment with one that is more cyclic.

Over the centuries the Catholic Church has been one of the most powerful actors for connecting historical, linear time to something much deeper. Unlike some religions, the Church's faith places great importance on the one historical life that each person gets to live. That is why life is so precious and sacred and deserving of dignity, respect and protection. That is why we have a moral obligation to use resources to help all humans, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, to live healthier, more fully participative lives. We only get this one chance. At the same time the Catholic Church has developed a rhythm of events, seasons, and feasts which form an entire "liturgical year." It is overlaid on the 12 month calendar year and on the four natural seasons of the year, inviting us to recognize and experience that God's grace, the very kingdom of God, can break into our lives at any and all moments. In that sense, historical, linear time is the vehicle for something much greater and richer and significant. It is the vehicle for the kingdom of God breaking into the world.

Embraced fully and lived well, the Church's liturgical year helps us to live not just long lives or another year of life, but to live each day, week, month and year well and deeply. Embraced fully the Church year intersects our lives with grace and surprise, joy and hope, strength and courage, in the midst of ordinary, everyday, historical life. Our linear time, the forward movement of time's arrow, becomes an experience of "God's time," which transcends the present moment.

The earliest Church had no liturgical year other than the Jewish calendar of feasts and celebrations and

the Roman empire's civic calendar. Continuing to celebrate these calendars in daily life, the earliest Christians overlaid other patterns, beginning first with Sunday, a commemoration of the Lord's death and resurrection. Since it was a regular work day in that time, they had to gather very early at dawn, before the work day started, to come together in prayer and fellowship, to reflect on God's Word, to share the bread and wine in remembrance of the Lord, as they were taught by the apostles. This feast on the "Lord's Day" intersected their regular work week, giving it infinite significance no matter the person's station in life—slave or free, male or female, Jew or Gentile. The weekly significance of gathering as a community of faith, inherited from the Jewish weekly Sabbath, becomes the cornerstone of the eventual Church liturgical year. Each Sunday was a "mini-Easter", not just the seventh day of the week but a small taste of participation in the eternal "eighth day" of life everlasting with God and the saints.

Thus Sunday, combined with a daily rhythm focused on morning and evening prayer, formed the cornerstone of Christian worship and prayer from the beginning. Over time this becomes expanded to a full-blown liturgical year. Beginning with an annual celebration of Easter and a short period of preparation for Easter (eventually we would recognize this as Lent leading to the Triduum or three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil), the liturgical year took shape around other days as well. When the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) began to be celebrated, a preparatory season to Christmas (Advent) comes into existence. Over time significant events in the life of Jesus and Mary and the apostles take on their own special annual celebrations. As holy men and women are honored as saints, certain saints, especially the martyrs and significant bishops, are remembered in annual celebrations. In order to help the non-educated masses appreciate the grace-filled nature of celebrating a liturgical year, the natural seasons of the year and the rhythm of the common person (planting, harvesting, etc.) were given their own special celebrations.

In the end the Catholic Church develop a very rich, meaningful Church liturgical year which helped people experience the nearness of God’s goodness and grace as more important than the simple passage of time from beginning of life to the end of life. Every year could be an experience of sharing in the life of Jesus, of connecting our joys and sorrows to the pattern of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. If lived intentionally—which means doing rituals and actions in common as family and community in a way that shifts from liturgical season to liturgical season—linear, historical time is overlaid with a significance and depth that ends not in death but in God’s grace and goodness.

We invite everyone to take a deeper look at the reality and meaning of the Church’s liturgical year this week, by coming to one of the G.R.A.C.E. evening sessions. This in turn will help all of us prepare for the end of the present Church year and the beginning of the new Church year at Advent (last weekend of November this year). I think you will find it informative and enjoyable. We have prepared some fantastic follow-up material for your take-home packets. Join us this week.

**\*Preparing for our New Church Year at Advent: November 23 Ecumenical Taize Prayer**

As a follow up to G.R.A.C.E. this month we have planned a pre-Advent prayer service and have invited the area Churches, Catholic and non-Catholic, to join us on Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Taize-style prayer uses meditative hymns and short readings in a quiet, candle-lit atmosphere to help us slow down and reflect. Please mark your calendars for this prayer. It will be a good way to put into practice an intentional focus on entering into a new Church liturgical year.

**\*Wisdom Bytes**

We want to add to our age-specific opportunities for adults by creating simple, very focused sessions on topics of interest to you. We are calling this approach “Wisdom Bytes,” small bits of information and discussion which will deepen our understanding of some aspect of Catholic practice or teaching.

The first topic, which a few parish members have surfaced over the last few months, is cremation. Does the Church allow it? When did that change? Should the body of the deceased be cremated immediately or later? What about the ashes?

These and other questions will be addressed in our first “Wisdom Bytes” session next Sunday, November 16, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass (10:35 – 11:10). We will repeat the session the following Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass (7:45-8:20). You can see from the times that these are deliberately intended to be short, focused sessions. If you have a topic you would like addressed in a future session, let JoAnne Owens, Bridget Theodoroff, or myself know. We want to focus on topics of current interest to you.

**\*Catechist Topics/Adult Formation Opportunity**

Another adult formation opportunity will take place this Saturday, November 15, here at SS. John and Paul. We will be hosting three catechetical certification topics from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Directed toward volunteer catechists who need to receive certification from the Archdiocese, these topics are also open to any teen or adult who wants to come and learn. You may attend either or both the morning and afternoon session. The morning session has the choice between “Understanding Theology as Sacred Tradition” and “The Church at Prayer in the Eucharistic Celebration.” The afternoon certification topic is “Understanding Catholic Social Teaching”. We need to know how many will be attending each session, so pre-registration is necessary. Please call the office. No cost.

**\*Congratulations to Gerald and Janet Rebar**

The Franciscan order has long supported the spiritual growth of lay men and women, who cannot become full members of the order but want to live the spirit of St. Francis in their daily life. Sometimes called “Third Order” or “Secular” Franciscans, members make a

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**Prayer of the Seasons**


God, source of all life and goodness, you bless each moment of our lives with the beauty of the gift of your love to us. The church year is one way we as church celebrate the gift of Jesus in the daily and seasonal moments of our journey together.

Response: The Lord is great and worthy to be praised!

- For the season of Advent, that calls us to participate actively in the building of God’s kingdom in our world, we pray...
- For the season of Christmas, that challenges us to be Godbearers in our homes, community, and world, we pray...
- For the season of Lent, a season that invites us into personal and communal renewal in Jesus Christ, we pray...
- For Easter, a holy opportunity to embrace new members into our community and to renew our own faith commitment, we pray...
- For the feast of Pentecost, a celebration of the diversity of the gifts, peoples, and cultures of church, we pray...
- For ordinary time, the sacredness of the Word and Table as we journey through the sacred yet ordinary moments of our lives, we pray...

Bless us with the vision to see these seasons as opportunities to help our communities deepen our relationship with Jesus. Through him, with him, and in him all things are possible and we make this prayer in his name. Amen.

(Our next season...)

 **Advent:** “Be watchful! Be Alert! ...You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming...” Mark 13:33-34

(Followed by...)

**Christmas:** “For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.” Luke 2:11



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solemn profession to live the spirit of the Franciscan life, adapted to their lay lives. Gerald and Janet Rebar, members of our parish, will be making their profession this week at the Capuchin Retreat House. Congratulations to them.

**\*Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica**

The unity of faith is one of the cornerstones of the Catholic way of life. The bishop of Rome has the special ministry of continuing the work of St. Peter directed toward such unity. As bishop he also has a cathedral church, St. John Lateran Basilica, in Rome. That church (even more than St. Peter’s Basilica, interestingly) is celebrated as a visible symbol of our unity of faith. The readings and focus this week are taken from that feast, rather than the regular Sunday readings. And the one from St. Paul reminds us that unity of faith is ultimately centered not in a building but in our own lives: *“Brothers and sisters, you are God’s building...Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”*

May we never forget that persons are more important than buildings. May we live lives firmly rooted on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Buersmeyer



November 1-2, 2008

**Weekly budget.....\$11,700.00**  
 Offertory ..... \$12,048.98  
 No. Sunday envelopes used .....348  
**Total offertory .....\$12,048.98**

**Other Monies / (# Envelopes)**

Capital Imprv. / (20) .....\$407.00  
 Children’s Env. / (7) .....\$27.25  
 Holy Day / (72).....\$1,144.00

What is stewardship? Is it just a gimmick to get more money in the offertory basket or more volunteers at Church? Stewardship is a complete and total way of life that acknowledges our dependence on God for all we have and all we are. Stewardship lies at the heart and soul of Christian life. In short, it isn’t something we do; it’s the way we live.



**Readings for the Week of November 9, 2008**

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

**Monday, November 10:**  
 Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday, November 11:**  
 Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday, November 12:**  
 Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37; Lk 17:7-10

**Thursday, November 13:**  
 Phlm 7-20; Ps 146; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday, November 14:**  
 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday, November 15:**  
 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112; Lk 18:1-8

**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

**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         | 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         | Mary Ruppert       |
| Lora Hardin         | Albert Sabbe       |
| Ruth Hunsucker      | Sylvia Schult      |
| Janet Johnson       | Bill Shevela       |
| Yolanda Kaufman     | Jeff Simpson       |
| Molly Keffalo       | Camille Smith      |
| John Kerr           | Michelle Smith     |
| Leonard Koskodan    | Tommasina Smith    |
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**Pray for our military**



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## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### Saturday and Sunday November 8-9, 2008

Clemente Truden by A. Truden  
 Carolina Vani by Family  
 Savario Lancia by Family  
 Frances Meschini by B. Chanbers  
 Rosalia Cilluffo by A. Truden  
 Elizabeth Ragni by Family  
 Olga & Josephina Recchia by Family

### Monday, November 10, 2008

Ben Payne by Partyka Family

### Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Jay W. Nelson by Family

### Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Perazza Family by A. Perazza

### 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

Liturgical appointments for November 15-16, 2008				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Celebrant/ Homilist</b>	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer Deacon John	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes
<b>Lectors</b>	J. Reaume J. Reaume	P. Dobbs S. Bawol	S. Rowley P. Gielow	J. Marino T. McBride
<b>Communion Ministers</b>  <b>*Captain</b>	P. Brunet* M. Beaudin B. Conlon F. Diebboll L. Foltran	Deacon John T. Dobbs* G. Bawol A. Zotter W. Zotter	P. Partyka* J. Witek D. Zabkowski L. Zabkowski L. Zellen S. Zellen M. Adkins	M. Bonaudo* B. Hellebyuck J. Loebs C. Gregory J. Gilbertson
<b>Altar Servers</b>	E. Bytner	—Open—	A. Kaniuk J. Gumbleton J. Ozella	A. Stirzinger O. Becker
<b>Greeters</b>	S. Zuehlk C. Hatcher	D. Goldun C. Klein	L. Amato M. Hoenle	M. Hosking N. Hosking
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Team #1</b> L. Foltran R. Pewinski J. Wright	<b>Team #3</b> B. Dale S. Krajewski A. Sova R. Chapman	<b>Team #5</b> L. Monfils M. Bayer B. Janowiak K. Partyka L. Keast M. Chmielewski	<b>Team #7</b> B. Cauley R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jiannuzzi M. Bytner J. Gehrholz
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<b>Team #3</b> — Sharon Bourgeois, Mike Adkins, Donald Byrne, Len & Jackie Monfils, Dick & Pat Podolski			

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**Fax**..... 586.781.7061  
**Parish Website** ..... www.ssjohnandpaul.org

**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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