

Look For Dare Dude

Hey, everyone, look for Dare Dude as he helps us prepare for our Lenten Lift Mission, **Dare To Be Holy**. He will be located in the bulletin in a different place each week. Look through the bulletin and see if you can find him!



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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.

Calling All Families! Join Us For the

Cupid Patrol

Saturday, February 4
2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

We meet at church at 2:00 p.m. to design Valentines and wrap cookies. **Each Family Must Bring In 3 Dozen Cookies Already Made.** We head out to our assigned places of visitation in our own vehicles. We meet back at church at 4:00 p.m. for a quick snack of pizza and pop in time for 5:00 p.m. mass.

If this is your first time on Cupid Patrol, we will team you up with another family who has had experience. You won't have to go visiting alone. Registration is necessary. Sign up on bulletin board or call Bridget to register 586-781-9010 or e-mail: btheodoroff@ssjohnandpaul.org

Wisdom Bytes



Do We All Pray To The Same God?

Is the Christian God the same as the God (or gods) of other believers? Does the Catholic Church recognize the understanding of divinity in other faith traditions? How do we pray together when our experience of God differs?

January 29 after 9:30 a.m. Mass; and
January 30, after 7:00 p.m. Mass
Presented by Fr. David Buersmeyer

Wisdom Bytes usually last from 35-45 minutes. Questions?
Call 586-781-9010. Or go to our parish website www.ssjohnandpaul.org

Pancake Breakfast



Next Sunday, February 5
from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

\$5.00 Adults
\$3.00 Children 10 and under

The Teens will be hosting a pancake breakfast next Sunday, February 5 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.. All proceeds will help support our numerous youth group activities. Come enjoy a great breakfast and help out our teens.

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, January 30:

- *11:30 a.m. Senior Cards
- *4:45 p.m. Grades 1-6 Age-Specific #5
- *7:00 p.m. Mass with Anointing
- *7:45 p.m. Wisdom Bytes
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells

Tuesday, January 31:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *4:45 p.m. Grades 1-6 Age Specific #5
- *5:00 p.m. Junior Choir and Bells

Wednesday, February 1:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *9:30 a.m. Art and Environment
- *10:00 a.m. Card Ministry Mtg
- *7:00 p.m. CLT Prayer Team Mtg.

Thursday, February 2:

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

Saturday, February 4:

- *10:00 a.m. Christine Soup Kitchen
- *12:30 p.m. English as a Second Language
- *1:00 p.m. Special Needs
- *2:00 p.m. Cupid Patrol
- *3:00 p.m. Confession
- *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.

Widowed Men and Women Grief Recovery Sessions

Widowed Friends, a peer group in the AOD, encourages widowed men and women to attend a 6 week Grief Support Program, "Living with the Loss of a Spouse". Topics cover loneliness and dealing with other difficulties related to being on our own again. Facilitated by trained "peer" members. Cost is \$20. Program runs Sunday, February 19 through March 25 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church, 343 Main Street in Romeo. Safe social activities will be explored at the end of the series. Call Cheryl at 586-207-1622 to register for this helpful program.

DARE TO BE HOLY

Our special LENTEN **LIFT** experience is coming soon! From Sunday, February 26, to Wednesday, February 29, we focus on the challenge...."Dare To Be Holy"

Times and Topics...

Sunday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m.; *"Our Call To Holiness"*
 Monday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; *"Our Call To Witness"*
 Tuesday, February 28 at 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; *"Our Call To Reconcile"*
 Wednesday, February 29 at 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; *"Questions Of Jesus"*

Each day the theme will be the same in the morning and in the evening but the presentations are different.

This is The Monthly G.R.A.C.E. Session For February!
 Teens in grades 7-8 are to attend the Sunday session.
 Youth grades 1-6 will have sessions in the Parish Center each night.
 Remember to look for a flying purple being in this week's bulletin!

More details next week!

Parish Lenten Book!

Our Lenten book this year is titled:
Meeting Jesus In The Gospels,
 by James Martin.

In short lively reflections, Martin explores Scripture to reveal how Jesus demonstrates his mercy, comfort, strength, and forgiveness, and how, time and again, he leads us out of our anxieties into his steadfast presence,

The books are available in the office and are free, but if you choose to help defray the cost of the book, there is an envelope in the book for your donation.

*"What do you think of Jesus?
 "Who is He and why was He here?"*



We are offering several opportunities to gather with others to discuss the book. These sessions are open to all and will run about 45-60 min. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Date Changes For:



**Grades 1-6
 Age-specific sessions**

- * January 30/31 (same)
- * February 6/7 (same)
- * **February 20/21**
- * **(cancelled mid-winter break)**
- * March 5/6 (same)
- * **March 12/13 (Addition)**

SKY Vacation Bible School

Coming to our parish VBS
this summer
July 16-20, 2012.

VBS Planning Meeting
For All Interested
Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Parish Hall



G.R.A.C.E

Growing Responding As Catholics Everyday

—Next Session—
February 26, 27, 28, 29
7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Lenten Lift Mission
Dare To Be Holy**

*An uplifting four day experience of
renewal, prayer and fellowship.*

**This is our G.R.A.C.E session for the month.
Attendance will be taken**

There will not be dinner this month
Hospitality Provided After the Session

Visit our website at: www.ssjohnandpaul.org

G.R.A.C.E.

**Growing Responding
As Catholics Everyday**

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

February 26, 27, 28, 29

Grades 1-6 Age-Specific Fall Sessions

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

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

Next sessions January 30/31

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)

First Eucharist Preparation

Parent/Child Session #2
February 8 or February 14
at 7:00 p.m.

Parent/Child Session #3
March 7 or **March 8 at 7:00 p.m.**
(Please note Date Change)

Family Interviews Scheduled
April 11, 18 and May 2.

Celebration of First Eucharist will be
scheduled between Easter and
Pentecost.



*Please remember to turn in your
sheet for your choice of date for the
celebration of First Eucharist.*

Echoes of Faith

Please mark your calendars for our
Catechist Formation

“Echoes of Faith”

February 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Conclusion: I Believe, We Believe
(meal included)

Additional Formation Dates

March 14, 2012
Liturgy and Sacraments

April 18, 2012
Prayer and Spirituality

Please R.S.V.P. to Karen or Kathryn

kpeters@ssjohnandpaul.org or
klocke@ssjohnandpaul.org
586-781-9488



G.R.A.C.E—Open to all Parishioners—Walk-ins Welcome!

Our monthly G.R.A.C.E Program is For All People. If you have never attended please consider coming to our next session. You can pick from four nights to attend—just come and sign in. Spend some time learning more about your faith and getting the encouragement needed to live that faith on a daily basis.



Attention all 9-12 Graders:

- ◆ New Calendars for 2012 are now available in the literature racks in front of the office. Please pick one up if you did not receive one.
- ◆ Our next 9-12 grade teen meeting will be held on January 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please bring a friend and join us.
- ◆ Teens and adults we will need your help with the Pancake breakfast. Please sign up on the bulletin board as to what shift you might be willing to work. Any questions please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586-781-9488.
- ◆ Mark your calendars for **March 16-18 for the Overnight Subiaco Retreat.** We will have your permission slips out to you soon, but wanted to make sure you saved this date. If you have never attended one of these retreats you won't want to miss this one.

Attention Rainbow Participants:

- ◆ There is a **Mandatory Meeting** that **You Must Attend** in order to go to Rainbow, on Sunday, January 29 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. All teens attending Rainbow **Must** attend along with one parent. If you are unable to attend the meeting for any reason, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586-781-9488. We will have a simple meal for the teens right after so they can stay for youth group!

Mass with Anointing of the Sick, Monday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m.

The 7:00 p.m. Mass Monday, January 30 will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick. Who should be anointed? Anyone who has an ongoing serious health situation, or is facing surgery in the next few months, or has had surgery and is still recuperating, or anyone suffering from depression or mental illness. We encourage families with relatives who are homebound to make an effort to join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

North Macomb Vicariate Welcome Home Catholics

The parishes of the North Macomb Vicariate invite you to come back home to your faith community...

Welcome Home Catholics is a program with a “no pressure” approach to welcome back those people who have been away. The program is only 6 weeks long and will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. beginning on January 4 and running through February 8. It is not that hard to come back home and you will be glad you did.



Location: St. Isidore Catholic Church
18021 23 Mile Road
Macomb, MI
586-286-1700

- ◆ February 1 Marriage and Annulments
- ◆ February 8 Reconciliation Reuniting with God and our Catholic Community

Notre Dame School Day Open House

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy (grades Jr.K-12)

Upper Division (9-12)

Wednesday, February 1, 2012
Two sessions: 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon
Pontiac Campus

Middle Division (6-8)

Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Two sessions: 8:00 a.m. and 12 Noon
Pontiac Campus

Lower Division (Jr.K-5)

Wednesday, March 7, 2012.
Two sessions: 8:00 a.m. and 12 Noon
Waterford Campus

For more information:

go to www.ndpma.org or for grades (9-12) Call 248-373-5300 (6-8) Call 248-373-5371 (Jr.K-5) Call 248-682-5580



English as a Second Language

Classes held here at SSJP Saturdays beginning January 21 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Do you know someone who would benefit from English as a Second Language classes? Please invite them to join our class. There is no fee for classes and babysitting is available. We are in need of at least one more babysitter.

Call Bridget or Kathy at the church office 586-781-9010 for more information.

Inglés como Segundo

Lengua

Las clases se imparten aquí en SSJP

Sábados a partir del 21 de Enero 12:30-2:00 p.m.

¿Conoces a alguien que se beneficiarían de clases de Inglés como Segundo Lengua? Por favor invite a unirse a nuestra clase. No hay cuota para las clases y cuidado de niños disponible. Estamos en la necesidad de al menos una niñera más.

Llame a Bridget o Kathy en la oficina de la iglesia (586) 781-9010 para más información.

St. Lawrence School Open House

St. Lawrence School of Utica will be hosting an Open House for prospective students and parents today Sunday, January 29 from 1:00—3:00 p.m. Families who are interested in 3 or 4 year old preschool, half or full day kindergarten through Eighth grade are encouraged to attend. St. Lawrence is located at 44429 Utica Road just south of M-59/Hall Rd. For more information contact the school at 586-731-0135

Thanks from MCREST

Dear Coordinators & Volunteers,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We cannot accurately express our gratitude for the tremendous effort you put into hosting our clients.

As you are aware, the homeless population has changed. In 2010, we serviced an average of 12 children in our shelter every month and our wish list now includes diapers and formula! MCREST has made a shift in our focus to creating solutions and making greater strides to move people to stability instead of to other shelters. It is because of your continued support, your trust in our partnership, and your faith in our work that this transition is successful!

Our guests provided a great deal of positive feedback about their stay at SS. John and Paul. The extra care and compassion you put into all that you do is greatly appreciated as well as the wonderful accommodations you provided for our guests. Since 1988, we have built an alliance that now spans throughout Macomb County and, because of your partnership, we will continue to be the place "Where Transition Begins"!

Please continue to keep MCREST in your thoughts and prayers throughout the year as we endeavor to serve individuals and families whose needs are so great!

With blessings and many thanks,
Angela Willis
Executive Director

St. Christine Soup Kitchen Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, February 4

We have been asked to provide volunteers on February 4, 2012 for the Saturday Soup Kitchen at St. Christine in Detroit.

We will meet in the parking lot at SS. John and Paul at 10:00 a.m. We should return to SS. John & Paul around 3:00 p.m. Please call Kathy in the parish office to volunteer or for more information.

World Day of the Sick

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass to Anoint the Sick will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit. There will also be a special blessing for caregivers and healthcare providers. The Cathedral is handicap accessible and medical and emergency personnel will be on the premises.

This event is co-sponsored by the Knights and Dames of the Order of Malta and the Department of Parish Life and Services.

Samaritan House Spaghetti Dinner

The Capital Banquet Center at 12350 31 Mile Rd., Washington, will host the 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Samaritan House. The dinner is Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 4:00—8:00 p.m. The all-you-can-eat buffet includes two pastas, tossed salad, rolls, hot fudge sundaes and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$15.00 per adult or two for \$25.00 and \$6.00 for children 5 and under. Tickets are available at the door, Samaritan House or www.samaritanhousemichigan.org.

Agape Sharing Tree Thanks

Blessed are the givers and grateful are the receivers. Thanks so much for the Christmas gifts for the needy families. Thanks for your generous spirit. Blessings to you and your families.

Sr. Valerie Knoche, IHM and Nancy Kaspari, Christian Service Coordinator
Agape Center

Food Drive Next Weekend February 4 and 5



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



Tomato sauce, Coffee, Juice, Baby Food #3, Cooking Oil, Shampoo, Bath Soap, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Deodorant (men's and women's), Dish Detergent, Crackers, Oatmeal, Hamburger Helper, Sugar, Flour, Depends (large and extra-large)

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

During the month of December, Samaritan House donations helped feed 180 families consisting of 482 people for 10-14 days.

Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Perspective

*Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Monday evening Mass will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We celebrate this sacrament within Mass four times a year. Like all sacraments—even Penance!—Anointing of the Sick is ideally done within a communal setting, whether within a Mass or apart from it. Sacraments are those events at which Jesus, our risen Lord, “makes” Church fully happen. To be Church, according to our Catholic understanding and shared by the Orthodox Church as well, we have to gather as a community at Jesus’ invitation, offer who we are at that moment, and receive his true presence more deeply into our lives. The seven sacraments are those essential moments that must be celebrated in order for Church to fully be the Church of Jesus Christ.

The sacrament of Anointing connects Jesus’ real presence through the outward signs of community gathered (even if only represented by the priest but ideally by a true representation of the community), prayer shared, oil blessed, hands outstretched on/over those who are struggling with serious physical or emotional realities and need healing and strength, and the anointing itself.

Why this as an essential sacrament? The Church trusts in the guidance of the Spirit of God through its Scripture and Tradition. Clearly the healing of people with both physical and emotional illnesses was a key part of Jesus’ public ministry. The letter of James shows that it continued in the early Church as a ministry led by the presbyters (elders). The Church in its tradition continually used anointing with oil as part of its ministry to the sick, especially those nearing death. For a long time the focus on nearness of death led to the use of this sacrament as “Extreme Unction”, or the final anointing before death, a way to forgive sins and prepare a person for his/her death.

That practice kept alive the essential nature of the Church gathering and Christ becoming present at the time of very serious, deathly illness, but, unfortunately, it led to a loss of the fullest understanding of the sacrament of

Anointing of the Sick. Fifty years ago the Second Vatican Council thankfully reminded the Church that this sacrament is not meant just for the time of death but any situation where a serious illness has arisen and healing is needed. The sacrament is primarily to strengthen us and accompany us as we face our illnesses, not mainly to be a “last resort” when all looks hopeless. With that renewed focus the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is now something that Christians seek out not just once in their life, but each time a new and serious situation arises.

Even when this sacrament is celebrated in the hospital or at a home or after a Mass, we always try to gather at least a few people together for prayer to surround the one being anointed (family, nurses, parish members). Like all sacraments it is never just about the one receiving the sacrament. It is about being the Church of Jesus Christ in an essential way. Those receiving the sacrament witness to the rest of the community by their faith and willingness to seek prayer at this time in their life. Where they are, we will one day be. Those surrounding the persons anointed witness to their care for those who are ill and their faith is strengthened for the times that they will be in need. The Church as a whole is reminded that, to be Church, we need to be connected to the most vulnerable members, not just to those who are strong and well. In turn, that focus on vulnerability commissions us to look at the world around us and ask how we can structure this world to better care for all who are vulnerable, not just physically but emotionally, economically, and culturally.

Join us Monday. Invite any who are in the midst of serious illness, if they are able to come; any who will be undergoing serious surgery; those who have serious chronic, ongoing conditions; any who might have a serious addiction or depression. No one is singled out. All are prayed for. Joni in this essential experience of being Church.

* Catholic Wisdom Byte: “Do We All Pray to the Same God?”

In light of what we explored last week at our January G.R.A.C.E.

topic on the Trinity, I think the closest answer would be both “Yes...but.” Our Trinitarian understanding of God allows Christians to appreciate that whenever genuine prayer is lifted up by anyone, such prayer is an authentic work of the Spirit of God. But, we can’t be naïve and think that one’s deeper understanding of God (personal vs. impersonal, unipersonal vs. tripersonal, etc.) isn’t significant. It is. Come to the Wisdom Byte Sunday (today) or Monday and explore this a bit more.

*Our “Lenten Lift” Plans for February/March

Each year we plan some sort of “Lenten Lift” (as we have named it), inviting the parish as a whole into being intentional about the Lenten season and the spiritual journey and grace that can happen as a result.

This year we have invited a lay preacher from Good News International to lead us in a **Parish Lenten Mission**. Bill Wenger will be with us at the Masses on the weekend of February 25/26 and then offer us inspiring sessions on that Sunday through Wednesday evenings and Monday through Wednesday mornings (for those who prefer morning or want to attend both). You will hear more about this in the Lenten mailing that will be sent via mail or email to all households in a couple of weeks. But I ask that you try to block out some of those evening or morning times in your calendars. He will truly help provide a “Lenten Lift” to us. The theme of the week will be “**Dare to Be Holy**”.

NB: that is our monthly G.R.A.C.E. week for February. Parents of our religious education students: attendance will be taken. You can choose any or all of the evenings of the mission no matter what your “usual” monthly night is. Attendance at one of them (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday) fulfills your child’s attendance requirement for the month. Junior high on up will be in the Church with Bill and the adults. Grades 1-6 will be in the Activities Center with Kathryn Locke and our staff, as we offer them their own age-specific Lenten mission experience.

We are once again encouraging all parish members to participate in our **Lenten “Book Review”** as part of the upcoming season. Books are available now

at the office in order to give people a start on reading them before Lent, if you have the time. If not, it is the kind of book that can be read pretty quickly. During Lent there will be opportunities to come together to discuss the book at various times of the day/week. We are offering the book for free, so that anyone can participate. For those who are able we are asking for a \$10 donation to help offset some of the cost of the book. The book is titled: *Meeting Jesus in the Gospels*, by George Martin. It is very different from last year's book and provides a series of easy-to-read but challenging reflections on Jesus as we meet him through the various gospel writers' stories. I like it.

The internationally known theologian and speaker, **Fr. Mark Miller, S.J.** will be with us on Wednesday March 7th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. We are co-hosting the event with St. Kieran's parish but opening it up to the whole vicariate or anyone else who wants to attend. It will take place at St. Kieran's parish and SS. John and Paul will provide the hospitality. Fr. Miller is a moral theologian who has a great pastoral sense as well. He will be in town speaking on other topics prior to that evening. For us he has entitled the evening as "*Sinners Only Tonight: Redemption and Forgiveness*". I think you will find his exploration of sin, forgiveness, and redemption very uplifting and interesting and very much a deepening of the Lenten season.

As always, we will concentrate on the **Fridays of Lent** as well with soup, stations, and a speaker. The details of all these will be in the Lenten mailing you will be receiving.

***Michigan and Ohio Bishops' Five Year Report to the Pope**

The bishops of the United States are grouped into various regions, with the dioceses of Ohio and Michigan forming one such region. Every five years bishops are required to meet with the Pope and discuss the state of the Church of their diocese. These are called by custom *ad limina* visits, because they include a journey to the "thresholds" (*limina*) or tombs of SS. Peter and Paul, where Mass is celebrated. It would be an impossible task to do so individually, so the bishops of the United States do so as regions. Our

region of bishops will be in Rome this week. Archbishop Vigneron invites you to make a "virtual journey" with him and the other bishops by reading their blogs about their experiences. There is always a link to the Archdiocesan website on the parish's homepage at www.ssjohnandpaul.org/. Look at the link on the top and click on "Archdiocese of Detroit".

***Some Upcoming Teaching**

I always like to connect anything I am teaching at some other place to the parish, since you are my full-time focus. Often I do so via these columns, by exploring a theological topic I am talking on elsewhere. I have a talk at St. James of Novi on Wednesday February 1, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. on "Conscience Formation". Anyone who attended our October 2008 G.R.A.C.E. session on Conscience will have a sense of what will be covered. For a refresher, there is material on our website under our G.R.A.C.E. Archives (click on Faith Formation, then G.R.A.C.E. Archives, then on "2008" and find the material under October of that year). I will mainly be going through everything in the booklet called "*Conscience and Its Formation*" that I prepared for that G.R.A.C.E. evening.

In a couple of weeks, I will be doing an all day, Saturday, mini-course on Christology (understanding who Jesus is by looking at Scripture, doctrinal tradition, prayer and experience). That will take place in Saginaw with the lay ecclesial ministers of that diocese. In the monthly G.R.A.C.E. sessions we have touched on Jesus' Passion, healing ministry, and his spirituality. We have not looked specifically at the issue of how we are to understand "who" Jesus is. We'll definitely do so in the next couple of years via one of the monthly G.R.A.C.E. sessions. If it comes together, I'll do a series of bulletin articles on the topic for you this Lent as well, since our Lenten Book Review is precisely *Meeting Jesus in the Gospels* and so would be an ideal opportunity to explore this topic.

***Focus for Intercessory Prayer**

The Changing Lives Together Prayer Team continues to meet and have

been urging us to have a more visible focus for ongoing intercessory prayer. I took their ideas to the Art and Environment Committee and then the full Worship Commission and then the Parish Council. In the process the idea emerged to take the wall area now occupied by the ambry (the box with the three oils in it on the back wall of the church) and revamp it a bit. We are looking into how we might take the cross we use for veneration on Good Friday and bring it more permanently into that space. In turn we would then need to re-fashion the ambry so that it would tie in to the new idea. Finally, we would need to build a table that would list or focus us on the real needs being prayed for. One council member even had an idea for getting the children involved in the process with some artwork.

The important thing, of course, is not how the prayer focus area will look but how we as a parish take seriously our ministry of praying for others. I am hoping that we will have a process in place by Lent (and a temporary set up of the ambry area) so that all of us can more intentionally participate in intercessory prayer on behalf of parish members and others who let us know their needs.

***Blessing of Candles Next Weekend**

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus is on February 2nd. Traditionally also called "Candlemas", it is a day which celebrates how the child Jesus was recognized by Simeon and Anna as the Messiah who was to be a light to all nations. The focus on light led the Church to bless candles on this day, specifically candles that would be used in homes for prayers, especially at times of illness when the priest might visit. Because it is on a Thursday this year, we will move the blessing of candles to next weekend, February 4/5. Bring a home candle(s) to any Mass next week and have it blessed. It is good to have prayer candles at home. The blessing doesn't make those prayers magically better. Rather, it connects your use of that candle in prayer to the whole community and its prayer.

Fr. Buersmeyer

**Gratefully Received On
January 21-22, 2012**

Weekly budget \$11,100.00
 Offertory \$10,042.44
 No. Sunday envelopes used..... 296
Total Offertory **\$10,042.44**

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv / (3).....\$35.00
 Children / (4).....\$11.00

Stewardship

...a way of life

Share time and talent

Sacrificial Giving

Joyfully accept His gifts

Pray and give thanks

*"Brothers and Sisters: I should like
 you to be free of anxieties."
 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can

**World Marriage Day
 Celebration, February 12**

Come and experience a wonderful afternoon that is sure to bless your marriage as well as celebrating Valentines Day.

- ◆ Sit down dinner at San Marino Club
- ◆ Inspirational guest speaker:
 Dr. Ray Guarendi
- ◆ Musician and vocalist:
 Renee Kaufmann
- ◆ Cost \$55/couple by February 5
 \$65/Couple after February 5
- ◆ Gather together at 3:00 p.m., dinner at 3:30 p.m., music and dancing until 8:00 p.m.

For more information and a registration form go to:
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**Eucharistic Prayer
 Requests**

Sunday, January 29, 2012

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

9:30 a.m. —
 Anna Basilisco By Greenway Family

11:30 a.m. —
 Ken Cauley by Cauley Family

Monday, January 30, 2012

7:00 p.m. —
 For the Parishioners of SS. John and Paul

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

9:00 a.m. —
 For the Parishioners of SS. John and Paul

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

9:00 a.m. —
 Frances Bertoni By Capp Family

Saturday, February 4, 2012

5:00 p.m.—
 Linda McKenna by Lil Horn
 Sandra Comes by Ron Poli
 Donna Hart Matonic by Barb Jarzembki

Sunday, February 5, 2012

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

9:30 a.m. —
 For the Parishioners of SS. John and Paul

11:30 a.m. —
 Mitch Chmielewski by Greenway Family

Sponsor of the Week

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Pray for our Sick

Sally Jenkins Kylie Rodda
 Matthew Zurek Michalene Grifka
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**Stewardship Commission News-
 4th Quarter 2011**

This past fall was a relatively quiet season for major church projects, but a few essential smaller projects were completed in addition to the annual fall maintenance activities. Approximately 90 light bulbs in the church were replaced with energy efficient compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, which should help reduce our monthly electricity bill. A new garbage disposal was installed in the church kitchen – much needed after the MCREST week. In October the exterior of the parish house was painted, a new water-proofing membrane was added to the front of the house to prevent leaks in the basement, and after the repair, the landscape was freshened up with new shrubs and ground cover.

Stewardship is defined as sharing of your time, talent and treasure. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us. 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 what is needed. Thank you.

Mike Adkins
 Chairman
 Stewardship Commission





**Readings for the Week of
January 30, 2012**

Sunday, January 29

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Ps 95; Mk 1:21-28

Monday, January 30

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31:

2 Sm 18:9-10; 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Ps 86;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2:

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Friday, February 3:

Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 4:

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 5:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;
Mk 1:29-39

Liturgical appointments for February 4—February 5, 2012				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant/ Homilist	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer John Wright
Sacristan	Open	S. Krajewski	J. Pearson-Kastreba	S. Goble
Lectors	C. Theodoroff F. Diebboll	M. Sobetski J. Resutek	D. Zabkowski L. Zabkowski	M. Greenway P. Anders
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Altar Servers	Open	Open	Open	Open
Greeters	F. Theodoroff H. Theodoroff	P. Sagert R. Sagert	A. Sebastian K. Sebastian	M. Hosking N. Hosking
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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

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