

### PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Fr. Buersmeyer's column appears on page 6.

### A LENTEN MISSION FOR THE PARISHES OF THE NORTH MACOMB VICARIATE MARCH 13-19, 2009

The kick-off begins with a very special musical evening! See one of the most prolific and well-respected Catholic composers of our time — David Haas. Tickets on sale in the parish office. Brochures available in the hallway to the Activities Center.

### BUCKS-FOR-BAGS

This is our parish-wide Lenten project. Grocery bags available with a list attached of items to be donated. SS. John & Paul will match each filled bag that is returned with one dollar. See Page 5 for details.

### SAVE A LIFE—GIVE BLOOD

SS. John & Paul will once again be sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, March 15, from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in the Activities Center. Call the parish office and make an appointment today

### 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.sjohnandpaul.org](http://www.sjohnandpaul.org). Please visit our website weekly to keep abreast of what's new and noteworthy.

## Lenten Fridays

*You are invited to join us for our Lenten Friday experiences*



- March 6:** Meal of soup and bread beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross
- March 13:** Meal of soup and bread beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by going to St. John Vianney for the special vicariate concert event with David Haas. Tickets available in the parish office
- March 20:** Meal of soup and bread beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross
- March 27:** Monthly G.R.A.C.E. beginning with a meal at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome...registration is necessary. Topic is the Passion of Christ
- April 3:** Meal of soup and bread beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by speaker, Julie Kavanagh, of the Macomb County Community Service Agency
- April 10:** Good Friday — Stations of the Cross at 12 noon, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross beginning at 1:00 p.m.

## "First of Its Kind" Lenten Mission for North Macomb Parishes



Never before in the history of the archdiocese have vicariate parishes united in offering such an extended, engaging series of major musical, spiritual, intellectual and social events for so many parishes! Coming to our vicariate are some of the most respected and inspirational Roman Catholic speakers and presenters that are available in the United States today, even a composer of popular Mass songs known world-wide.

The kick-off begins on Friday, March 13, with an evening of memorable music with composer David Haas and Lori True. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Vianney Church in Shelby Township. Tickets are available in the parish office and are \$13 each. Evening presentations begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 16-18 and ends with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, March 19. In addition to the evening presentations, Mass every morning is being offered at different churches throughout the vicariate. Masses are followed by the opportunity to view video of the previous night's presentation. The schedule of events and maps to various parishes are available in the hallway to the Activities Center.

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

### Monday, March 2:

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

### Tuesday, March 3:

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

### Wednesday, March 4:

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*7:00 p.m. Evan./Hospitality Meeting
- \*7:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent/Candidate Session

### Thursday, March 5:

- \*7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

### Friday, March 6:

- \*6:00 p.m. Soup and Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 7:

- \*1:00 p.m. Special Needs Ministry
- \*3:00 p.m. Confessions
- \*5:00 p.m. Mass

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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.

### From the Music Desk ...

## Talent Call!

Our parish is extremely fortunate to have dozens of talented musicians who offer their talents as cantors, singers, hand bell ringers and instrumentalists. We are particularly proud of our Contemporary Ensemble whose members work hard to interpret and accompany the music of our parish in fresh, creative, and lively ways.



At this time we are interested in inviting additional players to become a part of the ensemble. If you play an instrument, particularly guitar or drums, please consider joining this important ministry. The ensemble's leadership is an essential part of the worship life of our parish and would welcome some additional talent.

Feel free to talk with Al Eppens or any member of the ensemble if you are interested, or you can leave a message with the church office at 586.781.9010.

## Community Garden

Don't worry if you missed our informational meeting—we are having a second meeting soon! Join us on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. as we continue to plan our new vegetable garden. We hope to grow vegetables for donation to Samaritan House. Many hands will be needed in the upcoming months to prepare and maintain our garden. We will place sign up sheets on the bulletin boards when it gets closer to work days. **Any** amount of time that you are able to participate will be appreciated.

For now, keep website and parish bulletin. Garden when you purchase your will soon have instructions for any seeds or vegetable contribute in helping to sup-



checking the bulletin boards, Remember the community garden vegetable seeds or plants. We on donation location and times plants that you may want to ply our garden.

*God also said, "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food..." Genesis 1:29*

## Country Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Council #7018 will host a Country Breakfast next Sunday, March 8, at St. Clement of Rome following the 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. morning Masses. The menu includes eggs, pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, sausages, potatoes and beverages. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children. Proceeds for the support of various charities. All are welcome.

**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.



**As We Begin Our First Week of Lent.....**

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor. As we make this beginning, we find our readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.



**Grades 1-6  
Age-Specific  
Winter Sessions**

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

**March 2/3**

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



**Preparation for the  
Sacrament of  
First Eucharist  
Parent / Child Session #3  
BREAD BAKING**

Wednesday or Thursday,  
March 11 OR March 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
Please call to sign up for an evening of your choice.

**BRING WITH YOU....**

In a zip-lock baggie, large enough to mix the following ingredients bring:

- 1/2 cup flour
- 3/4 tsp. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1-1/2 tbsp. shortening

**G**rowing

**R**esponding

**A**s

**C**atholics

**E**veryday

**Next Month:  
MARCH 22, 24, 25, 27  
6:00-8:30 p.m.**

*Theme:*  
**The Passion**

*Catechetical Area:*  
**Growing as Sacramental People**

*Event:*  
**Palm Sunday**

We will journey together this month to:

- understand the Passion narrative
- appreciate the main characters and motivation of the key participants
- be able to better participate in a meaningful way in the story of the Passion.



*Menu:*  
**Meatless Pasta  
& Salad**



*Next G.R.A.C.E.*  
April 26, 28, 29, May 1  
**Theme: Images of God**



**9-12 Grade News**

- 9-12 Grade Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, February 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please bring a friend and join us for this wonderful evening.

**Subiaco Retreat**

- Gr. 9-12 teens save the date: April 3-5 for the weekend retreat at Subiaco. More details will follow.

**Attention Future Confirmation Candidates!**

- There will be a meeting for all parents and future confirmation candidates that have completed their two year preparation on March 4 and March 10 at 7:00 p.m. It is mandatory that one parent and the teen be present at one of the meetings. This meeting will give you and your teen a lot of information to pray about, think about, and then decide if this is the proper time for your candidate to receive this Sacrament. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and answering all your questions at that time. If you do have questions or concerns before the meeting, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586-781-9488.

**7-12 Grade Service Project**

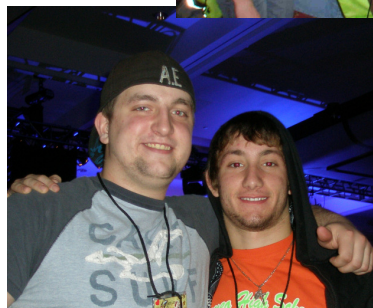


- Please sign up on the bulletin board to attend the Sing-A-Long at the Romeo Nursing Home on Saturday, March 14. We will gather here at 2:00 p.m. and car pool to the nursing home where we will share some great old songs along with a puppet show. The teens will arrive back here at SS. John and Paul and are encouraged to attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We hope you can give up a little of your time to join us in this very rewarding day. Questions, please call Mrs. Peters at 586.781.9488.

**Thank You...**

...to Mr. Jeff Pyke, Mrs. Donna Picklo, and Ms. Nicole Peters who gave up their time to drive and chaperone the Rainbow Conference last weekend. We are so blessed to have these wonderful adults. If it wasn't for them, this weekend could never have happened. Thank you again for helping us enjoy the weekend.

The photos below are from Rainbow XXVII. We had 18 wonderful teens represent our parish at Rainbow this year. They enjoyed inspirational speakers, separate modules, Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, and a dance. At the end of the conference, they played a song and gave a special round of recognition to all the seniors. Our seniors were Christopher Avolio and Benjamin Sobanski. Thank you again to Ben Sobanski, Chris Avolio, Jacob French, Eric Goble, Evan Mahon, Nick Bobek, Zac Compeau, Olivia Picklo, Olivia Radtke, Marina Leander, Stephanie Goble, Sarah Martinelli, Lynne Lulis, Lauren Naughton, Rachel Dickens, Hannah Becker, Salaina Catalano, and Hannah Catalano for making this a great weekend for all of us. We are so proud of our teens and how they represented our parish!



RAINBOW XXVII





## Drivers Needed for Food Pantry Deliveries

We are in need of drivers to deliver our Lenten weekly food collections to the local pantries. Delivery days would be four weeks of Monday mornings and two weeks of Tuesday mornings during Lent. The time commitment would be 1—2 hours. There will be light to moderate lifting of grocery bags. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please call Kathy in the parish office.



## Lenten Blood Drive

SS. John & Paul will once again be sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on **Sunday, March 15, 2009 from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** Please call the office to make an appointment, or register online at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and put in our sponsor code **sjpch**. **Walk-ins are always welcome!**

## Thanks from Greater Oakland Visiting Nurse Association

Dear Parish,

Thank you for your donation of \$100.00. Your generous gift will help to provide funding of our in-home acute care services to un-insured and under-insured individuals. Our mission is to provide quality and needed programs, education and services to individuals and the community. Your gift will help us to accomplish that. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Donna M. Fishman, M.S.N., M.S.B.A.

*(The Greater Oakland VNA is the agency we use for our flu shot clinics here at SS. John & Paul.)*



## —Parish Wide Lenten Project— “Bucks for Bags”



This Lenten season, SS. John & Paul will sponsor a weekly food drive to benefit our local food pantries. The post-Christmas season is typically a time of bare shelves for most food pantries. This year, coupled with our economic downturn, the need for food and commodities is even greater. This weekly food drive is not to be confused with our occasional “Bag-a-Lot” drive for Agape or “Adopt-a-Bag” for Samaritan House.

**Here is how “Bucks for Bags” will work.** Each of the six weekends of Lent we will have grocery bags available in the hallway to the Activities Center with a list attached of items to be donated. SS. John & Paul will match each filled bag that is returned with one dollar. That week a local food pantry will not only receive the bags of food, but also a check from SS. John & Paul in the amount of bags donated, to use where needed.

The three local food pantries who will benefit from these food drives are listed below. All these pantries keep records as to who receives emergency food and how often they receive it.

- **St. Francis/St. Maximilian Kolbe** serves those who come to their church seeking emergency assistance with food, clothing and utilities year round. They are North Macomb Vicariate members serving not only those in our area but others from Port Huron, Clinton Township and even Imlay City.
- **The Agape Center Food Pantry (also known as the North Macomb Vicariate food pantry)** also serves those in need of emergency food and shelter and also provides programs and education. Clients are from Romeo, Washington, Bruce, Ray, Armada and beyond.
- **Samaritan House** food pantry serves those within the boundaries of 23 Mile Rd. to the south, 38 Mile Rd. to the north, Dequindre Rd. to the west and east of Omo Rd. to the east. As a sponsoring church of Samaritan House, we are able to make informed referrals for individuals living beyond these boundaries.

**Bags will be available beginning the weekend of  
February 21/22 until March 28/29.**

## Free Income Tax Preparation

Income tax preparation is still being offered through the end of March at Samaritan House. This is a free program for individuals with a gross income of \$20,000 or less and families with a gross income of \$42,000 or less. It is not necessary for you to be a client of Samaritan House to use this service. This is a cooperative effort between Samaritan House, the IRS and Accounting Aid Society. Appointments are necessary. If you or anyone you know would like to make an appointment or for additional information, please call 586.677.7590.

## Grief Support Seminar

In-House Hospice will present a grief support seminar at St. Clement of Rome at 343 S. Main, Romeo, Tuesdays from 2:00-3:30 p.m. beginning February 24, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

The seminar is intended for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one and consists of a series of six free sessions to learn and share about the grief process. For more information or to register, please call Judy at 586.468.8580.

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

We are in what is called "Year B" of the Sunday readings, and during Lent, we get a wonderful set of first readings, many of them focusing on one of the covenants God has made with humanity. This first Sunday the focus is on the covenant portrayed at the end of the story of Noah and the flood. God says: "I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood." The story then ties the appearance of the rainbow as a sign of that covenant.

This story is a mixture of a faith story, legends, ancient memories of a devastating flood, and a teaching tool for God's people. Shortly after that story we hear yet again of how the people turned from God and wanted to become like gods in the story of the tower of Babel. But in that story God does not destroy them as happened in the flood. God's promise is kept.

The key to the covenant made with Noah occurs just before our reading today in Genesis 9:5-6. God blesses Noah and his family and repeats the words given to Adam and Eve: "Be fertile and multiply and fill the earth." But this time there is an acknowledgment that humanity will end up using other creatures for their own survival. It is a sad statement really. Instead of the original vision of stewardship where all creation is to be guided by humanity in a harmonious whole, humans will overpower creation for their own survival. Human sinfulness has so entered into humanity that the original vision is no longer able to be achieved.

In a Christian reading of this passage we know that there is a need for God to enter into human history through God's Word in Jesus and to conquer human sinfulness by living a sinless life even in the face of death. But for the moment depicted in the story of Noah, God in a sense, has allowed human

history in its freedom to live a distorted life with respect to wider creation. It is almost, again as a Christian reading, as if God is sighing, knowing the consequences of such sinful human freedom and what it will one day mean for his Son.

But God does establish a new standard for Noah and humanity in that story. Perhaps creation will be distorted for awhile but humanity is not to forget that original vision. When humanity takes a life of an animal, it is not to eat its blood, as a reminder of the life that God has given that animal. And, if any human blood is shed, God will demand an accounting, since every human being is made in the image of God. The core of the new covenant made with humanity through Noah is the sacredness of life, especially human life. If humanity as a whole will no longer be wiped away by God due to their sinful ways, then humans themselves are not to take the life of other humans. And, if they do, an accounting will be demanded by God.

What we will hear, then, in the first readings of this Lenten season are a series of reminders that God desires humanity to be his people, living in his image and likeness. When we fail to do so, humanity and creation as a whole suffers. But God does not abandon humanity; rather he calls humanity back to its basic covenantal duty: to treat every human being as the image of God. In turn, in order to guide humanity toward its full relationship with God and all of creation, God will choose not all of humanity, but a portion of humanity, Abraham and his descendants, and establish a special covenant with them (Second Sunday of Lent). Then, within this covenant, an even more focused relationship with the people of Israel and the covenant established through Moses on Mount Sinai (Third Sunday). And then through Israel, a promised new covenant that will be for all humanity (Fifth Sunday).

Finally, in Jesus Christ and what we celebrate during Holy Week, it all comes to its most focused and yet widest point: faithful son of the covenant with Moses; descendant of Abraham and

his covenant, through whom all nations can experience God's blessing; one who calls all people to a nonviolence toward humanity, even in the face of death, fulfilling the covenant with Noah; son of Mary, obedient to God the Father, unlike Adam, and so fulfills and surpasses that relationship with God, so that all creation, though marred by sin, has a way toward harmony and completeness.

We are invited into that covenantal journey this Lenten season. To recognize how we share in the sin of Adam by our selfishness and need for God's saving goodness. To see how our actions can harm humanity and all creation and so commit to respecting the dignity of each and every human being and not do violence to them, as established with Noah. To experience with Abraham both the testing of our priorities and the joy of knowing that God blesses us in our faithfulness to him. To appreciate with Moses and Israel that to be God's people is to accept specific obligations and ways of life that mark us as that people. And then to humbly accept that through this people has come a sharing in that ultimate covenant with God through Jesus. To both accept that special relationship and to accept the sharing in Christ's full life, death and resurrection it entails.

Let us journey deeper into God's covenant with us this Lent.

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### \*LENTEN PRACTICES

It is not too late to embrace the spirit of this season of Lent by picking out a daily "penance". Keep it simple and do-able. It is not the amount that is important but that it helps remind our minds and hearts that our relationship to God is the most important priority in our lives. Give something up. Traditionally some type of fasting from food was the clearest way to keep Lent. But in today's world it might be letting go of a few minutes of TV, Internet, music, and so on. Or consciously be more generous in thought and action to those around you. Or do both. Something simple. Something daily. Enter into Lent as a

season of renewal that can deepen our relationship to God, to God's people, and to those whom God needs us to be his hands and heart.

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### \*Fridays of Lent

Once again as a whole parish we are focusing on the Fridays of Lent as the special community day of prayer and penance for Lent. The universal Church asks us to abstain from meat. In addition, let's try to have at least one other practice that will shape the Fridays of Lent for this parish as a day of solidarity in prayer and penance. With the huge demand for food to help those in need, our local food pantries are literally begging for more food supplies. Perhaps take Friday as a simple but hearty (and meatless!) soup and bread dinner. Then donate the equivalent of what you might have spent by putting together a food donation bag for the pantries. As a parish for Lent we are using each weekend as a food donation weekend, not just once a month. To encourage as much participation as possible, there are grocery bags in the hallway with suggested items for the food pantries. But you don't have to use those. Simply bring a bag of food one or more weekends of Lent. For each bag brought back, large or small, the parish will donate an extra dollar to one of the pantries that week. Even 100 bags of groceries a week, for seven weeks, will be a great help to them. All that food and \$700 besides. But there is no limit on the number of bags. Make it 1000 or 2000 and the parish will add to that, a dollar per bag.

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### \*VICARIATE MISSION

You have been hearing about the North Macomb Vicariate Mission, talks, a concert, gatherings at different vicariate parishes. A full schedule has been sent to you in the Lenten mailing this week. It begins with a kick-off concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at St. John Vianney. Tickets are required for this event only. We will have our Lenten simple soup at 6:00

p.m. that Friday evening prior to the concert. Those who want to carpool are welcome to do so. But the soup is open to all, whether going to the concert or not.

Our parish Hospitality Commission is arranging for some type of simple meal and then car pooling each of the nights of the mission—Monday through Thursday. In that way people will not have to worry about driving, and it gives us a chance to have some fellowship and community support as part of the mission.

Our own parish will be hosting the Monday morning mass, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. That will be the only Mass that day at the parish or in the vicariate. It will be a "Teaching Mass" led by me and open to everyone in the vicariate. Each day one of the parishes in the vicariate will host the daily morning Mass, with no other Mass scheduled in other parishes that day. It is, again, a way to build up some connections to the other parishes and Catholics in the North Macomb Vicariate during our mission week.

Mark your calendars for any or all of the events that week. It is a chance to bond as a vicariate and to be offered some reflections for deeper spiritual life.

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### \*WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES ABOUT DIVORCED CATHOLICS

We had a wonderful turn out for our Wisdom Bytes session on divorce and the Catholic Church. As mentioned last week the most important information to convey about such a situation is that they are not only "in" the Church still, but are to be as full members of the community as possible. For those who are divorced there is no role that they are excluded from. Come and be fully participating members. Be on commissions. Join in a liturgical ministry. Receive communion. Celebrate the sacraments. Be public and active.

But what about those who are divorced and remarried without an

annulment of a prior marriage, or those who have married such a divorced person? Are they not "out" of the Church? No! The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1651) explicitly says about such situations: "*Toward Christians who live in this situation, and who often keep the faith and desire to bring up their children in a Christian manner, priests and the whole community must manifest an attentive solicitude, so that they do not consider themselves separated from the Church, in whose life they can and must participate as baptized persons.*" "Can and must participate." The Church wants and expects people in such situations to be as active as possible. And the whole community is to accept them and show great care toward their situation. Let us make sure Catholics in such situations know this teaching!

But can divorced and remarried persons receive communion at Mass? And, if not, isn't that an unjust punishment based on human rules? What is a person supposed to do in such situations? More on that issue next week.

**Fr. Buersmeyer**



**ENTER INTO THE  
SEASON OF LENT**

## 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.

## Knights Offer Scholarships

Knights of Columbus Council #7018 (representing both St. Clement of Rome and SS. John and Paul Parishes) are offering scholarships that will be awarded to those Catholic students who will be graduating from Romeo High School this June 2009 and those in college through their fourth year (if funds are available). The Council is also offering scholarships for K thru college for attending Catholic schools only.

To obtain applications and a description of the scholarship criteria, call Jim Burns at 586.752.1115 or Ron Stec at 586.752.9180 and applications will be forwarded. All applications should be returned by March 15, 2009 to be considered.

## Stewardship

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February 21-22, 2009

**Weekly budget.....\$11,700.00**  
 Offertory .....\$7,884.00  
 No. Sunday envelopes used .....267  
 ESO (30th of mo.).....\$2,422.00  
 No. ESO.....32  
**Total Offertory.....\$10,306.00**

### Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (2) .....\$45.00  
 Children's Env. / (8) .....\$8.75  
 Church in Europe/ (45) .....\$759.00  
 Easter Flowers / (30).....\$45.00

YTD Budget.....\$436,300.00  
 YTD Offertory .....\$430,084.00  
 Shortage .....-\$6,216.00

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, resources and themselves at God's service in and through the Church."



## Readings for the Week of March 1, 2009

### Sunday, March 1:

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22;  
 Mk 1:12-15

### Monday, March 2:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday, March 3:

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday, March 4:

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday, March 5:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12

### Friday, March 6:

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday, March 7:

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday, March 8:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;  
 Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## Pray for our sick

Mary Angelosante	Samantha Nelson
Alana Aynse	Tom O'Donnell
Jennie Barla	Leo Osantoske, Sr.
Rita Bayer	Carl Pallas
Mary Burcar	Rita Pascoe
Charles Cappellano	Monica Payne
Ralph Cleary	Patricia Petriches
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
Vincent Eterno	Marie Richard
Blanche Fredal	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	Shirley Taylor
Jacob Main	Charlie Trombly
Bernice Mayer	Richard Waluk
Rodney Mayer	Betty Waligore
Antoinette McBain	Patricia Wyatt
Agnes Mehlick	Edward Ziolkowski
Linda Murphy	
Lois Nelson	

## Pray for our military



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

## Sponsor of the Week

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## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### Saturday and Sunday February 28-March 1, 2009

Lorraine Darga by Martino Family  
Saveria Palazzolo by DiSanto Family  
Vincenzo DiSanto by Family  
Brigida Vozza & Olga Recchia  
by V. Recchia  
Tullio Rossi by M. Rossi  
Ken Willoughby by Family

### Monday, March 2, 2009

Michael Radke by T. Klakulak Family

### Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Catherine Puzzuoli by Family

### Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Dorothy Dawood by Fields Family  
Fr. Jerome Krieg by J. Krieg Family

### Saturday and Sunday

#### March 7-8, 2009

Irene Deutsch by M. Juliano Family  
Clemente Truden by A. Truden  
Julie Maloziec by Pospiech Family  
Tullio Rossi by M. Rossi  
Debora Weaver Conn by W. Weaver Family

Liturgical appointments for March 7-8, 2009				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Celebrant/ Homilist</b>	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer Deacon John	Fr. Buersmeyer Deacon John
<b>Lectors</b>	B. Conlon S. Dickens	E. Sova G. Bawol	P. Quayhackx S. Rowley	G. Weingartz M. Catalano
<b>Communion Ministers</b>  <b>*Captain</b>	M. Beaudin* P. Brunet F. Diebboll L. Horn C. Klein	M. Schimmel* Megan Schimmel J. Sova A. Weaver P. Weaver	Deacon John M. Bonaudo* J. Witek D. Zabkowski L. Zabkowski B. Quayhackx B. Hellebuyck	Deacon John J. Gilbertson* J. Schnepf P. Dutchik C. Gregory
<b>Altar Servers</b>	T. Schneider	T. Sova	O. Cali M. Sabat V. Mangiapane	F. Avolio G. Avolio
<b>Greeters</b>	G. Baginski R. Baginski	S. Boettcher T. Boettcher	H. Witek L. Amato	K. Waligore C. Winde
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Team #1</b> R. Pewinski J. Wright D. Smith	<b>Team #3</b> B. Dale E. Fannon 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> R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jiannuzzi M. Bytner J. Gehrholz
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<b>Team #4</b> — Tom & Mary Ann Klakulak, Joe Martino, Ron & Debbie DiDomenico, Larry & Marilyn Weathers			

## SS. John and Paul Parish Directory

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