

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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

MINISTRIES WEEKEND

This weekend we'll honor all those who have volunteered in the parish throughout the year. Join us for light refreshments after the Masses.

SIGN UP!

...If you've been attending Mass here at SS. John and Paul and are not currently a registered member but would like to be, please take a moment or two next weekend, **Registration Weekend**, to become an official member of our parish family. Enjoy some coffee and donuts and meet other parishioners.

...Check our *Together in Ministry* booklet and our Time and Talent Sheet for opportunities to volunteer in various areas of ministry as we hold our **Ministries Sign-Up weekend** this weekend.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR MCREST

Join us September 28 from 8:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m. for pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee. See page 4.

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.

Growing

Responding

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Catholics

Everyday

This Week!

September 14, 16, 17, 19
6:00-8:30 p.m.

Theme:
Being Good Stewards

Catechetical Area:
Catholic Social Teaching

Event:
Ministry/Stewardship Weekend

Menu:
Grilled burgers, chips, salad, drink



Next Month: October 12, 14, 15, 17 — Forming Conscience

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, September 15:

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

Tuesday, September 16:

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

Wednesday, September 17:

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

Thursday, September 18:

- *5:30 p.m. Health Ministry Meeting
- *7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, September 19:

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

Saturday, September 20:

- *7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- *3:00 p.m. Confessions

Regular Parish Office Hours

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



YEE HAW!!

SQUARE DANCE
SATURDAY, SEPT. 27
6:30-10:30 PM
WESTVIEW ORCHARDS

Dinner, wagon ride, dancing, dessert and soft beverages provided. (alcohol is not permitted on premises).

TICKETS ARE \$15 EACH AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER THE MASSES ON SEPTEMBER 13-14, 20-21.

G R A C E

This month's theme is "Being Good Stewards" This JUMBLE puzzle is for you to figure out.

1. Unscramble these three jumbled words and write the answer on the blank spaces. One letter per space. The letters that end up in circles will be used to solve the puzzle below.

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sereruta ○ ○



2. Now arrange the letters that fell in the circles to form the word to finish this sentence.

Using these help us to be good _____.

Answer: _____ w _____ d _____

3. Can you unscramble the following scripture passage that will help you better understand the G.R.A.C.E. theme?

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fo oyu ash iervdece

1 Peter 4:10

2007-2008 Religious Formation Program

G.R.A.C.E.

Parish Formation Program
For all ages
September—May

EARLY CHILDHOOD
Sunday mornings
during the 9:30 a.m. Mass
for: 3 1/2—5 year olds
Begins: Sunday, October 5

If you have a child who turned 3 years old by April 1, 2008 and you believe is at a maturity level to attend the Early Childhood program on Sunday mornings—now is the time to register. ALL preschoolers are welcomed to attend.

G.R.A.C.E. Preschool Session
Wednesday Evenings

The Sunday Early Childhood program is the main faith formation for this age group. If you have a child this age and would like to bring them to the monthly G.R.A.C.E. sessions on the designated Wednesday evening your child MUST ALSO be registered in the Sunday morning Early Childhood program in order for them to attend on Wednesday evening. Please call the Religious Formation Office for more information. 586-781-9488.

September Dates for the 3 Components of G.R.A.C.E.

G.R.A.C.E. Week:
Sept. 14,16,17 or 19—6:00-8:30 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat:
Sunday, Sept. 21 — 1:30-7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation Preparation for Parents and Child:
Tues., Sept. 30 — 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 1 — 6:30 p.m.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word — Begins Sunday, Oct. 5
9:30 & 11:30 Masses for all children in Grades 1-5.

Grade 1-6 Catechists Needed!

G.R.A.C.E. Program: Once a month from September to April.
Age Appropriate Program: Eight 1-1/2 hour sessions (4 fall, 4 winter)
Call Ms. Bauer 781.9488 for more information.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation Preparation
For Parent and Child — Tuesday, Sept. 30 OR
Wednesday, Oct. 1 — 6:30 p.m.

Families with children in 2nd grade on up will receive a letter during the next week or two regarding preparation for this sacrament. After reading the letter and you feel your child is ready, please call the Religious Formation Office to register you and your child for this preparation.

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Starting this week!!
Sept. 14, 16, 17, 19
6:00-8:30 p.m.

September Theme:
BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Catechetical Area:
Catholic Social Teaching

Event:
Ministry/Stewardship Weekends

Geared to each level of learning from 1st grade through adults this monthly session will help us to:

- Understand the concepts and practice of stewardship.
- Understand how it is tied into key principles of Catholic social teachings.
- Integrate preferential option for the poor in our lives.



Meal served promptly at 6:00 p.m.
Grilled burgers, chips, salad, & drink



Next Month
October 12, 14, 15, 17: Forming Conscience

Visit our website www.ssjohnandpaul.org

A couple of things from Deacon John...

In reading the Gospels it becomes very clear that Jesus spent a great deal of time telling his followers to care for those who are the most vulnerable of society. He did this not only by talk but also by His actions. In our quest as a parish to follow the ways of Jesus, it has been decided to reach out to the community and **create a ministry for individuals with special needs**. This ministry will consist of some prayer, bible study, and other activities. Fortunately, there is a core group in the parish with various degrees of experience in teaching and ministering to this population. This group is very excited about developing this program for all interested people in the northern Macomb county area. There have been some conversations with other Catholic parishes, local churches, and group homes that indicate some interest. We hope that like the movie said, "When you build it they will come".

We are requesting a couple of things from the parish community. We plan on having an **informational meeting on Saturday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m.** Our hope is that parents, guardians, and caregivers along with these special individuals will come to pray and provide some input for how they would like the program to operate. We plan on including all ages and Christian faith traditions. Our first request is that you spread the word to those you know about in the community that may have interest in joining us. There are some brochures available in the back of church.

Our second request is for help. We hope that some can come and help on the 27th and consider assisting with future meetings. Please understand that those who volunteer will be required to attend a "Protecting God's Children" workshop. This is a requirement of the diocese for anyone working with children in the parish. We have no idea of the numbers we can expect and we may have more volunteers than participants; we just have to wait and see and be prepared.

Our third request is your prayers for these wonderful special people and our efforts as a parish community that strives to always reach out. Jesus told his disciples to let the children come to Him. He was open to all. We are called to do the same and your prayers really help.

On another subject the **Saturday Men's prayer group continues** and during the summer even with vacations, we had pretty good attendance. It has been suggested it may be a good idea to lock into particular Saturdays of the month. It could make it easier to remember when we are to meet. We are going to do so and see how it goes. **Our next session is Saturday September 20th at 7:30 a.m. We will then have the sessions on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month beginning October 11th.**

This group is nothing less than fabulous. We welcome others that would like to join us. We are a very casual and open group who generally always has another chair ready for new members. We also typically have one chair empty and ready for Jesus who we're confident shows up.

Peace, Deacon John



All 9-12 Graders — Permission slips for the Lock-In on September 26 are now available in front of the parish office. Any questions, call Mrs. Peters at 586.781.9488.

Reminder to Confirmation Candidates

- All retreat permission slips are due from the candidates by Sept. 14. Please make sure all the paperwork is completed and a check is made out to SS. John and Paul. The volunteer driver form only needs to be completed if your parents are willing to drive to or from the retreat center.
- All confirmation cards, service projects, confirmation name, sponsor's letter, etc. need to be completed and turned into the office by Oct. 15. Any questions, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586.781.9488.

MCREST Pancake Breakfast

SS. John & Paul will hold a Pancake Breakfast in the Social Hall on Sunday, September 28 from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. to benefit MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team). SS. John & Paul will be housing guests of MCREST December 7—14, 2008. This breakfast will be part of the MCREST Kick-Off Weekend on September 27 and 28. The all-you-can-eat breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee. Free will donations will be accepted.

We are in need of many helpers to ensure this breakfast will run smoothly! There are many areas where help is needed such as batter makers, sausage cookers, pancake flippers, table runners and greeters. If you would like to help, please look for sign up sheets in the hallway to the Activities Center or call the parish office.

Soup Kitchen Ministry to Meet

There will be a meeting for all Soup Kitchen participants on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Social Hall B. The purpose of the meeting is mainly to go over new guidelines in food preparation, handling and serving. Although the meeting is intended for those actively involved in the Soup Kitchen Ministry, it is open to all who are interested in learning more about this valuable outreach program.

Kitchen News

You might want to take a peek in the kitchen if you have participated in the Spring tea, graduation breakfast, parish picnic, or any funeral luncheon. Your dish from home might be there! On the counter are various baking dishes and plastic ware leftover from various activities. We always appreciate our parishioners' generous donations of baked goods for hospitality functions, but our kitchen is getting overrun with stray dishes. We will leave them on the counter for a couple of weeks. Any dish that is not picked up will be donated to a local charity. Thank you.

MCREST 2008 Kick-Off Weekend!!

MCREST is a Macomb County non-profit agency consisting of a center for intake, assessment, referral and support for homeless men, women and children. MCREST offers a safe emergency shelter within area host churches and an opportunity to choose a path that could enable them to become self-sufficient. Our parish will be hosting 30 guests from **December 7-14, 2008**. Our guests will be working or looking for work so that they can save to rent a home.

Our guests arrive each evening at 6:00 p.m. and leave the next morning by 8:00 a.m. As hosts we will provide most of their daily needs such as meals, showers, laundry, a bed and transportation. It will take many volunteers to properly host our guests and meet these needs. MCREST is an opportunity for us to put the word of God into action by serving others in need. In 2007, our parish answered the call and did an incredible job in hosting our guests. We need everyone to again step up and assist in this year's MCREST week by volunteering.

The MCREST Kickoff Weekend will be on **September 27-28, 2008**. Volunteer Sign-Up posters will be posted after all the masses. Please contact the team leaders on this page if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about a team.

Youth, ages 16-17, may volunteer to help with MCREST with a signed permission slip but they do not have to be with a parent. Youth, ages 13-15, may volunteer during MCREST week as long as they are with a parent. Children under 13 years old cannot volunteer at the church during MCREST week due to safety and supervision concerns. However, there are several ways to involve younger children in supporting MCREST and learning how to serve our homeless neighbors. First, families may sign up for the Baking Team and bake with their children something special for our guests' lunches or dinners. Second, on one of the weekends in November prior to MCREST, children can use their creativity and make greeting cards for our guests. Other activities for children and families will be posted during the fall as we prepare for MCREST.

On September 28, 2007 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., please join us for a **Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by the Christian Service Commission. Helpers are needed and sign up sheets are located in the hallway to the Activities Center. All proceeds will benefit MCREST.

Team/Committee	Team Leaders	Contact Numbers
Bakers	Gloria D'Amore Pagliarella	586-336-9446
Breakfasts	Cathy Radtke Sue Keller	248-656-8392 248-651-3411
Concierge/ Counselor	Lynn Kelemen	586-992-0187
Customs/Sunday Search	Michael Bouthillet	586-336-9989 248-431-5257 cell
Dinners	Bev Huellmantel Pat Fields	586-786-9625 586-781-4069
Housekeeping	Mimi Gendreau	248-652-3799
Intake	Mimi Gendreau	248-652-3799
Laundry	Mary Adkins	586-752-6804
Lunches	Connie Delcourt	586-752-6611
Medications	Peggy Benson	586-677-6629
Hospitality	Mary Rose	586-786-7390
Pat Down	Michael Bouthillet	586-336-9989 248-431-5257 cell
Guest Assistance/ Nighttime G. A.	Larry Delcourt Matt Mollon John Wright Rob Ozella Donna Michalski	586-752-6611 586-781-0766 248-670-7114 586-336-7227 586-623-3238
Showers	Pat & Clem Chargot	586-752-3955
Sunday Break Down	Suzanne & Jim Reilly Pat & Tom Dobbs	248-656-6074 586-781-3564
Telephones	Larry & Shirley Zellen	586-752-5166
Transportation	Bill Huellmantel Tom Klakulak	586-786-9625 586-781-9338
Volunteer Registration	Penny Grover	586-677-1609

NOTE -In order to be compliant with the Archdiocese of Detroit's guidelines for parish volunteers, all those interested in helping with MCREST must submit a background check and attend a Protecting God's Children workshop. A PGC workshop will be held at SS. John & Paul on Thursday, October 9 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Please call the office to reserve your space. Background check forms can be found in the literature racks outside the parish office. Thanks in advance and let's make it another great year hosting our guests.

Mimi Gendreau—MCREST Coordinator

Pastor's Perspective

*RECOGNITION OF MINISTRIES

This weekend we acknowledge and thank all who have helped the parish fulfill its mission through sharing of time and talent. Whether one time or many, the parish cannot be the Church of Jesus Christ unless most its members give generously of their time and talent. During the course of the year we have nearly a thousand men, women, young adults, teens, and children help in some way. Thank you. This "Recognition of Ministries" weekend is the first of three September weekends focused in some way on stewardship. I will say a bit more about the Catholic understanding of stewardship below.

In many ways the stewardship of our time, talent and treasure outside the parish is as important or even more so than what we do within the parish. A fully active Catholic parish is never simply focused in on its own ministry and well-being but is meant to be a place that renews and refreshes and supports our daily lives as we try to be a presence of Christ in our families, work situations, social settings, and community outreaches.

Next weekend we will look at areas of parish ministry that need further volunteers. I know many of us are very active already. But I hope both those who are not currently active and those already very active will sign up for areas they are not currently involved in. Thank you.

*CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

In the first letter of Peter (4:10) we read: "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." Stewardship and experiencing ourselves as gifted, as blessed, go hand in hand. Stewardship starts with a sense of gratitude for creation, for being alive, for God, for oneself and one's loved ones, for this world, for one's abilities and even one's challenges in life. In that initial "Thank you, Lord" we find ourselves not so much as possessors or owners but as people ready to respond graciously to what is needed. That gratitude allows us to entrust not the "leftovers" to God or the work of God in the world, Church and elsewhere, but rather the "first fruits", the very best to that work of God.

And it is an act of trust, especially as our own and family's personal needs can be very demanding. Stewardship does not make us irresponsible toward those closest to us but it does invite us to be less fearful in sharing our time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is rooted in our relationship to the Lord. That is the key. When that relationship has a hold of our heart, and we turn to the Lord and ask what we need to do in terms of our time, energy, and resources, we will find a way to be generous that does not harm us or our loved ones, but stretches us and pushes us.

Here are the words the U.S. Bishops use to summarize stewardship in their 1992 pastoral letter. I ask each of us, myself included, to reflect on them this week:

"What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Disciples As Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- *Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.*
- *Christian disciples experience conversion—lifeshaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.*
- *Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.*

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Creation

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- *Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;*
- *Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;*
- *Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish;*
- *Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work."*

Work is a fulfilling human vocation. The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan.

The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others.

We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is

the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church.

All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- *Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;*
- *Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;*
- *All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.*

Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles.

In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures. At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values.

As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward.

It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

A Steward's Way

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards.

Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call.

We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church?

Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way. Stewardship is a part of that journey."

***DETROIT PRIESTS' RETIREMENT COLLECTION**

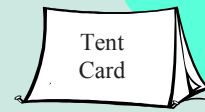
The ushers passed out an envelope today for the Detroit priests' retirement collection. Cardinal Maida authorized such a collection for three years. This is the third year. Whether it will be extended has not yet been decided. All monies collected go into the Archdiocese of Detroit's Pension Fund. This fund currently pays a pension to the over 130 senior priests of the Archdiocese as well as sets aside money for the future retirement of all diocesan (not religious order) priests of the archdiocese.

Every parish or institution that employs a diocesan priest is billed a yearly amount for pension contributions. Please note: that money does not go into an individual priest's retirement fund but into the collective fund for all priests present and future. When a priest reaches the age of 70, he may apply for a pension of \$1500 per month to help cover his cost of housing, food, and living expenses. Because there are more and more priests who are 70 or older and fewer and fewer priests under that age, the institutions that employ that fewer number must come up with that same total amount. Thus the very high yearly pension cost per priest per parish (currently \$15,000).

But I don't want you to be misled. The money contributed via this special collection does not add extra money to the fund. Rather, it reduces the parish's \$15,000 bill by whatever amount comes in via the collection. The remainder then is paid out of parish operating income. This collection is especially appropriate for those of you who like to know specifically where your contribution money is going and who have a desire to see it go to priest retirement. All money collected goes only to that fund.

Fr. Buersmeyer

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Being Good Stewards

I offer this day to you, dear God.

Thank you for the blessings you have given me.

May I use these gifts to build your kingdom.

May my actions be a reflection of your love.

May what I do today bring others closer to you.

May my words be kind and gentle and may they bring joy to others.

Today, help me to give back a portion of what you have given me.

I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



These Scripture passages model for us ways to be a good steward by using what gifts we are given.

Romans 10:14-15 "But how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe unless they have heard of him? And how can they hear unless there is someone to preach? And how can men preach unless they are sent? Scripture says: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.'"

1 Peter 4:10 "As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received."

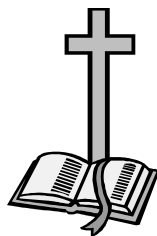
Mark 12:41-44 "He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, '... this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had...'"

In what ways are you responding to these scripture passages?

Pray for our sick

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

Bible Study Celebrating the Jubilee Year of St. Paul
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Beginning September 9
(Sept. 9 is an introductory session to explain the new format) NO SESSION SEPT. 16



- ◆ Who is Paul and what is his relevance to me for today?
- ◆ Where can I find the central teachings of the Catholic church in Paul's letters in the Bible?

Bible scholar Fr. Mitch Pacwa leads us on the powerful journey of St. Paul in this special Jubilee Year of the Apostle Paul scripture study. We will be immersed in the person of the apostle Paul—so heroic, yet so recognizably human in his conversion story and personal involvement in sharing the Gospel with others. We will gain fresh insights into our own personal growth potential through the combination of Fr. Pacwa's direction and the writing of St. Paul.

Registration is needed...Sign up on the bulletin board
Cost for books is \$10. Books may be purchased at the introductory session on Sept. 9 or in the parish office.

Stewardship

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September 6-7, 2008

Weekly budget.....\$11,700.00
 Offertory\$10,959.60
 No. Sunday envelopes used318
Total offertory\$10,959.60

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (19)\$209.00
 Children's Env. / (2)\$2.00
 Holy Day / (3)\$30.00

The Capital Improvement envelopes are used to offset any major improvements to the parish and grounds, including the windows that were added in the summer and the extensive parking lot skin patches. Last year over \$10,200 was collected. Thank you for supporting the parish and using the Capital Improvement envelopes.



Readings for the Week of September 14, 2008

Sunday, September 14:
 Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Monday, September 15:
 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 31; Jn 19:25-27
 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday, September 16:
 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17:
 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 18:
 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 19:
 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20:
 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 21:
 Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;
 Mt 20:1-16a

Pray for our military



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| Noel & Greg Ales | Jonathon Krusinski |
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Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday September 14, 2008

Louise Schultz by W. Weaver Family
Antonio Catenacci by Family
Vivian J. Tefend by D. Rose Family
Elizabeth Schindler by SSJP Choir
Debra Weaver Conn by Family

Monday, September 15, 2008

Joan Puwal by Family

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Steven Hirschfield by
S. Gofrank & M. Maegawa

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Al Block by L. Horn

Saturday and Sunday September 21, 2008

Jack Duggan by J. Gehrholz Family
Vincenzo DiSanto by J. DiSanto Family
Saveria Palazzolo by J. DiSanto Family
John Pakledinaz by C. Hatcher
Olga Recchia by Husband

Liturgical appointments for September 20-21, 2008				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant/ Homilist	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes Deacon John
Lectors	G. Pagliarella N. Peters	A. Loyson E. Noyes	B. Greenway M. Greenway	J. Marino L. Hester
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Collection Counters	Team #5 — Pat Fields, Jim Banaszek, Lillian Horn, Jim & Marcia Finn, Roberta Mathie, Pat Orczykowski			

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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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