

### **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

Fr. Buersmeyer's article, *Pastor's Perspective*, appears on Page 6.

### **G.R.A.C.E. NEXT WEEK**

The next G.R.A.C.E. sessions are November 15, 17, 18, 20. The theme is Old Testament Stories of God's Covenant. The event is Advent/Jesse Tree. Menu is Lasagna.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Our candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, November 21, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be Sunday, November 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

Join us on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, as we celebrate Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.

### **CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB**

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

## ***Women's Retreat Today***



***SS. John and Paul Parish offers  
a retreat experience for women!***

***Sunday, November 8  
Capuchin Retreat Center  
2:00-8:00 p.m.***

***Retreat Facilitators  
JoAnne Owens & Linda Bauer***

All women are invited to gather together in community for prayer, quiet reflection, and sharing. Beginning with the story of Martha and Mary, we will look at how women relate to God and how they in turn respond to the freedom God offers: "less on serving God and more on letting God serve us."

**Dinner is included at 6:00 p.m.** followed by closing prayer and discussion. **Cost is \$30.00** (Scholarships available if needed). Registration is necessary. You can sign up on the board in the hallway or by calling the parish office. If you have any question, call JoAnne or Linda at the parish office.

**Knights of Columbus  
Membership Drive & Christmas Card Sale  
This weekend after all Masses**

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

**Monday, November 9:**

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

**Tuesday, November 10:**

- \*9:00 a.m. Mass
- \*9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Scripture Study on Luke's Gospel
- \*5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- \*5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells
- \*6:30 Gr. 1-6 G.R.A.C.E.  
Catechists Lesson Planning
- \*7:00 p.m. Cantors
- \*7:00 p.m. MCREST Orientation

**Wednesday, November 11:**

- \*9:00 a.m. Mass
- \*7:00 p.m. Gr. 7-8 Lesson Planning
- \*7:00 p.m. MCREST Orientation

**Thursday, November 12:**

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

**Saturday, November 14:**

- \*8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- \*3:00 p.m. Teen Bells
- \*3:00 p.m. Confessions
- \*5:00 p.m. Mass
- \*Confirmation Candidates  
Rehearsal after 5:00 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.



**Advent Coffee House  
Friday, December 4  
7:00-8:30 p.m.**



Come, bring your favorite cup and begin  
Advent with an evening of reflection  
in the SS. John and Paul Activities Center

**Elijah Cup**

**What is it?** The Elijah Cup is a chalice that is presented to a family after Communion during a weekend Mass. It comes in a case with a journal that explains its purpose and gives ideas for prayers that can be used to pray for vocations.

**What do we do with it?** The family takes the Elijah Cup home, places it in a prominent place to remind them to pray daily for vocations. At the end of the week, a family member/s makes a short notation in the journal stating how having the Cup affected them. The Cup is then returned at the following weekend Liturgy, placed on the Offertory Table and carried up by family members as part of the Offertory procession. Note: This same Cup is then used during the Consecration at that Mass.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board if your family is interested in hosting the Cup.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, November 21, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this celebration. Candidates and sponsors are asked to meet in the social hall no later than 4:45 p.m.

Confirmation rehearsal will be on Saturday, November 14 following the 5:00 Mass. All candidates and their sponsors are required to attend this rehearsal. A light dinner will be provided following Mass. Any question, call Karen Peters at 586.781.9488.

**An Evening on "How to Journal in Prayer"  
Wednesday, November 11, 2009 — 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
At the Capuchin Retreat Center**

Christ is always calling us in and through our everyday experiences. We are continually being invited into a deeper and more intimate relationship with God. **Are you listening and responding?** This evening workshop will give you a taste of how journal prayer can deepen your prayer life. No writing experience is necessary. It is non-threatening because there are no rules, just some powerful techniques.

Denise Anderson, a licensed professional counselor and spiritual director, will be the facilitator. Denise has been teaching class and facilitating Journal Prayer retreats for 25 years and continues to be in awe at the power journal writing has to bring us into closer union with Christ. Call the Capuchin Retreat at 248.651.4826 to register. Cost is a \$20 donation.

# G.R.A.C.E.

## 2009-2010 Religious Formation Program

Parish Formation 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 program above, or for any other adult formation or preparation for sacraments please call the Formation Office at 586.781.9488.

## Grade 1-6 Age Appropriate Fall Sessions



### Session #3

**Monday, November 23**  
4:45-6:00 p.m.

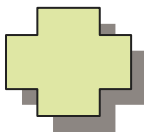
**Tuesday, November 24**  
4:45-6:00 p.m. or 6:30-7:45 p.m.

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### Session #4

**Monday, November 30**  
4:45-6:00 p.m.

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



## Preparation for The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

### Family Interviews

**Monday**  
**November 23 & 30**  
6:00-6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday / Thursday**  
**December 2 / 3**  
4:00-6:30 p.m.

Call the Formation Office  
586.781.9488 to sign up  
for an interview day and time.

# G.R.A.C.E.

## Growing Responding As Catholics Everyday

**Next Week**  
**November 15, 17, 18, 20**  
6:00-8:30 p.m.

*Catechetical Area:* Exploring Scripture As Catholics

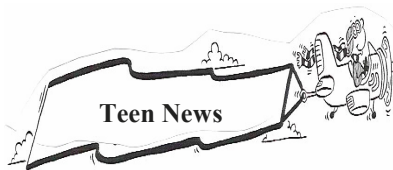
*Theme:* Old Testament Stories of God's Covenant

*Event:* Advent/Jesse Tree

*Menu:* Lasagna, Salad, Drink

- To see how stories help us to better understand the meaning of the Old Testament
- To appreciate covenant stories in the Old Testament
- To be able to apply these covenant stories to our lives

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- **9-12 Graders**....the RAINBOW “early bird special” ends Nov. 10. After this date you will be charged an additional \$10.00 to attend the conference. **Don’t delay....get those permission slips in today!**
- **Youth Group Meeting** for 9-12 grade teens will be held on Nov. 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a friend and join us.
- **Help Needed!** We are in need of teens, 7-12 grade, to help with the raking of the leaves for the elderly. Please sign up in the hallway, grab a permission slip and complete it if you are available to help on **Sunday, November 8**. We will meet right after the 11:30 a.m. mass to have lunch and then load the vehicles for the rest of the afternoon of yard work. Please dress appropriately and make sure you bring your rake, gardening gloves, and any light yard tools that might help you make this day and project run smoother. **This will be our group meeting for the day...please bring a friend and join us!** We will also need adults to help with driving and chaperoning this project. If you can help out, please check the box on the permission slip and list how many teens you can drive. Thank you!
- **Attention all 7th Graders**...Letters have gone out to all the 7th graders in regard to the 7th grade interviews. The interviews will be Monday, Nov. 9, Tuesday, Nov. 10, and Wednesday, Nov. 11. The interviews will be 10 minutes and focus on the material covered in previous years. Please call Mrs. Peters at 586.781.9488 ASAP to set up your interview.
- **Confirmation Rehearsal**...is Saturday, November 14, following the 5:00 Mass. All candidates and sponsors are required to attend this rehearsal. A light dinner will be provided.

## Sharing Tree Time!

Our annual Sharing Tree is up this weekend with tags from eleven different charities from which to choose. Listed below is a brief description of each.

- **The Food Pantry of St. Clement/St. Teresa**—This pantry serves about 1200 families, with about six new families per day. They are experiencing difficulty keeping their shelves stocked because of the growing needs of the community.
- **St. Aloysius Community Outreach**—This ministry serves the homeless, working poor and seniors of downtown Detroit. They have requested clothing items for the homeless.
- **Capuchin Caps, Coats-N-Kids**—This program provides caps, coats and gloves to 400 at risk families, providing warm winter coats to 1,200 children. Parents will have a chance to pick a coat, hat and a pair of gloves for their child(ren) from a selection of new items provided by donors.
- **St. Maximilian/St. Francis Outreach**—serves those who come to their church seeking assistance with food, clothing and gifts at Christmas and year round.
- **The Samaritan House**—is a community organization devoted to serving individuals and families within our community in need of emergency food, utilities and/or rent.
- **Juan Diego Hispanic Ministry**—is a cooperative Hispanic ministry of North Macomb Vicariate. It is headquartered in the Agape Center on the grounds of St. Clement in Romeo.
- **McWarm of St. Margaret**—offers the homeless in the area of St. Clair Shores a warming center where they can shower and have a lunch of soup and sandwiches Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning November 1 throughout the winter months.
- **Birthright of Macomb**—is a crisis pregnancy center whose mission is to offer guidance, support and aid to the women of Macomb County to help them continue their pregnancies to term.
- **Catholic Services of Macomb**— provides senior services and crisis pregnancy programs through A Friend’s House Adult Day Services, RSVP and the Senior Companion Programs of Macomb and Project Hope.
- **MCREST**— The envelope tags for MCREST request items needed to provide for the homeless guests that we will be hosting in December. The requested items include non-perishable food, gift cards and other items needed to host our guests. The MCREST tags have special instructions inside the envelope. Please follow the instructions when returning the donated items. **Please return MCREST gift cards in the collection basket.** If you have any questions about MCREST Sharing Tree tags please contact Mimi Gendreau, MCREST Coordinator, at 248-652-3799 or mgendreau@comcast.net.
- **Turning Point**—is a shelter which provides programs and resources that enable victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to regain control of their lives.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL SHARING TREE GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS MUST BE RETURNED TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29!**



### Bakers Needed

We are in need of cookie bakers for our blood drive on Sunday, Nov. 22. If you are able to donate two dozen cookies for our drive, please bring them to church by 8:00 a.m. November 22. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Homemade cookies are always such a treat for our donors and volunteers!



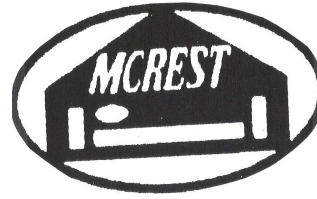
### Blood Drive Coming Soon

The Health Ministry Team of SS. John & Paul will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, November 22, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to donate the gift of life!

### Pope Benedict’s “Charity in Truth” Presentation

Michael Hovey, current director of Catholic Social Teaching for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will discuss Pope Benedict’s encyclical, “Charity in Truth”, at St. Clement of Rome on Wednesday, November 11, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Mr. Hovey calls this encyclical “a gift for us all” in that Pope Benedict “looks at the current situation around the world and comments about it in light of our faith.” Please join him for this enlightening presentation.



### MCREST Volunteer Orientation November 10 and 11 7:00 p.m.

All new and returning MCREST volunteers are invited to attend Orientation Night on **either** Tuesday, November 10 **or** Wednesday, November 11. The Orientation Night starts at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service followed by MCREST training. This informative meeting for all volunteers is intended to properly train all for our host MCREST week. There are many specific rules and guidelines that must be followed in order that our host week is successful both for our guests and all our volunteers. After the prayer service, there will be a general training for all volunteers and then teams will break up for specific training from the Team Leaders.

**All volunteers must have completed a background authorization check and have attended a Protecting God’s Children workshop or be in the process of doing so.** To ensure the safety of our children, this workshop is a **requirement** of all parish staff and volunteers. If you are unsure whether or not you have already completed a background check or attended a PGC workshop, please call the parish office and ask for Paula Klozik.

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### More MCREST Volunteers Needed!

There are still many MCREST teams that are in need of volunteers. If you have not yet volunteered, please check the sign ups in the hallway to the Activities Center and see what is available. There is something for everyone: we need drivers, bakers, medication helpers, hospitality people, guest assistance, Sunday search and daily pat down people to name a few.

Please check you calendar the week of December 6-13, 2009 and see where you can donate a couple hours of your time to help us welcome and minister to our homeless neighbors. You will be glad you did!

### For Widowed Men and Women

*Widowed Friends* of the Archdiocese of Detroit invites widowed of all ages to attend a “family style” dinner at the American/Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road (northwest corner of 15 Mile at Dequindre) in Troy on Friday, November 12. Social time begins at 5:00 p.m., dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Enter from the Dequindre door. Cost is \$14.00 (cash) payable at the door. Bar drinks and deserts are extra. Cards, games or conversation until 9:00 p.m. in a safe and friendly setting. RSVP by Nov. 9 to Mary Ann 586.939.5270, Sue 248.547.1782, or Bonnie 586.786.6374.

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*Praying for the Dead

During the month of November we will have a special prayer intention for all the names listed in our Book of Memory and we will pray specifically for those buried from our parish these past twelve months. Why do we pray for the dead? As I mentioned at the All Souls Day Mass, we can talk about praying for the dead for three general reasons.

The first is that we love many who have died and they have loved us. We don't know what happens after death, but we have a desire that not all is lost in death. Our love for others requires us to pray for those who have died. We would be betraying that love, if we did not pray for them. In a way we would be less than fully human, if we did not pray for them. Love allows our grief to be expressed and at the same time experience that we are still connected to all who have lived. We pray for the dead because we love them.

Secondly, we pray for the dead because we are people of faith, specifically faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because his death was not the final word, because he was raised from the dead, not simply resuscitated as he did Lazarus and the girl—truly raised into a new, transformed, spiritual body—we have faith in that resurrection. That faith leads us to pray for the dead, that they can share in the resurrected life of Christ. This faith leads us to an understanding of the communion of saints, a communion of the living and the deceased who share in God's life through Jesus Christ. We are in a real though not yet completed way already part of that communion of saints. We know this in faith. And this faith leads us to pray for the dead.

Thirdly, we pray for the dead because we are people of hope. Hope is living a life based not on what we see already fulfilled, but what we know will one day be fulfilled. Hope allows us to pray for all the dead. Not just those we loved or those we personally knew.

Hope allows us to pray even for our enemies and those who have harmed us. Hope allows us to pray that all humanity might one day share in that glorious communion with God. We know that some in their freedom might refuse, but we hope that God's love triumphs over all. We pray for the dead because we live in hope for them and for ourselves to be united once again with them.

Why do we pray for the dead? Because of the love, faith, and hope that God has planted within us.

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### \*November G.R.A.C.E.: Scripture

Each year during our seven monthly G.R.A.C.E. sessions we touch on a key aspect of Catholic faith and living. This month the general area will be Scripture. How do Catholics understand and bring Scripture into their lives? The specific catechetical theme is the "Oral Traditions of the Old Testament." One way to read and appreciate the Old Testament is to pay attention to all the stories of faith that were first passed on in oral rather than written form. Like all of Scripture we believe such stories are inspired by God to teach us something about the way of salvation. But as oral traditions they can combine very historically accurate facts with legendary stories and with storytelling embellishments. God's Word can use all of these to teach us about the gift of salvation that comes through his people, Israel, and culminates in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To call such writings "stories" is not to diminish their importance or to imply that the Bible is fictional. Rather it is a recognition that to understand the truth of the events that happened we need to read them as stories of faith. Do we know the core stories of faith from the Old Testament? What are they trying to teach us about being God's people? How can we gain a greater appreciation for them? Plan on being with us for the November G.R.A.C.E. session beginning Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>. You can choose Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday evening, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

### \*Confirmation with Bishop Flores

Bishop Daniel Flores, one of our auxiliary bishops, will be with us at the November 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with our teens. Our September G.R.A.C.E. session focused on this sacrament as a way to prepare not just the teens but us as a parish for that celebration. You may want to go on the website, click on Faith Formation and then G.R.A.C.E. Archives and see some of the material that was presented that month.

Confirmation preparation is an extended process. In addition to the seven monthly G.R.A.C.E. sessions for the whole parish, which the candidates to be must also attend, we have several age-specific sessions during their 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and beginning of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade years. During that time they have a personal interview with me as their pastor; receive a young adult handbook of Catholic faith as a way to deepen their understanding of being Catholic; receive a Bible with notes and explanations designed for Catholic teens, and are invited to share their time and energy in many different service projects. During these last few months they are blessed at Mass and officially designated Confirmation candidates, attend several sessions of specific preparation along with their sponsors, and go on a Confirmation retreat.

We do all of this because we want them to know how important this step into full Christian initiation is. As they commit themselves to Christ and pray for the Spirit of God to give them the gifts they will need to be good witnesses to God's love throughout their lives, we also must be praying for them as a community of faith. Please include in your prayer these next two weeks a special intention for all of our teens who will be confirmed. Thank you.

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### \*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Interviews

I mentioned above that an interview with the pastor for all 7<sup>th</sup> graders is part of the remote preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. I

have set aside several hours this week for those interviews. I've asked each 7<sup>th</sup> grader to begin with a favorite Bible story or passage. As we discuss it, I will be asking them to share a little bit about how they understand faith, Jesus Christ, prayer, and being part of the Church. I will then give them a Catholic handbook for young adults. It provides a very good overview of all the main aspects of Catholic faith—Prayer and Spirituality, God, Jesus Christ, the Church, the Sacraments, Christian Morality, and so on. It is written for a junior high audience but I think most adults would find it beneficial as well.

Mrs. Karen Peters, our Assistant Coordinator for Faith Formation, uses chapters of this handbook to design various age-specific sessions for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. These junior high age-specific sessions are usually on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon or evening, filled with activities and ways to focus on the key realities of being a Catholic Christian preparing for Confirmation. Our goal is to have our junior high students understand and talk about the key symbols, stories, and concepts of our Catholic faith, prior to celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation.

Of course, the most important way faith truly gets integrated into their lives is by parents taking an active role in their child's faith formation, praying together as a family, discussing the material in the handbook, relating what is happening in the world to our Catholic understanding, and being faithful to Sunday Eucharist as a family. If all of this family-related faith is happening, then what we do as part of our parish's faith formation program has a real chance of being successful. If the family component does not take place or only takes place sporadically, I think our junior high students still get some good, worthwhile connection to their Catholic faith, but it is not as likely to stick with them as they move toward adulthood.

This pastor interview with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders is not a test (don't worry, no one fails!) but an encouragement to take seriously our Catholic faith formation. I will have another chance to interview

them at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade year as well to see what has been learned and experienced. But I do take Catholic faith formation seriously. Too often we don't challenge our Catholic youth to really learn about their faith. I look at Jewish youth of their age who have to memorize in Hebrew parts of the Bible and be able to recite/chant it in the assembly as part of their bar/bat mitzvahs. I look at youths from Protestant churches who have been memorizing Bible passages throughout their lives and can talk comfortably about having a faith in Jesus, praying to God, and living their lives in a Christian way. I do not think it is too much to ask our Catholic families and Catholic youth to know about, appreciate and be able to intelligently talk about aspects of their Catholic faith.

In the end, the goal is never to stop at simply knowledge of the Catholic faith. The goal is a mature life lived in sync with the Holy Spirit. But we do not want to minimize how valuable it is to know and articulate our Catholic faith.

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#### **\*Restructuring of the Diocese**

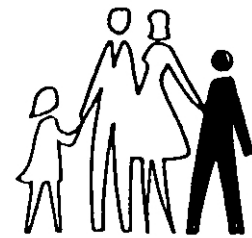
Along with the downsizing of the diocesan budget due to severe financial concerns, the diocese is undergoing a minor restructuring in order to facilitate future planning. Archbishop Vigneron wants four stable regions, with four vicariates within each region. These regions will then work with the vicariates on any future "Together in Faith" planning. As you might recall, the "Together in Faith" process was started by Cardinal Maida a few years ago, as a way to help parishes strengthen their ministry or recognize that they needed to cluster or merge with neighboring parishes to strengthen their ministry. Much of the urgency for the planning process came as a result of the decline in the number of priests and therefore the need to reconfigure enough parishes so that there are priests available for all the parishes.

The "Together in Faith" plan for the parishes of the North Macomb Vicariate did not envision any further

clustering, other than the St. Francis/St. Maximilian cluster that is now in effect. The hope is that all of the remaining parishes are of sufficient size and energy, or are located in such a way, that they will have a resident pastor for the foreseeable future. There are never any guarantees, of course. We will enter into whatever further planning process that is required and see where that leads us.

As part of this restructuring the Archbishop asked that the advisory group of priests known as the Presbyteral Council and the advisory group of Vicars merge together into one. The vicariates nominated two to three priests from each vicariate and the priests of the archdiocese then elected a priest from each vicariate to be on the new presbyteral council. Archbishop Vigneron then made a decision to name that priest also as the vicar for his area or to appoint someone else as vicar. As a result I am now back on the Presbyteral Council and I am the new vicar of the North Macomb Vicariate. It means a bit more work, but I want to thank our previous vicar, Fr. Jerry Machlik from St. John Vianney, for all he's done to help make the job of vicar much easier than it used to be.

**Fr. Buersmeyer**



#### **A Family Perspective** by Bud Ozar

The widow in today's Gospel invested "everything she had." We are called to totally invest our trust, love, and forgiveness in our family because this is the currency which glues a family together. Marriage and parenting are not for part-timers; they are full time careers demanding total investment.

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

CCHD was founded in 1970 by the bishops of the United States as the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program. For nearly 40 years, CCHD has helped make long-term changes in the economic condition of communities across the United States. CCHD supports projects that address the root causes of poverty. It is a complement to the direct-assistance mission of Catholic Charities agencies and other emergency relief programs run by the Church.

You can make a difference. Please pray for those who receive CCHD support and for all caught in the cycle of poverty and use the envelope you received today to make your donation next weekend.

## Marriage Banns

Maria Luehmann and Patrick Colasanti — November 27, 2009

## Stewardship

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### STEWARDSHIP REPORT October 31-November 1, 2009

Weekly budget .....\$11,100.00  
 Offertory .....\$11,552.00  
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....322  
**Total Offertory .....\$11,552.00**

#### Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (21).....\$527.00  
 Children's Env. / (10).....\$67.05  
 Mission Sunday / (4).....\$37.00

*"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasure."* Mark 12:43

Notice that in the story of the widow's mite Jesus did not reach into the treasury box and give the widow back her coins. If He did not exempt her from giving, surely He expects each of us to share what we have to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and promote the work of the Church here on earth.

## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### Saturday, November 7, 2009

**5:00 p.m. —**  
 Clemente Truden by A. Truden  
 Deceased members of the James Campbell family by Family

### Sunday, November 8, 2009

**8:00 am. —**  
 For the parishioners  
**9:30 a.m. —**  
 Lionel Bell by Hammer Family  
 Marie Donovan by M. Donovan  
 Giovanni Evangelista by Brother  
**11:30 a.m. —**  
 Assunta Cocco by Mollon Family  
 Daniele Marani by Gai Family  
 Cecelia Smith by Bayer Family

### Monday, November 9, 2009

**7:00 p.m. —**  
 For the parishioners

### Tuesday, November 10, 2009

**9:00 a.m. —**  
 Carl Pallas by T. Klakulak Family

### Wednesday, November 11, 2009

**9:00 a.m. —**  
 Mary Alfano by Maher Family

### Saturday, November 14, 2009

**5:00 p.m. —**  
 Alex Polzin by Ashmore Family  
 Betty & Don Horn by Harden Family  
 Diana Guindon by Greenway Family

### Sunday, November 15, 2009

**8:00 a.m. —**  
 Carolina & Pasquale Vani by Family  
**9:30 a.m. —**  
 For the parishioners  
**11:30 a.m. —**  
 Nella Raia by Nelson Family

## Pray for our sick

Mary Angelosante	Antoinette McBain
Jennie Barla	Agnes Mehlick
Shirley Blonde	Richard Metry
Mary Burcar	Linda Murphy
Charles Cappellano	Lois Nelson
Helen Chmielewski	Samantha Nelson
Caterina Cianferra	Eugene Ondrizek
Ralph Cleary	Leo Osantoske, Sr.
Luigi Cocco	Pat Palonis
John Patrick Cuttle	Patricia Petriches
Timothy J. Cuttle	Frank Pochik
Gloria Dean	Doris C. Procopio
Steffany Jo Dean	Dorothy Puffpaff
Chris Del Pappa	Mary Lou Puz
Lauren DeNio	Anthony Randazzo
Vincent Eterno	Pat Rea
Ann Filipowicz	Marie Richard
Blanche Fredal	Theresa Romero
Danielle Giffin	Angelina Russo
Geri Hammer	Sandra Sabath
Lora Hardin	Benjamin Schurig
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## Readings for the Week of November 8, 2009

**Sunday, November 8:**

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28;  
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**Monday, November 9:**

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

**Tuesday, November 10:**

Wis 2:23—3:9; Ps 34; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday, November 11:**

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday, November 12:**

Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday, November 13:**

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday, November 14:**

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday, November 15:**

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18;  
Mk 13:24-32

### Liturgical appointments for November 14-15, 2009

Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Celebrant/ Homilist</b>	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes Deacon John	Fr. Buersmeyer
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<p><b>Weekend Masses</b>                  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>                  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. or 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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