

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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

FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES

Be sure to take the name of a child who will be preparing for their first Eucharist from one of the baskets by each entrance. Pray for them and their families during this time of preparation.

SSJP CUPID PATROL

Join the Cupid Patrol on Saturday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. Come and wrap cookies and decorate Valentine cards and then bring them to a designated home of a senior to share some Valentine joy. See page 4.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our teens are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 7, from 8:00-11:30 a.m. Proceeds support youth group activities.

WISDOM BYTES

"What is the Catholic Church's Wisdom With Regards to the Paranormal and Psychics?" presented by Fr. Buersmeyer on February 14 after 9:30 a.m. Mass and repeated on February 15 after 7:00 Mass.

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

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

G.R.A.C.E.

Growing Responding As Catholics Everyday

This Week

January 24, 26, 27, 29

— 6:00-8:30 p.m. —

Catechetical Area:

Identifying with the Catholic Tradition

Theme:

Christianity's Early Years

Event:

Week of Christian Unity

Menu:

Tacos

January's goal:

- **To understand that how we live today as Church is rooted in the foundations laid by the apostles and disciples**
- **To appreciate the movements of the Spirit in the life of the Church as well as in our own lives**

Visit our website at www.ssjohnandpaul.org

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

Monday, January 25:

*7:00 p.m. Mass
*7:45 p.m. Adult Bells

Tuesday, January 26:

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

Wednesday, January 27:

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

Thursday, January 28:

*10:00 a.m. Card Ministry
*6:00 p.m. Health Ministry
*7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, January 29:

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

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.

**MATCH THESE NAMES TO THE
DESCRIPTIONS IN THE NEXT COLUMN
(ANSWERS ON PAGE 4)**

**Paul
Luke
James
Philip
Peter
Lydia
Phoebe
Barnabas
Stephen
Timothy
Cornelius
Priscilla and Aquila**

G.R.A.C.E.

Growing Responding As Catholics Everyday

Christianity's Early Years

This month's G.R.A.C.E. session focuses on the early years of our church. It is important for all of us to understand that how we live today as Church is rooted in the foundations laid by the apostles and early disciples. We must acknowledge the movement of the Spirit in the life of these early Christians as well as in our own lives today.

Below are the names of some of these early Christians who helped to form the Church as established and modeled by Jesus Christ. Can you match the names listed with the role they played during that first century?

1 _____	The first martyr to give his life for the church because of his preaching and strong belief in Jesus as the Savior.
2 _____	A woman who was an early leader and patron of the church, disciple of Paul, and head of her house church near Corinth.
3 _____	The Apostle who was named by Jesus to be the 'rock' upon which the church would be built and who played a vital role in the spread of Christianity.
4 _____	The first missionary named the 'Apostle to the Gentiles'. He traveled throughout the known world preaching the life of Christ because he believed that Christ came for all people.
5 _____	A woman who the first Gentile baptized by Paul in Europe. She offers her home as a center for Paul and his fellow disciples.
6 _____	A married couple who used their home as a 'house church' and modeled the ideal Christian: friendly, hospitable, and generous.
7 _____	The Apostle who was leader of the Church community in Jerusalem and successor to Peter as leader of the Church.
8 _____	An early missionary who believed in the mission to the Gentiles and who was among the first to support Paul.
9 _____	A young disciple who was often seen as lacking merit because of his youth but who continued to be a trusted associate of Paul.
10 _____	A fellow worker with Paul whose name is attributed to a Gospel and to the Acts of the Apostles.
11 _____	A disciple appointed to supervise distribution of food in the early communities and who carried the gospel to Samaria.
12 _____	A Roman Centurion who was converted to Christianity by Peter and who was significant as a model Gentile convert.



G.R.A.C.E.

Early Church



“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life...

All who believed were together and had all things in common. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.”

Acts 2:42, 46-47

Prayer to Our First Christians

God of all, we thank you for the many witnesses who have come before us to show us by their example how to be faithful disciples of your Son Jesus.

- St. Peter, our first pope, pray for us that we will have the courage to lead others to Christ.
- St. Paul, our first missionary, pray for us that we will have the zeal for spreading the Good News of Jesus.
- St. Stephen, our first martyr, pray for us that we will never back down from our beliefs..
- St. Timothy, young disciple, pray for us that we are open to hearing God’s word from all people, even the young.

All you saints and saintly people who lived in the first Christian community, we thank you for your example. We ask you to pray for us, that we may live as faithful, as justly, as lovingly, as all of you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen.



Winter Age-Specific Sessions

Gr. 1-6 — Session #5



Monday, February 1 — 4:45-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2 — 4:45-6:00 p.m. or 6:30-7:45 p.m.

REQUIRED PRAYER PER GRADE LEVEL FOR WINTER SESSION

- Gr. 1 — Our Father
- Gr. 2 — Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Sign of the Cross
- Gr. 3 — Apostles’ Creed
- Gr. 4 — Act of Contrition
- Gr. 5 — Ten Commandments
- Gr. 6 — Apostles’ Creed, Act of Contrition, Ten Commandments

These prayers will be heard on an individual basis during the winter session. Please help your child to memorize them.



WE ARE IN NEED OF ONE PERSON

Looking for someone to share the faith with the **4th Grade—Age Specific group.**
Held on: **4 Tuesday evenings - 6:30-7:45 p.m.**
Dates: **February 2, 9, March 2, & 9th.**

This is a VERY GOOD group of 8 kids!!!
All lessons are fully provided in completion.
Please call Linda Bauer if interested: 586-781-9488



First Eucharist Preparation

Parent/Child Session #2 — 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10 or Thursday, February 11

Please call 781-9488 to sign up for the evening of your choice.

G.R.A.C.E.

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NEXT MONTH:

FEBRUARY 21, 23, 24, 26 — 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Theme: **Being Truthful**
Event: **Lent**
Menu: **Meatless Mostaccioli**

February’s goal:

- To comprehend the foundational Catholic teaching on the 8th Commandment and its implications for applying this moral teaching to daily life
- To value and appreciate the significance of Catholic teaching on honesty and integrity in all aspects of life
- To live the 8th Commandment by becoming people of honesty and integrity in every act, deed, and dealing.



Mandatory Meeting for Parents & Teens Attending Rainbow!

Sunday, January 24 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Meeting must start on time so that we can finish before GRACE begins at 6:00 p.m.!

Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by the teens on Sunday, Feb. 7. **Teens and parents we need you!** If you are willing to help with setup, cleanup, cooking etc, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586-781-9488.

Adult Confirmation

We will be beginning a series of meetings to prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation. These sessions are for those who for whatever reason have not been previously confirmed but are baptized Catholic and have been practicing their faith.

Confirmation will take place at this year's Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3. The alternate date would be Pentecost Sunday, May 23. If you are interested in being part of this group, please call JoAnne at the parish office at 586.781.9010.

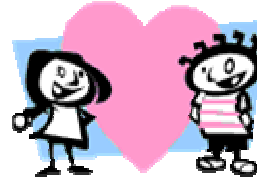
**Answers for G.R.A.C.E
Puzzle on page 2**

1. Stephen
2. Phoebe
3. Peter
4. Paul
5. Lydia
6. Priscilla and Aquila
7. James
8. Barnabas
9. Timothy
10. Luke
11. Philip
12. Cornelius



Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 7
8:00-11:30 a.m.
Proceeds support youth group activities

SSJP CUPID PATROL
FEBRUARY 6 -- 2:00 P.M.



The family committee is event on Saturday, church at 2:00 p.m. to Valentine cards. Then designated a home to visit vehicles for our destinations. We return to church after our Valentine visits to enjoy pizza and pop before we attend 5:00 p.m. mass. Each family is to bring three dozen cookies from home, already made. We will not have time at church to bake or decorate cookies. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. All are welcome.

hosting a Valentine's February 6. We gather at wrap cookies and decorate each family will be as we depart in our own

SS. John and Paul...
Book Review



Abraham, A Journey to the Heart of 3 Faiths
by Bruce Feiler

Both immediate and timeless, Abraham tells the powerful story of one man's search for the shared ancestor of *Christianity, Judaism, and Islam*. Traveling through war zones, braving violence at religious sites, and seeking out faith leaders, Bruce Feiler tries to uncover the role that *he believes* Abraham plays for half of the world's believers. An uplifting story that offers a thoughtful and inspiring vision that might inspire each of us to redefine what we think about our neighbors, our future, and ourselves.

Our next scheduled Book Review is on
Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m.



If you choose to purchase your book, the cost is \$9.75 and is available for purchase in the parish office. There will also be a few copies in the library that you can check out.

There are questions to help you in the reading of the book also available in the office or online at the parish website (www.ssjohnandpaul.org) Please let the office know if you plan on attending.



Income Tax Preparation

Beginning in February and through early April, Samaritan House will offer both Federal and Michigan Income Tax preparation to individuals with a gross income of \$20,000 or less and families with a gross income of \$42,000 or less. This is a cooperative effort between the IRS, Samaritan House and Accounting Aid Society. Appointments are necessary. Samaritan House is looking for people to prepare taxes. Training will be available for all who are interested. Tax preparation days are Thursdays and Saturdays. For additional information, please call 586.677.7590.

Blood Drive Coming Soon!

SS. John & Paul's Health Ministry will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, February 28, 2009 from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You may schedule an appointment online at www.givelife.org by typing in our church code, SSJPCH, or our zip code, 48094. Appointments can also be scheduled by calling the Parish Office. Please mark your calendars now and plan to give the "gift of life"!

Have Household Items to Donate?

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore is a retail outlet that sells building materials and furniture, both new and used, at discounted prices. All proceeds from purchases go toward the building of homes through the Macomb County Habitat for Humanity.

The ReStore is located at 37829 Grosbeck Hwy., Clinton Twp. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. The phone number is 586-263-1540. Pick up services are available in limited areas.

MCREST Dinner Helpers and Dessert Donors Wanted!

St. Clement of Rome in Romeo will be taking their turn to house the MCREST guests in late January. We will be providing a dinner for them on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. We are in need of dinner helpers. **We need bakers to donate desserts and people to help prepare, serve and clean up.** Bakers, you would need to have your dessert here at SS. John & Paul by 2:00 p.m. on January 26. Requested items are cakes and pies. The time commitment would be about 3 1/2—4 hours for those interested in helping with meal preparation. Please call Kathy in the Parish Office if you can donate your time in any of these areas.

Drivers Needed For Lenten Outreach

This year for our parish-wide Lenten project we will be doing weekly food drives to help stock the food pantry at St. Aloysius beginning the weekend of February 20-21 through March 27-28. The mission of St. Aloysius is to minister to the working poor, homeless and seniors of downtown Detroit. They offer their clients social services, health services, food, clothing and a place to build community.

The warming center at St. Aloysius, run by Fr. Tod Laverty, O.F.M. and the Franciscan Friars, is known as the Canticle Café, named for the poem of St. Francis, *The Canticle of the Creatures*. Keep an eye on the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information about our Lenten project. In the meantime, if you are willing to deliver donations, please call Kathy in the parish for more details and to schedule a delivery date and time.

Walk for Warmth

The Macomb County Community Services Agency will once again sponsor the annual "Walk for Warmth" on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at St. Therese of Lisieux at 48115 Schoenherr, Shelby Twp.

The Walk for Warmth is an annual event to raise funds and promote awareness of the emergency needs of low-income people. All funds raised stay in Macomb County are used to repair or replace dangerous malfunctioning furnaces and prevent heat shut-off.

Registration for the walk begins at 9:00 a.m., followed at 10:00 a.m. by the actual walk. The walk route is up to three miles. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Minimum pledge is \$20.00. You may call 586-469-5913 for a pledge form, or download one from www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa. Donations are accepted and can be mailed to MCCSA, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 10, Clinton Township, MI 48036. Please make checks payable to MCCSA Walk for Warmth.

Sharing Tree Thanks

Dear Fr. Dave & Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Thank you for choosing to help Birthright of Macomb Co. with supplies for newborn babies. Your gifts for these little ones are truly gifts for Jesus, Himself. He said that whatever you do to the least of His brethren, you do to Him.

Birthright volunteers would be powerless without the support of the community. We are able to counsel the doubtful, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and many other works of mercy because of your generosity. Please continue to pray for pregnant mothers that they will choose life.

Gratefully,
Rosalie Imrick

Pastor's Perspective

*From Jesus Movement to Universal Church

What happened, that a relatively small movement of people gathered around the figure of Jesus, turned into a universal Church which was capable of surviving in all cultures and all historical eras? What were some of the key aspects of that transition? What was Christian community life like in the earliest Church we see emerging in the writings of the New Testament? What held these local churches together as a universal Church? We will explore these themes this week as our monthly G.R.A.C.E. focus. **All are invited to attend Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

For those who wish to do a bit more reflection on their own, it just so happens I am teaching an online course this semester for Siena Heights University on the "Theology of Church." Next week the class will specifically be looking at the transition from being a Palestinian-based, Aramaic-speaking community of Jewish followers of Jesus the Messiah to becoming a Hellenistic-based, Greek-speaking universal Church, mostly of Gentile Christians. In preparation for that class I put together a twenty minute video lecture, broken down into five minute segments. If you have an interest in exploring this growth of the Church into a universal Church, I have posted links to the videos under the G.R.A.C.E. information on our parish's webpage. Forgive the quality. You can see what my students have to put up with!

It is hard to overestimate the huge cultural differences between the original group of apostles/disciples and the Church that emerges at the beginning of the second century some 70-100 years later. The original group: a relatively small number of Aramaic-speaking disciples gathered in Galilee after Jesus' resurrection, and then in Jerusalem, preaching to their fellow Jewish people the reality of a Messiah who was crucified and raised from the dead, meeting for prayer and Eucharist-like

meals, still attending synagogue and Temple services. The universal Church that emerges: though still a small minority of the existing society, a much larger group of mostly Greek-speaking disciples living throughout the main cities of the Roman Empire, preaching to their fellow Gentiles the reality of a Lord and Savior who was crucified and raised from the dead, meeting for prayer and Eucharist in small "house churches," sometimes several in the same city, led by a designated "overseer" or "bishop." Some of the key aspects of that transition can be listed.

(1) Something happened to encourage the apostles and close disciples of Jesus to no longer be afraid but to boldly proclaim him as Messiah and Lord, in spite of the risk to their lives. In other words, Pentecost. We can never know exactly how Pentecost was experienced, whether it really happened as the Act of the Apostles depict it or, alternatively, as the Gospel of John depicts it. But something happened to re-shape a rather undistinguished band of followers into strangely eloquent preachers of the gospel willing to risk their lives for the sake of Jesus and the gospel.

(2) Keeping the basic pattern of gathering in the name of Jesus, baptizing in the name of Jesus, sharing meals and remembering him as he commanded. All of this was done still within the broader framework of Jewish faith life. But such practices make the emerging community more and more Christ-centered than Torah or Jewish law-centered.

(3) The acceptance that Gentiles do not have to become members of the Jewish faith in order to be Christian and be baptized in Jesus' name. St. Paul played a big role in this transition, as we saw last year when we studied Paul. He was willing even to confront Peter to his face and tell Peter he was wrong to want to keep everybody tied to Jewish practices. We see some of the tension here in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 15, or even more in Paul's own account of it in his letter to the Galatians. This decision was huge. To preach not a Jewish-centered fulfillment of God's promise to his people, Israel, but a

Christ-centered fulfillment of God's hope to all humanity, centered on the "new Israel," i.e. followers of Jesus.

(4) The death of the apostles and eye witnesses of Jesus, which meant a transition from apostolic leadership and the less structured leadership of a variety of teachers, prophets, and others to a very structured leadership centered on one bishop per main city, assisted by elders (presbyters) and deacons.

(5) The decision to accept certain writings about Jesus and to the early Christian communities as equally inspired writings as the accepted ones from the Hebrew Scriptures. In that transition, a New Testament is born, flowing from what is now called the Old (meaning previously existed, not old in the sense of no longer valid) Testament. This will eventually lead to an agreed upon "canon" of Scripture, which in turn meant that only those writings accepted as part of the Bible would be read at worship or used by teachers, to teach the faith. Such a shared canon takes a few centuries to be completely done, but the vast majority of what we now call the Bible was accepted as inspired revelation of God from the second century on.

(6) The development of common practices of the sacraments (especially baptism and Eucharist), and a common creed, which all those to be baptized learned and shared in common. Such common rituals allowed the Church to know itself as united in spite of its growing spread into very different parts of the Roman empire.

(7) There were other factors at work as well—the relative stability and peace present in the Roman empire of the first century, the shared Greek, Hellenistic culture and language in the main cities of the empire, and the widespread phenomenon of many new religious movements being tried and tested by people who no longer believed in the stories of Greek and Roman gods and goddesses. All of these as well allowed a small movement to grow, spread and position itself in every major city of the Roman empire, without losing a sense of an overall shared unity of faith.

***The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The annual week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place this week. With our look at the earliest Church and its life and common practices, it reminds us that over the centuries there have emerged a variety of interpretations of how to live that Christian life authentically in new historical eras. The largest split came officially in 1054, when the patriarch of Constantinople (present day Istanbul and the seat of the eastern half of the Roman Empire, which believed it kept that culture of that empire alive during the decline in the west we refer to as the “dark ages”) and the Pope, the bishop of Rome mutually excommunicated each other.

The immediate occasion for that excommunication was the pope’s insertion into the creed of the phrase “and the Son”, when describing the Holy Spirit’s reality, saying that the Holy Spirit “proceeds from the Father and the Son.” The ancient creeds never forbade one from believing that, and many theologians even in the East so believed, but the creed had always only said “proceeds from the Father.” For the eastern Church it was more important to maintain the apostolic integrity of the creed’s words than to try to put into the creed a specific theological interpretation. Thus, this unilateral insertion of something new into the creed without the assent of the patriarch of Constantinople was considered a terrible breach of unity and so excommunication ensued.

In point of fact, the cultures of the eastern half and western half of the Church had long diverged and many tensions were present. Chief among them was the reality of a single patriarch of the west, the pope, the bishop of Rome, who claimed universal authority on matters of doctrine. Whereas in the east, even though the power center was in Constantinople, it was always understood that there were several patriarchs of equal authority, and that each bishop had the same authority of an apostle. They would allow the bishop of Rome the honorific title of “first among equals,” since he was the inheritor of a church founded on the martyrdom of

both Peter and Paul. But they would not accept that such an honor allowed the bishop of Rome to make decisions about doctrinal matters on his own.

We live with this first and greatest split to this day. We accept the eastern Church (usually called the Orthodox Church) in all of its varieties (Byzantine Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Serbian Orthodox, etc.) as “sister Churches,” who have a fully valid episcopacy, priesthood and sacramental life. But the schism remains to this day over the issue of universal authority of the pope.

The second largest split came in the 16th century with the Protestant Reformation in the western half of the church. Martin Luther, John Calvin and other Reformers eventually established alternative structures for being Church, different from the ones inherited from Catholicism. Although the intent was at first reform within the Church, in the end there are established a number of varieties of Protestant Churches, not all agreeing with each other except on the centrality of Scripture over papal authority, personal profession of faith over sacramental rituals, and the gratuitousness of salvation in Christ over the efficacy of doing good works. We know well the physical reality of these splits simply by looking at all the varieties of Christian churches present in our local area.

This week of prayer for Christian unity calls all Churches and all Christians to not accept the disunity currently present as the will of Jesus, to recognize our own failings, to appreciate the good in others’ visions of being Church, to pray together when possible, and to work for greater unity.

On some levels it is a discouraging reality. We seem farther from greater unity now than we did twenty years ago. And yet when a crisis occurs, like the earthquake that hit Haiti, such differences disappear as all band together to help the people in need. I have no idea how we are to come closer together as Christians in a world that seems to encourage greater and greater divergence. But I do know we need to

pray that the unity intended by Jesus becomes a stronger desire in all Christian Churches. A prayer for Christian Unity is included on the homepage of our website.

***Catholic Schools Week**

The last part of January and the first part of February is usually dedicated to promoting Catholic schools. The feast of St. Thomas Aquinas occurs on January 28th and he is one of the patron saints of Catholic education. The Catholic grade and high schools all hold open houses during this time. I want to encourage families with children to think about such a Catholic education for their children. It is a sacrifice of money and time transporting them to and from. But it can be such a wise investment not just in a good education (which it is) but also in Catholic formation.

I don’t know the availability of spots in the various schools around, but St. Lawrence would be our closest Catholic grade school and we have members of the parish attending Notre Dame Prep High School in Pontiac, Bishop Foley in Madison Heights, and DeLaSalle High School in Warren. For those thinking of a private, parochial school, explore enrolling your children in a Catholic school.

***Jesus at the Synagogue in Nazareth**

Today’s gospel recounts Jesus’ attending the synagogue in his home town and announcing “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your own hearing.” Can you imagine the buzz he must have created! The sense of anticipation and excitement. Yet, the people did not respond. They lacked the faith and trust to change their lives in a way that was open to the reign of God breaking in.

The words of Jesus are valid every day and in each situation. “Today Scripture is fulfilled.” Today, every day, the reign of God can touch this world of ours. But we have to have faith and allow our lives to be instruments of that reign or kingdom of God.

Fr. Buersmeyer

4th Quarter 2009 Facilities Update

The 4th quarter 2009 brought many noticeable changes to the building and property, starting in November with the widening of the driveway entrance on 28 Mile. Finally, we have a 3 lane entrance which alleviates traffic congestion from cars trying to enter and exit at the same time!

The Parish Center entrance received a makeover too. New glass center doors were installed and one of the doors was made handicap accessible. A canopy was added at the entrance. These changes have enhanced the look of the entire building.

Stewardship is defined as sharing of your time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful to all who shared their time in bringing these projects from concept this past summer to reality. We are also grateful to everyone who shares their treasure with the parish in the form of weekly, online or electronic offertory. Without the weekly envelopes that you put in the basket, we can do nothing. Your consistent offering allows us to do everything. Thank you.

Lou Wardzinski
Chairman, Stewardship Commission

Contribution Statements for 2009

Statements will automatically be sent to those families who have contributed \$250 or more during the 2009 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. Look for the statements to arrive by the end of January. Please note: contributions received on or after January 10 will be credited to the 2010 calendar year.

Stewardship

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Gratefully Received On January 16-17, 2010

Weekly budget.....\$11,100.00
 Offertory\$7,481.00
 No. Sunday envelopes used 310
 ESO (15th of month)\$2,772.00
 No. ESO..... 38
Total Offertory\$10,253.00

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (2).....\$45.00
 Children's Env. / (9).....\$22.53
 Haiti / (13)\$451.00

YTD As of 1/17/10

YTD Budget.....\$351,133.00
 YTD Offertory\$358,614.00
 Surplus.....\$1,422.00
 YTD includes Sundays, holy days,
 and year end gifts.

Eucharistic Prayer Requests

January 23, 2010

5:00 p.m. — For the parishioners

January 24, 2010

8:00 a.m. — For the parishioners

9:30 a.m. —

James Parrinello by Gandolfo Family
 Tom Hammer by J. Krieg Family
 Daryl Kraemer by Wife

11:30 a.m. —

Anthony Merlo by M. A. Donovan
 John Agosta by Family

January 25, 2010

7:00 p.m. — For the parishioners

January 26, 2010

9:00 a.m. — Ludwig Stec by Capp Fam.

January 27, 2010

9:00 a.m. — Debbie Bressie by Family

January 30, 2010

5:00 p.m. —

Louis Bove by L. Horn
 Dominic Tringali by Gongiovanni
 and Mangiapane Families

January 31, 2010

8:00 a.m. —

Baby Penelope Reese-Cook by
 T. Klakulak Family

9:30 a.m. — For the parishioners

11:30 a.m. —

Angela DiLisi by S. Mannino Family

Pray for our sick

Mary Angelosante	Bernice Mayer
Jennie Barla	Rodney Mayer
Shirley Blonde	Antoinette McBain
Mary Burcar	Richard Metry
Charles Cappellano	Linda Murphy
Caterina Cianferra	Lois Nelson
Ralph Cleary	Samantha Nelson
Luigi Cocco	Eugene Ondrizek
John Patrick Cuttle	Leo Osantoske, Sr.
Timothy J. Cuttle	Pat Palonis
Gloria Dean	Patricia Petriches
Steffany Jo Dean	Frank Pochik
Chris Del Pappa	Doris C. Procopio
Lauren DeNio	Dorothy Puffpaff
Vincent Eterno	Mary Lou Puz
Ann Filipowicz	Anthony Randazzo
Blanche Fredal	Pat Rea
Ethan Gehrke	Marie Richard
Danielle Giffin	Theresa Romero
Alfred Goniwiecha	Angelina Russo
Gerri Hammer	Benjamin Schurig
Lora Hardin	Jeff Simpson
Molly Keffalo	Michelle Smith
John Kerr	Tommasina Smith
Hayden Kroll	Mary Sorrow
John LaCroix	Steven St. John
Jillian Lentine	Donna Theisen
Vito Loconte	Jerry Thomas
Fr. Jerry Machlik	Richard Waluk
Jacob Main	Betty Waligore
Marvin Mason, Jr.	Patricia Wyatt

Pray for our military



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

Sponsor of the Week

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Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010

Sunday, January 24:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday, January 25:

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27:

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 29:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 31:

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Liturgical appointments for January 30-31, 2010				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant/ Homilist	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer
Lectors	C. Theodoroff N. Peters	J. Resutek M. Sobetski	M. Greenway K. Ozella	G. Weingartz T. McBride
Communion Ministers *Captain	A. Zotter* W. Zotter C. Klein K. Peters A. Peters	E. Sova* A. Weaver P. Otto P. Sagert R. Sagert	S. Pospiech* J. Krieg M. Krieg T. Maltese A. Murray R. Newlin R. Ozella	P. Dutchik* J. Loeb K. O'Neill S. Darga-Martino J. Martino
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Greeters	F. Theodoroff H. Theodoroff	A. Weaver B. Plotzke	C. Valente Y. Wojdacki	C. Winde C. Benn
Ushers	Team #1 J. Wright R. Pewinski D. Smith	Team #3 B. Dale R. Chapman S. Krajewski A. Sova	Team #5 K. Partyka M. Bayer M. Chmielewski B. Janowiak L. Keast S. Martinelli L. Monfils	Team #7 M. Bytner J. Gehrholz B. Jiannuzzi R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino
Collection Counters	Team #1 — Bill & Bev Huellmantel, Eddie Ghidoli, Ken Grunewald, Catherine LaRose, Moira Mullin, Hilary & Grace Susalla			

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Weekend Masses	Weekday Masses
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Monday
Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Tuesday 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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