

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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

BLESSING OF HOME CANDLES NEXT WEEKEND

Have the candles you use for prayer at home blessed at one of the Masses next weekend.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Monday, Feb. 2, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass; Tuesday, Feb. 3, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 4:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the start of the Winter sessions for grades 1-6. All are welcome.

DAVID HAAS IN CONCERT

See one of the most prolific and well-respected Catholic composers of our time. Tickets on sale NOW! 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.



Pancake Breakfast Today 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. In the Activities Center

Proceeds help support teen activities!

Mass With Anointing of the Sick Monday, January 26, 2009

**During the regular 7:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Mass**

Who is to be Anointed?

- † **Anyone who has an ongoing serious health situation (cancer, diabetes, heart)**
- † **Anyone who is facing surgery in the next few months**
- † **Anyone who has had surgery or hospital care and still recuperating**
- † **Anyone suffering from depression or mental illnesses**

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, January 26:

- *Mass at 7:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick
- *4:45 p.m. Gr. 1-6 Winter Session #1
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells

Tuesday, January 27:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *4:45-6:00 & 6:30-7:45 p.m. Gr. 1-6 Winter Session #1
- *5:00 Jr. Choir
- *5:45 Jr. Bells
- *7:00 p.m. Building Meeting

Wednesday, January 28:

- *Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *6:30 p.m. Gr. 1-6 Catechists Lesson Planning for G.R.A.C.E.

Thursday, January 29:

- *7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Saturday, January 31:

- *3:00 p.m. Confessions
- *Gr. 7-8 Lock-In after 5:00 Mass

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.

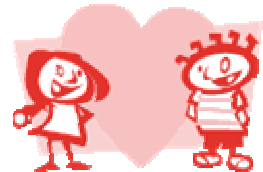
Contribution Statements for 2008

Statements have been sent to those families who have contributed \$250 or more during the 2008 calendar year. If you did not contribute \$250 or more during the year and would like a statement, please call the parish office at 586.781.9010 and we will gladly send you one.

SSJP Cupid Patrol

The Family Committee is hosting its 3rd annual Valentine's event on Saturday, February 7, 2009. We gather at church at 2:00 p.m. to wrap cookies and decorate Valentine cards. Then, each family is designated a home to visit and we depart in our own vehicles to the assigned home. We return to church after our Valentine visits to enjoy pizza and pop before the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Each family is to bring three dozen cookies from home *already made*. We will not have time at church to bake or decorate cookies. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. All are welcome.



Do You Need Help At Communion Time

Our Communion Ministers will gladly bring communion to you at your seat if you are unable to walk to the front of the church. Just let one of the ushers know that you would like communion brought to you so they can alert one of the Communion Ministers.



Community Garden

Be part of a new parish project – a community garden! We want to raise some vegetables this summer to donate to Samaritan House. We will need lots of help. No matter what your talent and how much time (or how little) you have to offer, there will be many opportunities to be active in this endeavor. All ages are welcome.

Save the Date!! Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. for an informational meeting. Look for more information next week in the bulletin and on the boards in the hallway.

Men's Scripture Study/Prayer Group Schedule

This group meets every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the SS. John & Paul Activities Center. Scriptures are from the readings we will hear at the Sunday liturgies for that weekend. We read, share, and pray about how they touch our lives today. All men are welcome to join us.

- February 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B
- February 28 First Sunday of Lent
- March 14 Third Sunday of Lent
- March 28 Fifth Sunday of Lent
- April 11 Easter Sunday!!!

2008-2009 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.



Grades 1-6 Age-Specific Winter Sessions

**Monday or Tuesday
4:45-6:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

**January 26/27,
February 2/3, 23/24,
March 2/3**

Weekly attendance by all children registered in the G.R.A.C.E. program is required.

**Lesson Planning
For Gr. 1-6**

G.R.A.C.E. Catechists

**Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 6:30 p.m.
Theme: The Lord's Prayer**

All catechists are expected to attend



**Presentation of First Eucharist Candidates
Sunday, January 25
9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses**

These children will receive their 'Gold Book' and be presented to the parish community for recognition, prayer and support as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. We ask that you take the name of one of these children out of the basket by doors and remember them in prayer during this very special time.

Growing

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Everyday

**Next Month:
FEBRUARY 8, 10, 11 13
6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Theme:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Catechetical Area:
Catholic Prayer

Event:
Reconciliation

In our age-level breakout we will come to:

- understand the Lord's Prayer, it's structure and division of prayer.
- understand the Lord's Prayer as a model for all prayer.
- incorporate the Our Father into life in a meaningful way.



Menu:
Pizza & salad



**Next G.R.A.C.E.: March 22, 24, 25, 27
Theme: The Passion**

Our Daily Readings This Week....

...are set at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the pictures we get of how challenged and pushed he is prepare us to hear the simple parables he tells us. All of us get challenged and pushed in our daily lives. Even when we are on the right road and following a faithful path, there are forces, conflicting demands, tempting alternatives, differing values that batter us. It takes grace and courage to trust our real mission and that our Lord will be with us through it all.



All 7-8th Grade Teens

- Mini Lock-In on Saturday, January 31 for all 7-8th Graders. This is part of our age-specific session and all 7-8th graders are required to attend. A letter, along with a permission slip, has gone out to all 7-8th graders. If you have any questions or concerns, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586.781.9488.

Attention Rainbow Teens

- We will have a mandatory meeting for all those attending RAINBOW and at least one parent needs to attend on Sunday, February 8, at 5:15 p.m. Please call Mrs. Peters if you have any questions.

Lesson Planning

- Lesson planning for all 7-8th grade catechists will be on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7:00 p.m. If you should have a problem and cannot attend this meeting, please call Karen Peters at 586.781.9488.

Puppet Ministry

- We are looking for adults and teens who are interested in helping incorporate puppets with learning for many different events in our parish. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Karen Peters at 586.781.9488. Giving of yourself with a little time and talent can be so rewarding. Please join us for this great experience.

Archbishop Vigneron to Celebrate Masses

Archbishop Allen Vigneron will celebrate a series of ten Masses of Thanksgiving in February and early March. Everyone is invited to attend, especially people living in the area and in nearby vicariates. No tickets will be required; a light reception will follow. The Mass closest to our parish will be Tuesday, February 3, at St. Clement of Rome at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Home!

Welcome Home!!!...is a special invitation to non-practicing Catholics who have been away from the Church and to Catholics who may not attend Mass on a regular basis. This is a six-week program that will be hosted by a team of caring parishioners from St. Kieran and St. Lawrence Parishes. Sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., January 29-March 5. The schedule of sessions is as follows:

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| 1/29 | (at St. Kieran) Welcome—Why Do Catholics Leave and Why They Return |
| 2/5 | (at St. Kieran) The Mass Explained |
| 2/12 | (at St. Kieran) The Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation Explained |
| 2/19 | (at St. Lawrence) The Nicene Creed—What Do Catholics Believe? |
| 2/26 | (at St. Lawrence) Why Do Catholic Do That? Q & A |
| 3/5 | (at St. Lawrence) Where Do We Go From Here? Discussion & Socializing |

For more information call 586.612.1532 or 586.731-5347, ext. 617.

Registration is appreciated but not necessary. St. Kieran is located on the east side of Mound Road between 24 and 25 Mile Roads. St. Lawrence is located on the west side of Utica Road, sandwiched between the M-59 service drive and Van Dyke.

David Haas in Concert!

There is exciting news to behold for all parishioners of the North Macomb Vicariate! David Haas, one of the most prolific and well-respected Catholic Contemporary composers of our time is coming to lighten our hearts and move our spirits as he shares his wonderful talent with us.

“Onward to the Kingdom”

Featuring David Haas

Friday, March 13, 2009

7:30 p.m.

St. John Vianney Parish

24-1/2 Mile & Schoenherr

Tickets available at the parish office or by calling
St. John Vianney
586.781.6525

**\$8.00 if purchased by
February 25, 2009
\$13.00 at the door**

Take a moment and page through your hymnal and you will find David Haas' name in abundance near beloved music such as *You Are Mine, Blest Are They, We Have Been Told, We Are Called, Now We Remain, We Are God's People* and many, many others. Please note that these tickets are especially priced for North Macomb Vicariate parishioners, as David's concert is co-sponsored by the parishes of north Macomb.

Check your calendars and make your plans now for a terrific opportunity to enjoy Friday, the 13th of March in new ways.

The first 50 tickets sold in each parish will be eligible for a drawing to receive a free, autographed double-CD featuring many of David's most popular music!



Desserts Needed!

We will be providing a dinner for MCREST guests housed at St. Clement on Wednesday, January 28. We are in need of desserts to complete our meal. Cakes and pies are what is needed. If you can donate a dessert, please bring it to SS. John & Paul by Wednesday, January 28 no later than 3:00 pm. Please call the parish office to leave your name and what you are donating. Thank you.

Sharing Tree Thanks Capuchin “Caps, Coats & Kids”

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the families and children that participated in the Capuchin Soup Kitchen’s third Christmas “Caps, Coats and Kids” Program, I want to thank you for the wonderful donations of coats, caps and gloves that you provided for the program. The colors and styles were marvelous, giving parents a multitude of choices for their children. Know that you have made Christmas and this year’s winter season much warmer and comfortable for many children, and have eased the burden of parents as they struggle to care for their little ones. The outflow of support and generosity allowed the Capuchin Services to reach over 850 families and 2700 children this Christmas season, supplying them with winter coats and accessories. Along with the clothing items, each family received a hearty food basket with all the trimmings for a fine holiday meal.

The Capuchins’ Christmas tradition of distributing caps, coats and gloves to children in need will continue for as long as the need exists. I have been humbled by the support that so many people give to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and our ministry to help care for those in need, even in these very trying economic times. We have been so blessed and will continue to be good stewards of your kind generosity.

Thank you so much for the support, and I wish you all a wonderful New Year.

Sincerely,
Jerry Smith ofm cap
Executive Dir., Capuchin Soup Kitchen



Bag-a-Lot Food Drive

Our **February** food drive collection will go to the pantry at the Agape Center. For this drive, grocery bags will be available with a list of items that are needed for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, cleaning and personal supplies. The labeled bags are available for pick up in the hallway to the Activities Center. **Please bring all donations back to church the weekend of February 7 & 8.** Thank you for your continued generosity.



Final Report For MCREST 2008

Thank you to everyone who was involved in helping with our MCREST 2008 week! The success of MCREST lies not with a few in the leadership but with the many parishioners who volunteer their time and money. I want to thank our dedicated 29 Team Leaders who took responsibility for their teams in the preparation and implementation of MCREST week. Their leadership made the MCREST week run very smoothly and efficiently. I especially want to thank all the parishioners who donated their time during MCREST week and all those who supported MCREST through Sharing Tree donations, the Pancake Breakfast and the Christmas Re-Sale. Whether you were a Team Leader, volunteer or donor—each of you played an important and critical role in the success of the program. MCREST simply could not happen without the many volunteers and donors that come forward to show love and assistance to our homeless guests.

Here are some of the final statistics for hosting of MCREST guests in December 2008. This year we assisted 26 homeless guests during the week of December 7-14, 2008. There were 29 Team Leaders and 250 volunteers who helped during the week and also many other parishioners who donated food and other needed items through the Sharing Tree tags and the donors via the Pancake Breakfast and Christmas Re-Sale. Volunteer drivers on the Transportation Team drove 5061 miles during the week. Together with the mileage for Sharing Tree items a total of 8376 miles were driven in support of our guests. Volunteers donated 2063 hours of service in preparation for and during the week.

Our community assisted our parish by providing dinners throughout the week. Thanks to St. Clement, St. John Vianney, Grace Lutheran, St. Kieran, the Knights of Columbus and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for providing delicious and bountiful dinners. The cost to the parish for hosting MCREST came to approximately \$5450.00 and was supported by parishioner donations through the Pancake Fundraiser, the Christmas Re-Sale and the Sharing Tree donations.

The parishioners again led the planning and implementation of the MCREST program and donated the money to fund this important community service. Our parish continues to live the Word of God through our continued support of MCREST and showing our love and support to our homeless guests.

Again, thank you and have a wonderful New Year! Our next MCREST host week is December 6-13, 2009. Thank you for your commitment and service.

Mimi M. Gendreau
MCREST Coordinator

Pastor's Perspective

*Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

It is one of those events in Scripture that sparks the imagination of artists over the centuries—Paul's experience of the risen Lord on the road to Damascus as he went about his business of rounding up those disruptive "Christ-talkers", who wouldn't keep quiet about their crucified yet risen Lord Jesus. It is fascinating to go online and view some of the artists' conceptions. Nearly all imagine him falling off a horse, though the Scriptures seem to imply that he is walking and falls to the ground as he experiences a great light. Some have him quite young (which he probably was—the enthusiasm, sometimes misdirected, of young adulthood), some more middle-aged. What was that experience that turned this man from a committed opponent of the new "way" to its boldest preacher?

This Sunday, in remembrance of St. Paul's 2000 anniversary of birth the Church is celebrating a holy year in honor of St. Paul. After that Damascus journey experience he spent a lot of time learning about this Jesus whom he had never met and who had been crucified a year or more before this experience. He learned from other Christians and began to test out his preaching in Syria and Palestine and then Jerusalem, himself coming into conflict with the very authorities he used to represent. He was apprenticed as a co-worker to Barnabus as they set out on missionary journeys away from Jerusalem, eventually having a falling out with Barnabus and then becoming his own leader of future missions. He discovered a vocation to the Gentiles—those who were not Jews but who responded to the message of repentance, reconciliation and new life by being baptized in the name of this Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus Christ the Son of God, Jesus who was Lord of all.

His success, along with that of others, led to a controversy that left its mark on the early Church's history. The original gathering of the Church in Jerusalem after the resurrection and the experience of the Holy Spirit, believed

itself to be the assembly of God's people, the true Israel, a sign to the rest of Israel that God's kingdom had come in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and would soon come in its fullness when the Lord returned. That is why the Twelve stay together in Jerusalem, initially. They symbolize the re-gathering of Israel anew. Now no longer by tribal blood (the old twelve tribes of Israel) but by repentance and faith in the name of Jesus. But tensions between Greek-speaking and Aramaic-speaking Jewish Christians, who come from two different cultures, led to the expulsion of the Greek-speaking Christians from Jerusalem. In turn, some of the early missionaries discover that not only Greek-speaking Jews but Samaritans and many Gentiles are eager to embrace this new way. With Barnabus, Paul and others this initial success becomes a waterfall of conversions.

But what to do? Must a Christian become Jewish first and then be baptized in Christ? Or, if not fully Jewish, at least keep some of the dietary and marriage laws that would otherwise offend the core Jewish-Christian group within the Church? This leads to a crisis, which the Church in Jerusalem under the leadership of some of the original Twelve apostles resolves by blessing the mission to the Gentiles, asking them to be conscious of not offending long-held customs, but not requiring circumcision or any specific keeping of the Jewish law. Paul was the champion of this approach, because he had experienced in his conversion a real vocation to the Gentiles and knew that the Christian way was not meant just for Israel or for the Jewish communities scattered around the Roman empire, but potentially for every person willing to embrace a new way of life.

This decision to bless and accept the success of the missionary work among the non-Jewish population would have significant consequences. Tensions increased between Jews and Christians, eventually leading to a complete separation between the two. Remember that for much of the first century Jewish Christians would

continue to come to the Temple in Jerusalem, would keep the Jewish Sabbath and festivals, say the prayers of their Jewish faith. For them Jesus, Yeshua (Joshua) in Hebrew, was the long-promised Messiah. He wasn't contradictory to their Jewish faith but the fulfillment of it. Like the earliest disciples such Jewish-Christians lived their Jewish faith more deeply but never gave it up. Now, after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 C.E. (common era) so that the practice of the Jewish faith had to be fully centered on the synagogues and rabbinic leadership, rather than the Temple and priestly leadership, along with the increased tensions between the mainstream Jews and Jews who continued to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah, the Christian community and the Jewish community went separate ways.

We see some of this tension underneath the writing of the gospels, especially Matthew and John, which were probably written in final form around the time of the complete separation of Church and synagogue. Some of the negative attitude in those gospels to the people of Israel has to be read in that light. Some Jewish Christians did not want such a separation and found themselves apart from both the mainstream Jewish and mainstream Christian communities. They formed their own communities which continued for a couple of centuries (often called Ebionites).

Because of Paul's energy and dynamism, and others like him, the Christian gospel spread very rapidly throughout the known world. It does not mean that most became Christian. Rather, most cities would have small house churches that met and carried on the Christian mission. It won't be until well into the 4th c. C.E. that the Christian faith becomes the dominant religion of the empire. But with Paul and others there is a foothold throughout the empire for the Christian message to flourish and be lived.

Very clearly Paul's experience on the way to Damascus was life-

altering. It defined for him the rest of his life. Some of you may have had such a life-changing conversion. Many of us have not. Rather, the faith we received in childhood has deepened and grown, but not in some earth-shattering way. The core of the experience for Paul was a meeting of the risen Lord. It was so vivid for Paul that he defended until the end of his life the fact that, though he never knew Jesus before Jesus' death, he knew him as well as any of the twelve or others who claimed authority because they had journeyed with Jesus while he was alive.

Paul's experience defined for him that he was equally an apostle and that he was appointed such for a very specific reason—to be the apostle to the Gentiles, so that the message and ministry of Jesus, crucified and risen, might be known by the whole world. He delighted in going to places where the gospel had never before been preached and was continually looking for new places to visit. He would stay for awhile and help establish or help a Christian community to grow, but he didn't put a high priority on remaining there or on baptizing or doing the ongoing tasks of leadership. He was to be an apostle—one who was sent. Specifically, one who was sent by the risen Jesus to proclaim to the entire world that Jesus Christ is Lord.

As part of that defining experience Paul understood at the gut level that the Christian community was truly the living body of Christ in the world. The Acts of the Apostles' version of Paul's story captures this in the words of the risen Jesus to Paul (Saul): "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" In rounding up the Christians of Damascus and Jerusalem for imprisonment and punishment he was persecuting not just members of the body of Christ but Christ himself. The Christian community, the Church, is not somehow extraneous to the risen Jesus, not some club or organization that people join or leave, but the very body of Christ in the world, the sign and source of the saving reality of the risen Lord.

That is why the Catholic and Orthodox churches, the two that trace

their roots directly to and continuously from the earliest Church, make such a huge deal about being Church. It gets them (us) into trouble when we forget that we are also a sign of the sinfulness of humanity and forget that no particular structure of leadership or power is perfect or unchangeable, and in fact is often quite distorted. But it helps explain why we take so seriously the claim to be "Church." Not just any group fulfills that mandate. It isn't something we get to create from scratch because we want to. It needs to be the very body of Christ called into existence from the moment of the resurrection on.

This is very difficult for American and western European culture today, where we place such a huge priority on the individual and our individual freedom first and foremost. In such a cultural worldview all groups are simply like voluntary clubs—join or not, stay or leave, just don't take yourself too seriously or get in the way of my personal freedom. No, we are not individuals first. We are part of a fabric of humanity that sets limits on such individualism. And the Church is not primarily a belief system that I choose to embrace, modify or reject, but an invitation to join the pre-existing body of Christ and discover that one's personal freedom is fulfilled in and through embracing the fullest understanding of that Church's faith. This is not an invitation to blind obedience but to a thoughtful embrace of a way of life that one accepts rather than simply creates on one's own terms.

As we celebrate the feast of the conversion of St. Paul this week, we give thanks for this amazing person and his legacy. At the same time it is a reminder to reflect on the communal dimension of our faith and the importance of participating actively in that community. Read Paul's letters. The Christians of his day were into some bad stuff. We have nothing on them today! But he insisted on their being Church together, always letting the experience of the crucified and risen Lord shape them and guide them.

***Anointing of the Sick**

Monday is our quarterly Anointing of the Sick within Mass. If you have upcoming surgery scheduled, have ongoing chronic and serious physical or emotional illnesses, just find yourself generally frail, are not recovering from surgery or other situations as fully as you expected, please join us at 7:00 p.m.

***Elijah Cup**

A reminder that we still have the Elijah cups circulating in the parish. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway. A family or individual takes the cup for a week, places it in the house where it can be very visible and spends time each day that week praying for vocations for themselves, their family, the whole parish. Vocations can include full time ministry within the Church, but also means that each of us find a way to live out our Christian baptism in the work we do and lives we live. Suggested prayers are included with the cup. Then bring it back the following weekend and we will use it as the main chalice for the Eucharist at Mass. You are also asked to contribute a word or two to the ongoing Elijah Cup journal that comes with the cup. Read what others have written and add your own comments.

***Blessing of Candles**

Traditionally the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus (February 2) is a time to bless home candles, so that every household has blessed candles available in case of illness or for use at prayer. We will bless such candles at all Masses on Monday February 2nd but also at all the Masses on the weekend of January 31 / February 1. Bring any household candles you want blessed to any Mass and we will include a blessing at the end of Mass. In addition, we keep the remainder portion of the altar candles used throughout the year. They are already blessed by their use and can act as an appropriate home candle when someone is sick. If you would like to have and use one of these, they will be available after Mass next weekend.

Fr. Buersmeyer

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week! January 25-31

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service." Pope Benedict XVI, in his April 2008 meeting with U.S. Catholic educators, affirmed that Catholic schools "make a vital contribution to the mission of the Church and truly serve society...places in which God's active presence in human affairs is recognized and in which every young person discovers the joy of entering into Christ's 'being for others.'" Through this commitment to serve others, Catholic school graduates have the tools to fulfill their roles as good citizens, productive employees, and compassionate leaders. Please show your support to our local Catholic schools by encouraging others to consider Catholic education and visit an upcoming Open House.

For more information, please contact Tamra Hull Fromm, Director of Marketing for Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Detroit, at 313.237.6530 or hull.tamra@aod.org.

A Little Laugh

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "for our closing song, let us sing Hymn 365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'"

Stewardship

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January 17-18, 2009

Weekly budget.....\$11,700.00
 Offertory\$7,296.31
 No. Sunday envelopes used230
Total Offertory.....\$7,296.31

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (4)\$62.00
 Children's Env. / (5)\$4.50
 Retire. For Rel. / (1).....\$50.00

Like the people of Nineveh and Galilee, we are called to share in the good news of God's love for us. How do we share God's love and abundant blessings with our family...our church...our neighbors...our co-workers?



Readings for the Week of January 25, 2008

Sunday, January 25:
 Acts 9:1-22; 1Cor 7:29-31; Mark 16:15-18
 or Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
 Mk 1:14-20

Monday, January 26:
 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 ; Ps 98; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 27:
 Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 28:
 Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 29:
 Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 30:
 Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 31:
 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, February 1:
 Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
 Mk 1:21-28

Pray for our sick

Mary Angelosante	Linda Murphy
Alana Aynse	Samantha Nelson
Jennie Barla	Tom O'Donnell
Rita Bayer	Leo Osantoske, Sr.
Mary Burcar	Carl Pallas
Ralph Cleary	Rita Pascoe
John Patrick Cuttle	Monica Payne
Timothy J. Cuttle	Ken Petty
Gloria Dean	Alex Polzin
Chris Del Pappa	Doris C. Procopio
Lauren DeNio	Dorothy Puffpaff
Morris Duhaime	Anthony Randazzo
Antoinette Errante	Pat Rea
Blanche Fredal	Marie Richard
Jack Gehrholz	Theresa Romero
Danielle Giffin	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
Hayden Kroll	Steven St. John
John LaCroix	Ken Stempien
Jillian Lentine	Barbara Supina
Vito Loconte	Charlie Trombly
Jacob Main	Elva VanDamme
Bernice Mayer	Richard Waluk
Rodney Mayer	Betty Waligore
Antoinette McBain	Patricia Wyatt
Agnes Mehlick	Edward Ziolkowski

Pray for our military



Noel & Greg Ales	Jonathon Krusinski
Nick Bassett	Chris Krusinski
Augie Biache III	Teija Kinnunen
Mike Boback	Paul McGowan
Steven Chauvin	Matthew McLocklin
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 **State Farm Insurance**. 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 January 24-25, 2009

Albert Puzzuoli by Family
Tom Koller by Family
Joseph Orczykowski, Sr. by J. Carpenter
Bernice Bujak by Hosking Family
Daryl Kraemer by Wife
Jim & Peggy Wright (50th Anniversary)

Monday, January 26, 2008

Irene Colosanti by Greenway Family

Tuesday, January 27, 2008

Catherine Krimmel by Al & Pat

Wednesday, January 28, 2008

Edmund Sobetski by Greenway Family

Saturday and Sunday

January 31-February 1, 2009

Daryl Kraemer by Wife
Joseph Sakowsky by M. Erante
Alberto Bologna by S. Biondo Family
Ken Cauley by Family

Liturgical appointments for January 31-February 1, 2009				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant/ Homilist	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer
Lectors	B. Conlon M. Klakulak	E. Noyes J. Giffin	J. Reaume J. Reaume	M. Catalano S. Brunet
Communion Ministers *Captain	P. Brunet* A. Zotter W. Zotter F. Diebboll L. Horn	K. Fannon* J. Fannon B. Huellmantel P. Loyson E. Sova	P. Partyka* T. Maltese A. Murray R. Newlin S. Pospiech C. Seidel R. Seidel	K. Mathews* C. Mathews D. Jiannuzzi J. Martino C. Gregory
Altar Servers	N. Hepner	—Open—	O. Becker S. Mason N. Mason N. Skelly	F. Theodoroff E. Bytner S. Dickens
Greeters	D. Kusluski M. Kusluski	J. Tevlin E. VanPamel	L. Trombley C. Valente	D. Jiannuzzi R. Jiannuzzi
Ushers	Team #1 L. Foltran R. Pewinski J. Wright	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. Klapec R. Kopera J. Kretchman K. McBride J. Pyke D. Waligore
Collection Counters	Team #4 — Tom & Mary Ann Klakulak, Joe Martino, Ron & Debbie DiDomenico, Larry & Marilyn Weathers			

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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

Parish Staff

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