

### **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

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

### **BELONGING: ONWARD TO THE KINGDOM**

An autumn event for all parishes of the North Macomb Vicariate. Sunday, October 25, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Kieran Parish. All are welcome at no charge.

### **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP**

Thursday, October 29, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (light dinner at 5:30). All volunteers are asked to attend this workshop if you have not attended one.

### **MASS WITH ANOINTING**

The regular 7:00 p.m. Mass on Monday, October 26, will include an anointing of the sick.

### **MASS ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT**

Kids, wear your costumes to the 5:00 p.m. mass on Halloween, October 31! At the end of mass, all children will be given a special blessing, a small treat, and then released a little early to be home by the 6:00 p.m. trick or treat starting time.

### **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.

**Pumpkin Sale  
This Weekend!**



**Proceeds  
support youth  
group activities**



**Pray the Rosary  
Mondays during October  
(October 5, 12, 19, 26)  
6:30 p.m.**

*New This Year!*  
**Women's Scripture Reflection  
Every Other Thursday Morning  
at 9:30 a.m.**



This Thursday morning scripture reflection for women will focus on the upcoming Sunday readings. Our first gathering was on October 1 at 9:30 a.m. and is then scheduled for every other Thursday at the same time. (Next session October 15).

Monthly handouts will help to guide us in our reflections and used as a tool to help us relate the readings to our everyday lives.

By reading scripture, reflecting on its deeper meanings, and incorporating it into our daily life, we can grow not only in our understanding of God's word, but also in our relationship with God.

We hope you will join us whenever you are able to do so. Initial registration is needed so we know how many handouts we need to order. Please sign up on the poster in the hallway, or call JoAnne if you have questions.

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

### Monday, October 5:

- \*11:30 a.m. Senior Cards
- \*6:30 p.m. Rosary
- \*Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- \*7:45 p.m. Adult Bells

### Tuesday, October 6:

- \*9:00 a.m. Mass
- \*9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Scripture Study—Luke's Gospel
- \*10:00 a.m. Art & Environment
- \*5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- \*5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells
- \*6:30 p.m. Reconciliation preparation session #1 for parent & child

### Wednesday, October 7:

- \*9:00 a.m. Mass
- \*6:30 p.m. Reconciliation preparation session #1 for parent & child
- \*7:00 p.m. Christian Service
- \*7:00 p.m. Community Garden

### Thursday, October 8:

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

### Saturday, October 10:

- \*8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- \*3:00 p.m. Teen Bells
- \*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.

## Facilities Update

Many things have been going on behind the scenes this summer. Thanks to your generous and consistent sharing of time, talent and treasure, we have been able to do all of these projects without having to dip into our savings account.

In July we hired Steve Krajewski as our part time maintenance man. Steve recently retired from Selfridge Air National Guard Base and brings to the parish a wealth of maintenance knowledge and abilities. He implemented a regular maintenance routine for the parish and this preventative measure already caught a potential problem. New windows were installed at the parish house and to close out the month, we were visited by our insurance company so they could do a Loss Prevention Inspection of the property and parish house.

August started with the many man-hours of donated labor by parishioners in reshaping the sanctuary area. The carpet and top floor of the sanctuary were removed, a handicap ramp was built and the sanctuary was extended to the tabernacle. One week later the tile guys arrived to begin installing the tile. The end result is beautiful! Once the tile was installed, the carpets in the entire complex were cleaned, along with all of the chairs.

September started off with replacing the east and west drains at the church entrances with larger drains. Speaking of water, the west retention pond became plugged (again) and with Steve and Angus McIntyre's help, they were able to drain the water and clear the plug. We also got approval from the Washington Township Planning Commission to widen the driveway entrance to three lanes and install a canopy at the entrance of the Parish Center. New glass doors were ordered for the Parish Center and one door will be handicap accessible.

Without the continued financial support of the parishioners, none of these projects could be accomplished. Your generous and consistent support has allowed us to properly maintain the buildings and property and in the case of the church, allow us to beautify it. Thank you.



## Welcome to the Parish Family

The following families registered with our parish during the months of July, August, and September. We welcome:

- Thomas & Elizabeth Alef
- Linda & Haley Benick
- Scott & Nancy Berry
- Teresa Bongiovanni
- Michael J., Eileen, & Michael Cicone
- Kerri, Eryn, & Kendall Collier
- Howard Gamache
- Susan and Brian Hilliker
- Esther, Matthew, & Michael Maiorana
- Gregory, Johanna, Mitchell & Katherine McReynolds
- Stephanie Miller
- Herbert, Deborah, Kelsey, & Alec Padilla
- Joseph, Amy, Avery, & Gavin Peake
- Wayne & Maureen Pierce
- Tonin, Padricija, Malina, Martin, Amanda, & George Qosaj
- Michael J., MaryAnn, Francesco, Giuliaanna, & Giorgio Ruffino
- Yvette Russell
- Robert & Joseph Susalla

# G.R.A.C.E.

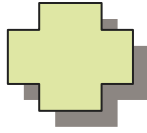
## 2009-2010 Religious Formation Program

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.



## Sacrament of First Reconciliation Preparation Session #1 For Parent and Child

Tuesday, October 6  
6:30 p.m.  
Or

Wednesday, October 7  
6:30 p.m.

**Families must be signed up before coming.  
Please call the Formation Office 586.781.9488**

### Lesson Planning

**For Grades 1-6**

**Age Appropriate  
Fall Sessions**

**Monday, October 12  
6:30 p.m.**

### **Grade 1-6**

**Age Appropriate  
Fall Session #1**

**Monday, October 26  
4:45-6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 27  
4:45-6:00 p.m.  
Or  
6:30-7:45 p.m.**

# G.R.A.C.E.

**Growing Responding As Catholics Everyday**

**October 18, 20, 21, 23 — 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

*Catechetical Area:*

**Creed**

*Theme:*

**Life Everlasting**

*Event:*

**Feast of All Souls**

- To explore the Catholic understanding of death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory
- To appreciate the value of praying for those who have died

*Menu:*

**Pizza, Salad, Drink**



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## St. Damien of Molokai's Relic Coming to Detroit

The Archdiocese of Detroit is uniquely privileged to host the relic of St. Damien of Molokai on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13-14, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Damien, who lived from 1840 until 1889, will be canonized a saint on October 11 at the Vatican. He was a priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and was known for his service in Hawaii to a community of people who suffered from Hansen's disease, or leprosy.

Detroit currently is one of only two cities in the continental United States scheduled to host St. Damien's first-class relic, which is a part of the saint's body. The relic will be received into the Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. on October 13, and will remain there until the following evening. A reception, liturgies and prayer services are planned, as is time for silent veneration of the relic. The Cathedral is located at 9844 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. For more information and a full schedule of events, please visit [www.aodonline.org/stdamien](http://www.aodonline.org/stdamien) or call 313.883.2080.

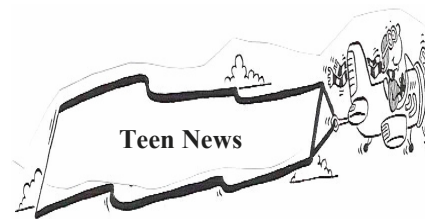
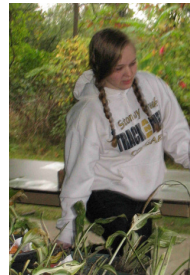
## Finding a Patron Saint for the Archdiocese of Detroit

It has long been a practice in the Church for certain entities, including dioceses, to seek the intercession and protection of a patron saint. The Archdiocese of Detroit, however, has never officially had a patron. That is why Archbishop Allen Vigneron is now asking the faithful of the Archdiocese for their prayerful cooperation in selecting a patron saint for our local church of Detroit.

Between now and December 8, Catholics are invited to submit suggestions as to whom should be patron saint of the Archdiocese. A patron saint is known as a special intercessor, one who is aware of our needs and places them before God. He or she should be a saint who is identified in some clear way with the area, our need and our work. Archbishop Vigneron has encouraged all who choose to participate to prayerfully entrust the matter to the Lord, keeping in mind the history, character and needs of the Archdiocese. For more information and to submit your own suggestion online, please visit the web at [www.aodonline.org/patronsaint](http://www.aodonline.org/patronsaint).

## Ready, Set, Swap!

That's what happened when SS. John and Paul's Gardening Angels hosted the 4th annual Perennial Exchange on Saturday, September 26. A loyal group of volunteers, including 3 teens, helped gardeners unload plants, helped them choose and trade for new plants and then loaded the plants back in their cars. About 25 gardeners gathered in the pavilion. The damp, misty day didn't dampen their spirits and made for perfect planting weather when they took the new plants home.



- **Final Interviews for all the Confirmation Candidates will be held on October 6th and 14th. Please call Mrs. Peters at 586-781-9488 to set up those interviews.**
- Lock-In Permission Slips are due on **October 10** for **all 9-12 graders**. The Lock-In will be held on October 16-17. Permission Slips available outside the office. **We will need adults to drive to and from the corn maize . If you could help us out, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586-781-9488.**
- **9-12 Graders**.....watch for your Rainbow Permission Slips to arrive in the mail. You should be receiving them this week! Make sure you notice the "early bird special."
- Wind Permission Slips are due **October 18** for **all 7TH & 8TH GRADERS!** This conference will be held at St. Lawrence Parish in Utica Michigan, on November 7. **We will need adults to drive to and from this conference. If you can help out....please check the box on the permission slip and list how many teens you can drive.**

## October is Respect Life Month

Respect Life Month occurs in October and is an educational program sponsored annually by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This program seeks to inform about the Catholic church's teachings on matters which endanger the inherent dignity of vulnerable human beings such as caring for the mentally and physically sick, caring for the elderly, capital punishment, abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide and stem cell research. As a way to highlight Respect Life Month, we will sponsor a month long "baby shower" benefiting Project Hope and Birthright of Macomb, both crisis pregnancy centers located in Macomb County. Both agencies offer assistance to mothers in need to help them bring their babies to term, either to parent themselves or to place in adoption services. Services such as pregnancy testing and counseling, referrals to community resources, adoption services and life skills development are provided free of charge to families in need.

**Requested items are:** Diapers (especially size 3), baby wash and baby wipes, sippy cups, bottle brushes and 4 oz. and 8 oz. bottles. Please leave donated items in the receptacles by the church doors labeled "Project Hope & Birthright".



### Flu Shot Clinic Coming

The Health Ministry Team will sponsor a flu shot clinic here at SS. John & Paul on Sunday, October 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. This clinic is being provided for the convenience of SS. John & Paul Parishioners! There is no charge for a flu or pneumonia vaccine if you can present a *Medicare Part B (Advantage Plans), HAP, or Priority Health* insurance card. You must have your card with you when you come for your shot. Otherwise, flu shots are \$25.00 and pneumonia shots are \$50.00, payable by cash or check. **Please make checks payable to: VNA/CHS.** Exact change is appreciated when paying by cash!

### Used Cell Phone Collection

The Health Ministry team is sponsoring a used cell phone collection during the month of October to benefit survivors of domestic violence. October is also Domestic Violence Awareness month and all phones and chargers will be delivered to Turning Point. Turning Point is a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Phones are given to them for emergency purposes only and are programmed to take 9-1-1 calls. Please place used cell phones and chargers together in a zip lock bag and deposit in the box in the hallway to the Activities Center. Thank you!



### Soup Kitchen News

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and donated food for our Salvation Army soup kitchen lunch in August. Once again, our volunteers outdid themselves. Our next meal will be served on **Tuesday, October 20, 2009.** We will serve a spaghetti lunch with salad and fresh fruit. Donated items should be delivered to the parish kitchen no earlier than Sunday, October 18. Please refrigerate produce and mark your bags: SOUP KITCHEN. Please call Pat Sagert (586.781.7035) or Barbara Jarzembksi (586.336.1450) to see what is needed. God bless you for your continued generosity!

### Domestic Violence

Secrecy can be a way to keep things in the dark that should not be hidden, because they are wrong. Abuse, whether in the family, the school, dating relationships or in the workplace needs to be exposed to the light of day, so that the abuse will end and people can begin to heal and get on with living the life God intended for them. Help is available by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1.800.799.7233.

**Attention!**  
**Social Hall Event**  
**October 10 & 11**

### Work of Human Hands Fair Trade Chocolate & Coffee Sale



SS. John & Paul will host a **Work of Human Hands and Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate Sale** after all the masses on the weekend of **October 10 and 11, 2009.** The sale showcases fairly traded crafts, chocolate and coffee made by skilled artisans in developing regions of the world.

Each purchase you make helps these artisans and farmers maintain steady work and a sustainable income so that they can provide for their families and invest in their communities. The items you purchase at the sale will enrich your life and help a family in another part of the world look toward a brighter future. **Acceptable methods of payments will be cash or personal check.** Be sure to check it out after mass!

### Catholic Book Store



Please make a point of visiting the Social Hall the weekend of **October 10 & 11** after all the Masses.

The **Catholic Book Store** will be here with a wide selection of books, including Advent and Christmas reading material, bibles, sacramental gifts and other religious articles available for sale. **Cash, personal check and credit/debit cards are acceptable methods of payment. We hope to see you there!**

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*October Rosary

During the month of October we pray the rosary as a community on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., before the 7:00 p.m. Mass. We will take one set of mysteries each week—Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, Glorious. October is also “Respect Life Month” and I especially encourage people to keep the sacredness and dignity of every human life in mind as they pray the rosary this month. In particular, let us pray for a good health care bill that will extend access to basic health care without increasing abortion funding; for ways to de-escalate rather than escalate the tension over Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan; for continued breakthroughs in adult stem cell research so as to lessen the attraction for embryonic research; and for an improved economic climate in Michigan that will allow jobs that can support families.

### \*Year of the Priest

Pope Benedict declared this year a “year of the priest” and asked that all dioceses and parishes focus on supporting their current priests and more aggressively encouraging young men to become priests. As to the former, I must say I feel very supported by you as a parish. You are a very easy parish to pastor and be with. I can always use whatever prayers and encouragement you give, however. As to the latter—more vocations to priesthood—that rests especially on the family. Be a family that prays for such vocations regularly. Be involved in the parish and outreach. Let your sons know that being a priest is a wonderful way to spend one's life. Too often people think and talk about priesthood as a “difficult choice” or a “hard life.” That simply isn't true. All life directions can be difficult at times, yes, but priesthood is not somehow more so than others.

Anyone who thinks about being a priest has plenty of time to test that

thinking out, as they get formed. The good thing about pre-seminary and then seminary formation is that it allows a man to learn so much about himself, about life, and about our faith, all the while giving regular opportunities to continue, to take a break, or to decide that it is not the direction one wants to take. Such formation is valuable and never a waste, no matter what one later decides.

As to diocesan priesthood itself, I know of few paths of life that better allow all of one's talents and gifts to be used with as wide a variety of people and circumstances as one can imagine. Would I say yes again to priesthood, knowing now what I would have to face? Even though I think I could really have been happy as a husband and father, and even though the Church has become more narrowed in its self-understanding during my years of priesthood, I would still choose priesthood, and do so gladly. There's a discernment weekend coming up November 12-15. Let me know of anyone you think I should invite.

### \*Archdiocesan Finances (continued)

Please see the September 13<sup>th</sup> bulletin (available online at [www.ssjohnandpaul.org](http://www.ssjohnandpaul.org)) for the background into how the diocese receives funds to use for central services and large projects, and why the diocese is facing a critical financial situation now. I wrote that column before our priests' convocation. At the convocation we were given a clearer picture of what will be happening.

As mentioned in the previous column Cardinal Maida overspent Archdiocesan reserves, particularly on the John Paul II Center in Washington, D.C. (\$46 million given from reserves), renovating St. John's Center in Plymouth (\$30 million), and in loaning money to parishes and schools that would not be able to pay the loan back (unclear what that figure is but well over \$40 million). To finance such spending he borrowed money from our Archdiocesan cemetery fund and contracted with a bank to sell bonds, with the archdiocese as the guarantor.

Those bonds are coming due and the interest each year that must be paid to the cemetery fund has become quite large. As a result, the diocese must significantly cut its budget or else it will run out of money.

The bulk of the immediate burden will be borne by Archdiocesan employees (employed by the central institution not parishes). Nearly one-third will lose their jobs. Except for a few directors of offices, all such employees must re-apply for jobs that have now been consolidated and whose job descriptions have been changed. There is no guarantee any current archdiocesan employee will be re-hired. About 30 are eligible for retirement and the diocese hopes that a number of these will accept a retirement incentive. But in the end 60-80 employees will lose employment.

I think this is one of the biggest cost of this crisis and the one that Cardinal Maida and all Church leaders need to understand. There are large human costs when money entrusted to us is not carefully managed. I think it is fine to downsize central operations and to recognize that we often have overspent on centralized services. But this is more than that. This is a forced downsizing that goes beyond what we would really want to do. As a result a number of people and their families will be harmed. Because of the canonical authority of the bishop to be in charge of all diocesan assets, some bishops forget that it is the people of God's money, not theirs. For those who were in a position to advise Cardinal Maida on such expenses, shame on them if they did not protest or oppose such spending or at least ask the kind of questions that demand some accountability.

In turn, the offices that serve the Archdiocese of Detroit will be re-designed and streamlined. Many jobs are being combined so that the workload, in theory, is greatly increased. This means that we are in for a rather lengthy transition period where it will be more difficult to accomplish all the things the diocese did in the past. There were far-reaching recommendations on how to share technology and staff, how to

organize the diocese into four stable regions, and much more. We will have to see how that all plays out in the months ahead.

What is the financial affect on parishes? Currently the diocese “taxes” all donations and fund-raising income 6% (see the previous column on what is called the “cathedraticum”). That will increase to 7%. And the way this cathedraticum is calculated will change slightly, not giving a break on the first \$25,000 nor if a parish owes money to the diocese, as the current formula now does. The diocesan interest rate on monies parishes bank with the diocese will drop from the current 3%. Though no figure was given, the implication was that it might more closely parallel regular bank rates, which are currently quite low. And, if you have an outstanding loan to the diocese, any interest earned must go toward paying down the debt, rather than to operating expenses. Finally, the overall C.S.A. target for the archdiocese, even though central services is being cut by nearly one-third, will not go down. The good news, however, is that it will remain the same for the next three years. Due to the way individual parish targets are calculated, those might vary slightly year to year, but not the total amount asked by the diocese.

How will all of this specifically affect SS. John and Paul Parish? We have over \$700,000 banked with the archdiocese for future projects. If the interest rate goes down to 1% we could see a decrease of about \$15,000 in income there. The change in how the cathedraticum will be calculated will mean another \$14,000 in expenses for us. If the vicariates must pick up more of the expenses for some services, that could also result in a few more thousand dollars of expenses. All in all, I would expect next year’s budget to be negatively affected by around \$30,000 - \$35,000. I think our budget will be able to handle this, if we continue to keep costs in line and most of us continue some sort of consistent Sunday giving. However, Sunday contributions and a successful yearly Catholic Services Appeal will become even more important in the next few years.

The silver lining, I suppose, is that the current archbishop is addressing all of this head-on. He has been much more forthcoming than previous archbishops about the finances of the diocese. He has legally secured the archdiocese’s claim on the building and property of the Pope John Paul II Center should it ever be sold. He is open to selling all land and buildings that are not currently being used by the diocese, including the office building on Michigan Avenue. Although the above measures will not get us out of the financial mess, they should stop the bleeding. Depending on what the economic climate looks like in a few years, he might have to do even more. I will keep you informed, if I learn anything else.

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#### **\*Vicariate “Onward to the Kingdom” Event**

During Lent earlier this year the nine parishes of the North Macomb Vicariate hosted a very successful vicariate mission called “Onward to the Kingdom: Becoming Church.” The hope is to keep that energy going as a vicariate by having a couple of renewal days in the months ahead and then having a large vicariate mission every two years. **On Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> St. Kieran’s will host the vicariate from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.** for “Belonging: Onward to the Kingdom.” We will gather together for an inspiring music program and then break into separate groups for children, teens, and adults. I will be leading the adults in a session titled: “Belonging: What’s in It for Us?” The whole afternoon will be both family friendly but inspiring for adults without children as well. Come and join the vicariate on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **\*Widening the Entranceway**

The township has approved our plans for widening the entrance at 28 Mile Rd. We are now in the process of preparing specifications for companies to bid on. Once the bids come in we will know how expensive the project will be. At that time I will ask the parish council to approve the project. If they do, I will

then ask the diocese to let us withdraw the necessary funds from our savings account with the diocese. The project will create a third lane, so that we will have one lane coming in and two lanes exiting the property. This will help ease some of the congestion, especially between the end of the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. No more blocking of the whole entrance by cars rushing to leave!

#### **\*Second Reading: Letter to the Hebrews**

From now until the end of the liturgical year (end of November) our second reading at Sunday Mass will be from the Letter to the Hebrews. It has some of the strongest statements in the New Testament on Jesus’ divinity and humanity, on facing suffering, on faith and hope. Each week there is usually a sentence or phrase well worth pondering during the week. This week we hear that God makes Jesus “perfect through suffering.” What could this mean? What is perfected in us by suffering? Certainly suffering in and of itself is an evil, not a good. So it must mean a suffering that we enter into with “eyes wide open” and embrace not for the sake of suffering but for the sake of others. What suffering in your life is God asking you to accept this week so that others might have life?

**Fr. Buersmeyer**



**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Meijer Community Rewards Update

We received a check from the Meijer Community Rewards Program for \$417.70 for purchases made from May through August. Seventy-four parishioners are enrolled in this fundraising program, with all proceeds earmarked for future landscaping needs, including the new banners that were just installed. Since April 2004 we've earned over \$9,948! Thank you for using this fundraising opportunity to benefit the parish.

Just a reminder that effective May 1, 2007, Meijer changed the way Community Rewards are earned. Rewards will **only** be earned by purchases made with a **Meijer credit card, cash or a PIN- based debit card**. Rewards will not be earned for purchases paid by personal check or non-Meijer credit cards, as was allowed since the program began. Anyone that is currently enrolled in this program will have to re-enroll if they are interested in earning Meijer Community Rewards under the new guidelines. Our organization number is **617883**. **Please know that we are not expecting or encouraging anyone to apply for a credit card in order for the parish to receive rewards.** We are grateful for your support of this program. Thank you.

## Stewardship



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT September 26-27, 2009

Weekly budget .....\$11,100.00  
 Offertory .....\$9,020.50  
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....279  
 ESO (30th of month).....\$2,592.00  
 No. ESO .....32  
**Total Offertory .....\$11,612.50**

#### Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (7).....\$145.00  
 Children's Env. / (4).....\$5.00  
 Priests' Retire. / (65).....\$1,572.00

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#### YTD as of 9/27/09

YTD Budget.....\$145,725  
 YTD Offertory .....\$133,444  
 Shortage .....-\$12,281

Did you know that over \$17,200 was collected for the various diocesan collections last year? We donated over \$5,350 for Priests and Religious Retirement, \$4,700 for the summer missionary, and \$2,200 for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for supporting all of the diocesan appeals.

## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### Saturday, October 3, 2009

5 pm —  
 For the parishioners

### Sunday, October 4, 2009

8 am —  
 George Young by Wife  
 Elizabeth DeCraene by Daughter

9:30 am —  
 Carmelo Gandolfo by Family  
 Lionel Bell by SSJP Choir

11:30 am —  
 Grazia DePalma by T. Maltese  
 Linda & Sarafino Recchia by Family  
 Armando Sarti by Geffert Family

### Monday, October 5, 2009

7 pm —  
 Norm Kesman by C. & K. Gregory

### Tuesday, October 6, 2009

9 am —  
 Vernon Olson by Sobetski Family

### Wednesday, October 7, 2009

9 am —  
 Laity for Life by S. Barla

### Saturday, October 10, 2009

5 pm —  
 Clemente Truden by A. Truden  
 Michael Bem, Jr. by Hammer Family  
 Henry LaBaere by Roberta Young

### Sunday, October 11, 2009

8 am —  
 For the Parishioners

9:30 am —  
 Mary Ann Rogers by Greenway Fam.

11:30 am —  
 Joseph Loverde by R. Poli  
 Heidi Sedgewick

## Pray for our sick

Mary Angelosante	Bernice Mayer
Jennie Barla	Rodney Mayer
Rita Bayer	Antoinette McBain
Shirley Blonde	Agnes Mehlick
Mary Burcar	Richard Metry
Charles Cappellano	Linda Murphy
Helen Chmielewski	Lois Nelson
Caterina Cianferra	Samantha Nelson
Ralph Cleary	Eugene Ondrizek
Luigi Cocco	Leo Osantoske, Sr.
John Patrick Cuttle	Pat Palonis
Timothy J. Cuttle	Patricia Petriches
Gloria Dean	Frank Pochik
Steffany Jo Dean	Doris C. Procopio
Chris Del Pappa	Dorothy Puffpaff
Lauren DeNio	Mary Lou Puz
Vincent Eterno	Anthony Randazzo
Ann Filipowicz	Pat Rea
Blanche Fredal	Marie Richard
Danielle Giffin	Theresa Romero
Diana Guindon	Angelina Russo
Gerri Hammer	Benjamin Schurig
Lora Hardin	Jeff Simpson
Lloyd Hunsucker	Michelle Smith
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## Readings for the Week of October 4, 2009

**Sunday, October 4:**  
Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

**Monday, October 5:**  
Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Ps 2; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday, October 6:**  
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday, October 7:**  
Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday, October 8:**  
Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday, October 9:**  
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday, October 10:**  
Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday, October 11:**  
Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Liturgical appointments for October 10-11, 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. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer
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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. 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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