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abreast of what's new and noteworthy.

The Spirituality of Jesus

A Men's Day of Reflection with Father Dave and Deacon John

When: Saturday, May 12

Continental Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. / Lunch will be served.

Day will end at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Capuchin Retreat Center

62460 Mt. Vernon Road, Washington, MI

What: We'll celebrate the Eucharist and have time for sharing and private prayer
on the beautiful grounds of the retreat Center.

Cost: \$30.00 per person which includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch.

For more information, contact the parish office at 586-781-9010.



Please fill out the form below and return it to the office along with your payment.



Men's Day of Reflection

May 12, 2012

\$30.00 per person

Registration Due by May 10

Name: _____

Phone: _____

**Mass with Anointing
of the Sick**

**Monday, April 30
at 7:00 p.m.**

Come and be with us as we
pray for those who are anointed. Don't
hesitate to bring yourself or someone
else who has an illness, is dealing with a
chronic situation, or is facing surgery in
the weeks ahead. The illness can be
physical or emotional. If you are facing
a serious situation, this is the Church's
sacramental way of connecting you to
the community, to the risen Christ, and
to bring you strength in the midst of the
illness.



SSIP Reconnect

Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

This outreach is designed for
Catholics who are not yet connected to a
parish, or who have left the Catholic com-
munity for any reason:

- **Recently moved to the area**
- **Got out of the habit of weekly Mass**
 - **Divorced, or Remarried**
 - **Didn't like priest**
 - **Hurt by past action**
- **Don't agree with certain aspect(s)
of the church**

Do you know someone you could
invite? Maybe a family member or neigh-
bor? In our introductory session we will
hear concerns or struggles from those
gathered and try to address topics that
arise. We hope to be able to "reconnect"
those Catholics to a community
who worships, serves, and fellow-
ships as disciples of Christ.



PARISH NEWS

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, April 30:

- *11:30 Senior Cards
- *7:00 p.m. Mass with Anointing of the Sick
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells

Tuesday, May 1:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *6:30 p.m. Scripture

Wednesday, May 2:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *9:30 a.m. Scripture
- *9:30 a.m. Art and Environment
- *4:00-6:00 p.m. Eucharist Interviews
- *3:30-6:00 p.m. Confirmation Interviews.
- *6:30 p.m. VBS Meeting

Thursday, May 3:

- *9:30 a.m. Women's Scripture
- *7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Saturday, May 4:

- *Special Needs
- *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 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday — 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Welcome New Families

Welcome to the following families who joined SS. John and Paul in March and April 2012:

- Jonathan Oland
- Ronald and Beth Pecoraro
- Chad and Lori Posey
- Matthew Miller
- Eric and Kim Slavick

May Rosary



Monday evenings 6:30pm

Throughout the month of May we will be praying for various vocations. As disciples of Christ each of us is called upon to use the unique gifts and talents given to us by God and with charity of heart put them to the service of the Church and one another.

- ◆ **May 7**—Glorious Mysteries—Prayer Intention: For all the priests, religious, deacons and laity who minister in the Church.
- ◆ **May 14**—Sorrowful Mysteries—Prayer Intention: For all married couples and families.
- ◆ **May 21**—Joyful Mysteries—Prayer Intention: For all single people.
- ◆ **May 28 (Memorial Day 8:30 am)**—Luminous Mysteries—Prayer Intention: For all those who work in service of our communities.

Calling All Young Adults!



Game Night and Appetizers

Sunday, May 20
from 8:00-10:00 p.m.
At St. Kieran



This is an evening for adults age 18-35 to get together for a night of fun and games. Bring your friend(s), your favorite board game, and an appetizer to share!

All Councils and Commissions Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

- 6:30 p.m. May Crowning
- 7:00 p.m. Meeting begins with a brief explanation of the new prayer Cross.

The May Crowning is an integral part of our evening as it serves as our prayer before the meeting.

“Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”
Luke 1:38



Registration Weekend at Our Parish

Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13
After all Masses



When registering you will receive a welcome packet containing important information about our parish, including our G.R.A.C.E. program.

Members of our Hospitality/Evangelization committee will be available to help answer any questions.

Community Garden Planting Day

Sunday, June 3
12:30 p.m.
(after 11:30 Mass)



Our Community Garden is an organic vegetable garden where all vegetables grown are harvested and donated to our local food pantries. Come one, come all to help plant the Community Garden. Label and bring your tools. All ages welcome. More information to come about how you can participate in this parish project. Questions? Call Bridget at the parish office at 586-781-9010.

FAITH FORMATION

G.R.A.C.E.

Growing Responding As Catholics Everyday

For: Adults, Senior Citizens,
Married without children,
Single Adults,
Families

Next Session
September 2012

Grades 1-6 Age-Specific Fall Sessions

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

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

Early Childhood Sunday Program

Held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass
(for late 4 and 5 year olds)
No EC on GRACE weeks

Children's Liturgy Of The Word

During 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses
(for Grades 1 on up)
Last CLW May 27

G.R.A.C.E Registration

Registration forms will be available at the April sessions for anyone who would like to register for next years GRACE Gatherings.

This will include the following areas of our GRACE programs:

- ◆ Early Childhood
- ◆ GRACE Age-Specific
- ◆ GRACE Monthly
- ◆ Vacation Bible School



Please call the formation office for more information 586-781-9010 or email Kathryn Locke at klopcke@ssjohnandpaul.org.



Thank You to everyone involved in the GRACE Programs: catechists, aides, servers, greeters, packet stuffers, clean-up crew, volunteers who cut numerous materials, and all the



families and adults and staff who



participated in the sessions. What a great first year!
Kathryn Locke



SKY: With God All Things are Possible



July 16 through 20
9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

Our next VBS meeting is Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. We need your help to make this years VBS a success. Please join us. For more information contact Kathryn Locke at 586-781-9488 or email her at klopcke@ssjohnandpaul.org

VBS Needs...

This year we are looking for help from the parish to provide materials/supplies needed for this summers Vacation Bible School.



Please check out the clouds on the back wall of the Church. Take a tag listing an item needed. Then return the supplies, along with the tag, by May 7. There will be a collection box under the bulletin boards in the hall to the Parish Center.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this the best VBS ever!

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist



The following children will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers:

April 28

Kaylie Misiak
Chloe Anderson
Daniel Trombley

May 6

Jaxon Radtke
Steven St. John
Isabella Hellebuyck
Kaytlin Cleveland
McKenzie Gumbleton
Jenna Sabath

May 13

Nicholas Schneider
Alvin Shamon
Allen Shamon

May Crowning

We strongly encourage all families and individuals to participate in this year's May Crowning. It is a way to connect to a part of our Catholic tradition, to bring our needs and hopes to this time of intercessory prayer and to honor the Blessed Virgin.



All are invited. We offer a special invitation to our First Eucharist children and their families and would love to have them be a part of the prayer and procession. They may come dressed in their First Eucharist clothing, or they may choose to just dress in their Sunday best. Any First communicant who is attending will place their name in a basket upon arriving and one name will be drawn to see who will crown the image of the Blessed Mary.


Bring your rosaries. If you do not have a rosary, one will be available.

TEEN NEWS


Attention all 8-12 Graders:

- ◆ Our next 8-12 grade teen meeting will be held on April 29 from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** This evening will be filled with lots of fun and laughs. We ask that all teens bring a “White elephant gift” for one of our games that evening. Any questions please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586-781-9488. Bring a friend and join us!
- ◆ Called to Serve Workshop will be held on Monday, **June 25 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** All 9-12 graders that are involved with Vacation Bible School, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Pre-school, etc. should take this class. Permission slips are available outside the office on the literature rack. Any questions please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586-781-9488.

Save These Future Dates:

- ◆ **All Teens and Altar Servers-Tuesday, June 26** for CEDAR POINT! Permission slips will be coming out soon and seats are given by a first come first serve basis. Plan ahead and be watching for more information about this wonderful day of adventure. 
- ◆ **July 21-Teen/Adult Service Day.** We will be helping Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, July 21. This day has been set aside for teens to work with adults on projects. We will be helping at homes in Shelby Township. We will release more details once they become available. Please keep watch on the bulletins.
- ◆ **July 26-Freshman survival day** at Stoney Creek Metro Parks. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Baccalaureate Service for Romeo High School Graduates

All Romeo High School Graduates and their families are invited to attend a Baccalaureate Service in the Romeo High School Auditorium on Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact RomeoBacc@comcast.net. 

PARISH NEWS

Catholic Services Appeal 2012

As in the years past, we will be needing a number of volunteers to work on the CSA appeal. If you would like to help, please fill out the form below and return it as soon as possible. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Activities Center.

I am able to help with the CSA in the following way after mass on:

- May 5** — 5:00 p.m.
- May 6** — 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
- May 6** — 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Help open and audit gifts/pledges
- May 12** — 5:00 p.m.
- May 13** — 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
- May 13** — 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Help open and audit gifts/pledges

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

Nominations for Parish Council members are now open. Qualifications include being 1) registered in the parish, 2) 18 years of age or older, 3) able to serve a three year term, 4) willing to work collegially in seeking consensus on issues. No election is held. Names of all nominees are place in a basket and selected at Mass through a drawing by hand. Please return the following form in the collection basket, by mail or to the parish office during regular hours.

Parish Pastoral Council Member Nomination Form

I would like to nominate the following person(s) to serve as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. You may nominate yourself.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

High School Nominee:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Book Review

Everyday Justice *(The global impact of our daily choices)*

by Julie Clawson

Wednesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m.



Julie Clawson takes us on a tour of everyday life and shows how our ordinary lifestyle choices have big implications for justice around the world. She unpacks how we get our food and clothing and shows us the surprising costs of consumer waste. How we live can make a difference not only for our own health but also for the well-being of people across the globe. The more sustainable our lifestyle the more just our world will be.

Everyday justice is one way of loving God and loving our neighbors. So don’t panic. We can live more ethically, through the little and big decisions we make every day. Find out how.

Books available for purchase in the church office for \$10.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

2012 Habitat for Humanity



SS. John and Paul is proud to partner with Macomb County Habitat for Humanity for the fifth consecutive year! Year after year, the faith community has been the backbone of Habitat. It has been a unique and hopeful way to put our faith into action.

The build dates for this year are: Tuesday, July 10; Saturday, July 21; and Saturday, October 20. Please mark your calendars with these dates. A sign up sheet for volunteers is posted in the hallway to the Activities Center.

The July 21 date is A Brush with Kindness work day in Shelby Township. Macomb County Habitat for Humanity works with low-income, elderly, disabled, veterans and military family homeowners to maintain and repair their homes. A Brush with Kindness program helps ensure families are living in safe and well-maintained homes; keeps homeowners in their present homes, protects their financial investments; restores the homeowners' dignity and pride of homeownership; and revitalizes the surrounding neighborhood. Young people from 12—18 are welcome to help at this site.

The other dates, July 10 and October 20, are restricted to volunteers at least 16 years of age and will involve construction on new homes in Clinton Township. Those who are 16-17 can help with general construction and landscaping, but cannot use power tools and have limited use of ladders. Minor children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult with a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Please consider volunteering on one or more of these dates. No experience necessary! For more information, please contact our Church Champion, Larry Weathers, at 586-786-2192 or Kathy in the parish office at 586-781-9010.



St. Christine Soup Kitchen

SS. John and Paul will be sending another group of volunteers to the St. Christine Soup Kitchen on Saturday, May 26. We are in need of 10 volunteers to serve and clean up. We will car-pool from the parking lot here at SS. John and Paul, leaving at 10:30 a.m. and returning around 3:00 p.m. Please call the parish office if you would like to help.

Simply Give Meijer

The Meijer store at 26 Mile and Van Dyke is offering their "Simply Give" Program through May 19. Donation cards are available near the check-outs. All donation cards purchased through May 19 will be given to the Samaritan House Food Pantry

True Beauty Breakfast

A "True Beauty Breakfast" will be held on May 5 at Addison Oaks in Leonard, MI at 9:00 a.m. The speaker will be Pat Layton, President of Life Impact Network Inc., an international ministry based in Tampa, Florida which includes a crisis pregnancy program, adoption agency and post abortion recovery ministry. Tickets are \$35 and all proceeds will benefit Mary's Mantle, a Catholic home for pregnant, homeless women, open to all in need.



All seating is on a first come first serve basis. Register online at www.marysmantle.net or call Faith@Work at 248-250-9216. For more information, call Maureen Dierkes at 248-475-0158.

Food Drive Next Weekend May 5 and 6



Please bring your non-perishable, unexpired food donations!
Requested pantry items for Samaritan House for the month of
May are:

Tea, Dry Milk, Coffee, Cereal, Raviolis, Spaghetti Sauce,
Vegetable Soup, Pasta, Jelly/Jam, Hamburger Helper,
Juice, Pancake Mix, Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers,
Baked Beans, Kidney Beans, Shampoo,
Feminine Products, Deodorant (men and women),
Toilet Paper, Dish Soap

All other non-perishable food items, including low sodium, sugar-free and gluten-free food, toiletries, health & hygiene items are gladly accepted!

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Note:
Samaritan House will be closed May 25 and 29
for Memorial Day.

P

astor's Perspective

*Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on Monday

We will celebrate our quarterly Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on Monday April 30th. Come and be with us as we pray for those who are anointed. Don't hesitate to bring yourself or someone else who has an illness, is dealing with a chronic situation, or is facing surgery in the weeks ahead. The illness can be physical or emotional. If you are facing a serious situation, this is the Church's sacramental way of connecting you to the community and to the risen Christ; to bring you strength in the midst of the illness. Come and let those around you pray with you and for you as the Church's sacramental words are prayed: *"May the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of his Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up. Amen."* No one is singled out or put on the spot to say what is being prayed for. We simply pray as Church for each person who seeks the anointing.

*Making Each Day Prayerful and Holy: The Liturgy of the Hours

As a follow up to last week's G.R.A.C.E. session on daily prayer, I was thinking a bit more about the Church's official daily prayer called the Liturgy of the Hours. Although it was largely shaped by monastic practice and then adapted to all priests and religious, the idea behind it captures something that is important for every member of the Church.

The Liturgy of the Hours, also called the "Divine Office" and in clerical circles the "Breviary" (because of the briefer format and book form adapted by the Vatican for all clergy and religious in the 16th century), was a symbolic way to "sanctify" the entire twenty four hour day. By stopping approximately every three hours, gathering in chapel together and praying a set of psalms and prayers and listening to readings, the monastic life was one of prayer on behalf of the whole Church throughout the day. In a way, it was an attempt to give concrete form to St. Paul's admonition in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, *"Pray without ceasing."* The idea behind it is to have a daily rhythm of prayer that sustains and supports our daily labors. But not just any prayer. Prayer that

is connected to the whole community. The monks did not just stop in the middle of the field and pray. They came to the chapel to pray together. In that sense, the Liturgy of the Hours is always a prayer of the whole Church, not just the individual.

Although the lay folk did not participate in this prayer, in most towns people could hear the church bells rung at sunrise, at midday, and at sunset. In the Middle Ages and beyond it was common for everyone to pause in their work day and pray by themselves, or with those they were with, the Angelus. This was a short prayer composed of easily memorized verses of the Bible, along with the Hail Mary or other prayers. The current format wasn't standardized till the 17th century, but the tradition of remembering the words of the angel to Mary (*"The angel of the Lord declared to Mary, 'Hail, Mary, full of grace'"*) goes back much, much farther. [Aside: the name of the prayer comes from the first word in Latin for "the angel" (*angelus*).] The Angelus allowed everyone, not just monks, to "sanctify" the day by stopping three times daily to pray and connect their personal prayer with the prayer of the whole Church.

That is the idea behind the Liturgy of the Hours. To not only pray daily, but to include in our daily prayer at least some sense of connection to the whole Church. In particular, the Church has designated the two major times for prayer to be Morning Prayer (*Lauds*) and Evening Prayer (*Vespers*). We are invited to pause and pray in the morning as we rise and in the evening as we finish the work of the day. Most of us would not be using the official text of the Liturgy of the Hours, where a series of psalms are rotated over four weeks and other Bible canticle and readings are added along with intercessions and other prayers. But we can offer some type of morning prayer or morning offering and some type of evening thanksgiving, however brief. When we do so, we know that our prayer is not just individual but is united to all who are pausing at similar times to pray.

The Church's wisdom with regard to daily prayer, then, sees it as having at least a two-fold dimension. Our personal, daily prayer, where we have a chance to pray to God in our own way and in whatever form suits us. And

daily "liturgical hours" prayer (morning and evening if possible, midday and before retiring for bed if we choose), which is a way of connecting to the whole Church at prayer. In such "liturgical hour" prayer, intercession plays a big role. As priest, I intercede for you, whom I am called to serve. I pray the Liturgy of the Hours not just when I feel like it or am in a good mood, but daily, because it is for you. It is my priestly prayer with the Church universal on behalf of the people I am called to serve.

But so, too, each of us is in some way a "priest" for others, interceding for others. Who in your life has God given you (family, friends, class and work mates, etc.) to intercede for? Take one minute (or more if you have the time) morning and evening and consciously pray for those people, interceding for them and so joining your prayer to Christ the one and only true Priest who intercedes continuously for us all. Make it a "joyful obligation", to do each day no matter one's state of mind or mood or busy-ness. I think we will all find that each day becomes that much more prayerful and holy.

For those who want to, you can pray the official Liturgy of the Hours or adapt your prayer as needed. If you go online to our website and click on Faith Formation and then G.R.A.C.E. Archives, you will find some online resources for daily prayer listed under the April G.R.A.C.E.

*2012 Catholic Services Appeal: "Sharing Christ in and through the Church"

Our annual archdiocesan appeal is once again here. You should have received already or soon will be receiving a mailing from me, including some background material, a letter with a pledge form, and a return envelope. This parish has responded so well in the past. I ask that you continue to do so this year. I know a lot has been and is being asked of you. But do not confuse the Catholic Services Appeal with our recently promoted Changing Lives Together. The C.S.A., along with your Sunday donations, forms the backbone of our operating budget. Because we are given a mandatory target that we must reach or else pay for out of other operating funds, the C.S.A. is not an optional fund-raiser for us. It is a yearly part of our financial stewardship as parish members.

On the other hand, because we

have been able to surpass the mandatory target each year—and all monies beyond that target come back to the parish for its own use, 100% with no “tax” to the diocese taken out—we have been able to use the yearly C.S.A. as a way to budget for ongoing building maintenance, repair, improvement and landscaping. This coming year, we are hoping to do over \$60,000 worth of such projects. Your generosity to this year’s C.S.A. allows that to happen with no or very little dipping into parish savings.

In addition to all of you who are so consistent and generous with your support of the parish, including the yearly C.S.A., I ask those of you who have not been as regular in your Sunday donations to consider using this year’s C.S.A. to “make up” some of those weeks. Even though the focus of the C.S.A. is our participation in the wider mission of the Church of Detroit in the Archdiocese—and we should feel good about the many ministries our C.S.A. dollars support—donations to the C.S.A. directly help the parish. As mentioned, every dollar donated helps the parish 100% (either by helping us reach our mandatory target which we otherwise would have to pay or by coming back to us fully after reaching that target). The yearly C.S.A. is the best way to donate extra monies to the parish. If you are in a position to offer a significant gift, the yearly C.S.A. is an excellent way to do so as well.

Please look for the mailing, read the materials, and try to respond in the first couple of weeks of May. Thank you.

***Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines**

At their April meeting the Parish Pastoral Council approved a few minor amendments to their Operating Guidelines. The full Operating Guidelines are on our website. A link on the homepage is provided.

We will once again be selecting a few new members next month. The role of a Pastoral Council member is not time-consuming: about 9 meetings a year. Members receive all the updates and minutes from the various parish groups and commissions. Three times a year they meet on the same night as the commission meet in order to be able to attend one of the commission meetings. In that way they get a sense of what is happening on the ground level and can contribute support and encouragement to

what is happening. Over the course of a three year term, each Pastoral Council member is able to sit in at all the commission meetings a couple of times. Members review the budget approved by the Finance Council so that they have an understanding of the priorities reflected in the budget and these are acceptable to them. The Pastoral Council is responsible for the Ministry Recognition Sunday in the fall, where all who have helped in any way throughout the previous twelve months is recognized.

In other words, the work of the Pastoral Council is not usually the hands on project-type. That is the work of the parish commissions and their committees, and most of our Pastoral Council members are also involved in those. The Pastoral Council is the “future thinking” leadership group of the parish, who solicit ideas from parish members, discuss major issues and offer advice to the pastor, set pastoral priorities and goals when appropriate, encourage the work of all the other groups in the parish, pray for the parish and its future, stay current with all that is happening at various parish levels, and trust that their mix of ages, experience, abilities, and insights will be used by the Holy Spirit for the good of the parish.

Think about nominating yourself or someone else in the parish for one of the open positions. We are also looking for a youth representative or a couple of youth representatives to share that position. See the nomination form elsewhere in the bulletin. You will be contacted by the nominating committee and have a chance to ask questions of current Pastoral Council members before putting your name officially in the selection process. We will then select several new members by lot on Pentecost Sunday (May 27), after asking that the parish use the prior week to pray for all the nominees.

***Parish Namesake Feast Day and Picnic June 24th**

Here’s an example of how the Pastoral Council gets involved in parish decisions.

Each year we have been celebrating the feast of SS. John and Paul, brothers and martyrs, on the last Sunday of June. Ever since our 25th anniversary as a parish we have used that Sunday for our annual Parish Picnic as well. The Picnic Committee is one of the

committees under Hospitality and Evangelization. Each year they plan a great picnic. This year they asked about switching things a bit. Their recommendation was to make the Parish Picnic an event connected to our significant anniversary years—in effect every five years—and allow it to be done up bigger at that time. In the off years they recommended we look at adding another Outdoor Mass followed by a simple coney dog and chips lunch. Wouldn’t take as much planning and work. It would provide a second, enjoyable outdoor experience of Mass (we already have one at the end of August for the Saturday 5:00 p.m. each summer). And it would still provide a chance for fellowship and fun, but at much less expense of time, energy, and money. Then the special anniversary years could take on a higher profile.

I brought the idea to the Pastoral Council for their input and wisdom. We reached a consensus that this would be a worthwhile direction to go in. They asked what the Worship Commission thought about it, so it came up for discussion at one of their meetings as well. In the end, the Pastoral Council acted both as sounding board and further idea generator for this issue. They provided the wisdom I needed in order to move forward in this direction. That is just one of several ways the Pastoral Council helped shape the future of the parish this year.

Back to our namesake feast day: Sunday, June 24th will be our celebration day this year. The Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mass will be outside by the pavilion (weather permitting), followed by a simple lunch and fellowship and a few simple games for the little ones. Mark it in your calendars. If you are willing to help with any of the preparation (set up or food or serving), let Bridget Theodoroff, our pastoral associate, know.

***Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday**

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter we are always presented with an excerpt from the gospel of John chapter 10: Jesus’ discourse on the good shepherd. In today’s gospel we hear “*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*” Do we believe that? Do we believe that Jesus lays down his life for us? For you specifically? If so, what have we to fear?

Fr. Buersmeyer

Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday, April 28, 2012

5:00 p.m.—
The Parishioners of SS. John and Paul

Sunday, April 29, 2012

8:00 a.m. —
The Parishioners of SS. John and Paul

9:30 a.m. —
Michael Konath by Konath Family
Kenneth DeHayes by Peters Family

11:30 a.m. —
Columbia Gai by Marie and Aldo Sevreni
Tom Stellute by Marie and Pat Murray

Monday, April 30, 2012

7:00 p.m. —
The Parishioners of SS. Johan and Paul

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

9:00 a.m. —
Adele Verrelli by Verrelli Family

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

9:00 a.m. —
Mae Magiera by Greenway Family

Saturday, May 5, 2012

5:00 p.m.—
Gilda Jansen by Klakulak Family
Marilee Lauerman by Klakulak Family
Tom Stellute by Greenway Family

Sunday, May 6, 2012

8:00 a.m. —
The Parishioners of SS John and Paul

9:30 a.m. —
Donna Baran by Krieg Family
Kenneth DeHayes by Mollon Family

11:30 a.m. —
The Parishioners of SS. John and Paul

STEWARDSHIP

Gratefully Received On April 21-22, 2012



Weekly budget\$11,100.00
 Offertory\$10,801.50
 No. Sunday envelopes used..... 299
Total Offertory.....\$10,801.50

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv / (1) \$100.00
 Children / (6)..... \$12.00

On May 6 or 13, give to the Catholic Services Appeal (C.S.A.) from what you have been blessed with, not from what is left over.

*Stewardship
 ...a way of life
 Share time and talent
 Sacrificial Giving
 Joyfully accept His gifts
 Pray and give thanks*

Donating a Car?

If you have an extra vehicle you have been thinking about donating, please consider calling one of the vehicle donation charities and tell them you want to donate your vehicle and designate the proceeds to the parish. This is a win-win scenario for everyone:

- the charity you donated the vehicle to,
- you because you get a tax deduction from the charity and
- the parish gets the proceeds from the sale.

Thank you for considering this as a way to contribute to the parish.



Sponsor of the Week

This week's sponsor is **Florence Cement Company**. Please see their full ad on the back of the bulletin. And remember to patronize all of our sponsors because they make this bulletin possible!

Pray for our Sick

Sally Jenkins	Michalene Grifka
Matthew Zurek	Michelle Gregorich
Drew Pointe	Michelle Wheaton
Douglas Wolfbauer	Harold Bates
Ron Moscow	Gloria Dean
Kylie Rodda	

Wanted: Clean-Up Crew

Who: Any able-bodied person that would like to get our grounds ready for the summer. Families are encouraged to attend; rest assured there will be jobs for everyone.

What: General clean up, including weeding the flower beds and "fluffing" mulch in the islands.

Where: Parish Grounds

When: May 10 at 6:00 p.m.; Rain Date May 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Bring: Garden gloves and garden tools. Wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, spades, pruning shears, strong backs and hands are also needed. Don't forget to mark your tools.

Reward: Sense of pride for helping to accomplish the beautification of our church grounds.

Warning: this feeling will grow every time you drive in and notice how beautiful the church grounds are!





**Readings for the Week of
April 29, 2012**

Sunday, April 29:

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2;
Jn 10:11-18

Monday, April 30:

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 1:

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 2:

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 3:

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19; Jn 14:6-14

Friday, May 4:

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 5:

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 6:

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24;
Jn 15:1-8

Liturgical appointments for May 5-6, 2012				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant/ Homilist	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer
Sacristan	Open	B. Huellmantel	P. Dobbs	Open
Lectors	G. Pagliarella E. Noyes	J. Puzzuoli J. Sova	J. Reaume J. Reaume	S. Dickens C. Gregory
Communion Ministers *Captain	M. Klakulak* T. Klakulak L. Horn F. Diebboll M. McCann	M. Capp* K. Puzzuoli M. Sobetski G. Bawol B. Huellmantel	M. Adkins* S. Bourgeois-Janowiak R. DiDomenico P. Fields J. Krieg M. Krieg	K. O'Neill S. Mikoz S. Nelson C. Ratkiewicz M. Syty
Altar Servers	N. Mason	T. Sova	N. Skelly A. Skelly	G. McBride C. McBride A. Sebastian
Greeters	J. Halsey K. Halsey	L. Weathers M. Weathers	P. Fields T. Weiss	C. Penn R. Krugzda
Ushers *Captain	Jim Wright* Ron Pewinski Donald Smith Jim Maisel	Brian Dale* Richard Chapman Steve Krajewski Al Sova	Ken Partyka* Mike Bayer Bob Janowiak Lon Keast Steve Martinelli Len Monfils	Mike Bytner* John Gehrholz Bob Jiannuzzi Ron Kopera
Collection Counters	Team # 3: Sharon Bourgeois*, Mike Adkins, Mary Adkins, Donald Byrne*, Len Monfils, Jacqueline Monfils, Dick Podolski, Pat Podolski			

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

Parish Registration
 New parishioners may register after each weekend Mass or Monday through Friday at the parish office

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday from 3:00-3:30 p.m. or after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Baptisms
 Call the parish office for arrangements and preparation dates. Contact office at least 3 months prior to Baptism

Weddings
 Notify office at least six months (one year if not registered) prior to wedding date to arrange for marriage preparation

Catholic Services of Macomb
 Contact at 586-416-2300 or www.csmacomb.org

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