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Please visit our website weekly to keep  
abreast of what's new and noteworthy.

## 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.

## May Rosary



### Monday Evenings 6:30 p.m.

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.

## SSJP 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 community for any reason:

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

Do you know someone you could invite? Maybe a family member or neighbor? 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 fellowships as disciples of Christ.

# Here's what's happening this week!

## Monday, May 7:

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

## Tuesday, May 8:

- \*9:00 a.m. Mass
- \*3:30-6:00 p.m. Confirmation Interviews
- \*4:00-6:00 p.m. Eucharist Interviews
- \*5:00 p.m. Junior Choir and Bells
- \*6:30 p.m. Scripture

## Wednesday, May 9:

- \*9:00 a.m. Mass
- \*9:30-11:30 a.m. Scripture
- \*6:30 p.m. May Crowning/Rosary
- \*6:45 p.m. PC and All Commissions

## Thursday, May 10:

- \*6:00 p.m. Spring Clean-up

## Saturday, May 12:

- \*8:00 a.m. Men's Day of Reflection
- \*5:00 p.m. Mass
- \*CSA Collection #2
- \*Mother's Day Flower Sale
- \*Registration Weekend

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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.


## 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!

# PARISH NEWS

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 placed 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 by Julie Clawson

*(The global impact of our daily choices)*

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.**

**G.R.A.C.E.**

**Growing Responding  
As Catholics Everyday**

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

Begins the week of  
September 16, 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.

First Sessions  
October 22 or 23, 2012

**Early Childhood  
Sunday Program**

Held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass  
(for late 4 and 5 year olds)  
October through March

First Session October 7, 2012  
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

**FAITH FORMATION**



**The Rite of Crowning an Image of  
the Blessed Virgin and Praying the Rosary**

Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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 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 will be drawn to see who will crown the image of the Blessed Mary.

**SKY: For God All  
Things Are Possible**

July 16 through 20  
9:00 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 at the meeting or contact Kathryn at 586-781-9488 or email [klocke@ssjohnandpaul.org](mailto:klocke@ssjohnandpaul.org)

**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:

- May 6**  
**11:30 a.m. Mass**  
Jaxon Radtke  
Steven St. John  
Isabella Hellebuyck  
Kaytlin Cleveland  
McKenzie Gumbleton  
Jenna Sabath

- May 13**  
**11:30 a.m. Mass**  
Nicholas Schneider  
Alvin Shamon  
Allen Shamon

**Registration Forms**

Are available for our 2012-2013 GRACE programs for anyone who would like to register for the following

- ◆ 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 [klocke@ssjohnandpaul.org](mailto:klocke@ssjohnandpaul.org).

**We Need Your Help!**

We still need help in the following areas for our **Vacation Bible School:**

- Team Leaders
- Station Leaders
- Leaders for the Opening and Closing
- Leader for the Picnic on Friday



Please consider volunteering for one of these areas. For more information please contact Kathryn at 586-781-9488 or email [klocke@ssjohnandpaul.org](mailto:klocke@ssjohnandpaul.org)

The VBS  
Team



Thank you to everyone who took part in our closing vignettes for our April GRACE monthly-sessions. What a great way to end the year!

*Remember to keep everyday  
prayerful and holy.*

## TEEN NEWS

### Attention all 8-12 Graders:

- ◆ Our next 8-12 grade teen meeting will be held on May 6 from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** This evening will be filled with lots of fun and laughs. 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 Stony Creek Metro Parks. Watch the bulletin for more details.
- ◆ **August 3-4-9-12 Grade Vicariate Lock-Out.** Permission slips will be sent out soon.

Congratulations to Rachel Dickens, Stephanie Goble, Tricia Goble, Amanda Meldrum, Christie Sinicki, and Rachel Wagner for receiving the Timothy Award! These young ladies have been outstanding at giving up their time to help others both here at the parish and in the community. We are very proud of what these ladies have accomplished this year.



## PARISH NEWS

### Community Garden



**Planting Day!**  
**Sunday, June 3**  
 (weather permitting)  
**After 11:30 a.m.**  
**Mass**

**Everyone is invited to help plant the garden!**

Label and bring your own gardening tools. Snacks and water will be provided. The SS John and Paul Community Garden is an organic vegetable garden where fresh produce is grown, harvested, and donated to area food pantries. Last year we donated approximately 900 pounds of fresh produce.

Join us in our third year of this wonderful parish project. Look on the bulletin board, on the parish website, and in future bulletins for more opportunities to help in the community garden including "adopting" a crop this growing season!

If you have any questions please call Bridget at the church office at 586-781-9010.

### Wisdom Bytes



#### Can Women Be Priests?

Sunday, May 20, after 9:30 a.m. Mass;  
 repeated on Monday, May 21  
 after 7:00 p.m. Mass

- *What does the Church teach?*
- *Points of dispute*

Presented by Fr. David Buersmeyer  
 Wisdom Bytes usually last from 35-45 minutes.

Questions? Call (586) 781-9010  
 Or visit our parish website  
[www.ssjohnandpaul.org](http://www.ssjohnandpaul.org)



### Community Garden Men's Workday

- What:** Community Garden Workday to dig walkways and lay down woodchips
- Who:** Men, teens, and boys of the parish
- Why:** To prepare garden for planting day
- When:** Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m.-noon (weather permitting) in the garden (located on the northeast side of the church building)
- How:** Bring your own tools (labeled with your name) shovel and/or wheelbarrow

This is a great opportunity for dads and sons to get some bonding time in while serving together! Below is an excerpt from p. 303 of Stephen R Covey's book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families*: "Notice how this tradition of working together in the garden renewed this boy and his family. It renewed them socially by giving them the opportunity to work together. Can you imagine the teaching moments this would create? Look at how it renewed them physically as they worked together in the hot sun. This is because he learned in the garden some of the natural laws that govern in every dimension of life, and he was able to apply those laws or principles years later in a completely different situation."

Please call Bridget at the church office with any questions.



### 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](mailto:RomeoBacc@comcast.net)



## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

### National Nurses Week

*Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring*

Every year, National Nurses Week, May 6—12, focuses attention on the many ways nurses work to save lives and improve the health of millions. This year's theme is *Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring*.

Here at SS. John and Paul, we are fortunate to have a Health Team Ministry made up of nurses and non-medical members who have a passion for the wellness of the individual - mind, body and spirit.

A few of the ways the Health Team is "advocating, leading and caring" for parishioners here and in the community are:

- Regularly scheduled meetings for Health Team members
- Monthly blood pressure screenings of parish members
- Presence and support at the Masses on Anointing
- Health Bytes-biannual educational presentations on relevant health issues
- Offer CPR/AED training for Heartsaver certification
- Support blood drives at SS. John and Paul and elsewhere in the community
- In the process of developing an ecumenical Diabetes Support Group

Our Health Team Ministry is currently led by Joan Schnepf, R.N. Other members are Anne Petriches and Peggy Benson, past Parish Nurse Co-Leads, Debbie Bassy, Celeste Compeau, Roslyn Misuraca, Pat Otto, Ellen Polzin, Carol Meloeny, Peggy Loyson, Sharon Pospiech, Kay Kearney and Sharon Cratsenburg. If you know these people, please take a moment to thank them for their devotion and the valuable services they provide to our parish community and the community at large. We truly appreciate each and every one of them!

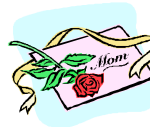


### St. Christine Soup Kitchen

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.

### Mother's Day Flowers

Our annual Mother's Day flower sale will take place after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 12 and 13. Proceeds will go to Project Hope. The suggested donation is \$1.00 per flower.



Project Hope is an arm of Catholic Services of Macomb which promotes the value of life. It was established in 2005 to meet the needs of women at-risk who experience crisis or unplanned pregnancies, and their families. Project Hope provides:

- Pregnancy counseling
- Parenting education
- Referrals
- Direct material assistance

All services are provided free of charge. If you or someone you know could use the services of Project Hope, please call them at 586-755-7980. Their office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### Local AA Meetings

The Romeo Alcoholics Anonymous group meets twice a week at the Agape Center at 347 S. Main St. in Romeo. The meetings are held on Wednesday from 7:30—9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 6:00—8:00 p.m.. All are welcome. For more information, call John at 810-459-0315 or Jeff at 586-383-0991.

### Adopt-a-County Road Clean Up



Grab your garden gloves, long-sleeved shirts, baseball caps and boots and join us as we clean up the debris on our stretch of 28 Mile between Campground and Mound.

We will meet on Saturday, May 19 in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and be finished by 10:00 a.m.. A rain date will be Saturday, June 2.

If you would like to help, please call the parish office by Thursday, May 17, so we will know who to expect. Water will be provided. Thanks in advance for helping to beautify our roadsides and being good stewards of the earth!

### United Way Get Help—Call 2-1-1

United Way 2-1-1 is an information and referral resource linking callers to more than 5,000 health and human services, as well as volunteer and donor opportunities across southeast Michigan.

United Way 2-1-1 is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

United Way 2-1-1 features:

- Employment and job training assistance
- Foreclosure and housing assistance
- Access to food, shelter and clothing
- Physical and mental health care services
- Child, youth and family services
- Help for seniors, the disabled, non-English speaking and others

United Way 2-1-1 is a service of United Way for Southeastern Michigan, in partnership with Common Ground Sanctuary, Macomb Crisis Center, Neighborhood Service Organization, The Information Center and the Detroit Public Library.

Remember, to access these resources, simply dial 2-1-1.

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#### \*Rite of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Wednesday

There are certain Catholic traditions, not essential in themselves but wonderfully expressive of our Catholic faith, which are worth not losing. "May Crowning" (or officially, the Rite of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin) is one of them. May is one of the months traditionally dedicated to the intercession of Mary. We will have our usual Monday rosary a half hour before Mass on each of the Mondays of May and ask Mary's intercession for vocations: to priesthood and religious life, to marriage and family, to service for and in the public civic life. But we will highlight the Marian connection to May with our annual May Crowning service this Wednesday evening. Join us at 6:30 p.m. as we pray the rosary and crown the image of Mary.

All religious education families are especially encouraged to attend. Let your children (and yourselves!) grow up with this annual prayer. All the commissions and both pastoral and financial councils meet that evening—come early and be part of this prayer. A very special invite to First Eucharist families. The First Eucharist children (whether they have already received or will be receiving) lead us in the procession. They are invited to come dressed in their First Eucharist clothes, if you choose. One of them is always selected to place the wreath on the statue of Mary.

#### \*Men's Retreat Day

Deacon John Wright and I will be leading our annual men's retreat day on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Last call for registrations. Let the office know so we can plan for food and materials. This year's theme is "The Spirituality of Jesus". What was at the heart of Jesus' own relationship to God his Father? What enabled him to say "Yes" to God in all circumstances? What were some of the cornerstone principles which seem to guide his life and ministry? All of these questions can both lead to a deeper relationship between us and God and form the basis for our own spirituality as Christian men. Join us this Saturday. It will be worth it.

#### \*Additional Altar Servers Needed

I will be training additional altar servers over the next few weeks. Anyone who is finishing fourth grade this year on up is asked to consider serving. Those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade who will be going on to high school are asked to join the other teens who are still serving. And adults who are willing to be servers are asked to come forward as well, joining the other adults who have been trained as servers.

If you are willing to be a server, please call the parish office and leave your name and number and I will get back to you. I am looking at the weekend of May 19/20 to do the training. The options will be after the Saturday Mass or after the last Sunday Mass. In either case, a quick dinner will be provided and then we will go through the training. If that weekend doesn't work, we will find another time.

Those who are already servers. Thank you for being servers. We continue to need your service. If for some reason you no longer want to be scheduled as a server, please call the office and let me know. I will be putting the June-September schedule together in a couple of weeks.

#### \*Reconnect Evening Next Week May 16

Three times a year we hold a "Reconnect Evening" at the parish. It is an open meeting for any Catholic who has, for whatever reason, not been connected to the Church for a while. For some it is because they have moved into the area and never got re-active in the local parish. For others it was some incident years ago that pushed them away from the Church. Still others, divorce and remarriage or other things that make them, often falsely, believe they are not welcome in the Church.

Reconnect is low-key. No judgments are made. It is a chance to ask questions, tell one's story if you want, and perhaps find ways to be re-connected to the Catholic faith. If you know someone in your family or neighborhood or work who fits this category of "Catholic but not active", please consider inviting them. We have invitations at each Church entrance you can give to them.

We also send out an area-wide

mailing before our Reconnect evenings so that every mailing address in the parish area knows about it. Our most recent mailing went out just before Easter and had the Reconnect invitation on it. Invite someone to Reconnect on Wednesday May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Disciples' Room.

#### \*Young Adult Gathering May 20<sup>th</sup>

"Young Adults" (I am not a huge fan of that term but see below), post-high school up through the 20s, are invited to a Game Night at St. Kieran's Parish on Sunday May 20, 8:00-10:00 p.m. SS. John and Paul, St. Kieran and St. John Vianney young adults have planned a simple but fun evening open to all of that age. Many of our college students will be done with their semester or home at that time. Let them know about it as well. That age group is busy about many things in their lives. We want to find ways to let them plan events that bring Catholic young adults together from time to time, focused on activities and/or issues that are important to them. Encourage any of the 20-somethings you know to come to this gathering.

The reason I am not a fan of that term, though there is no great alternative, is that I am not sure that the age group and demographic we are trying to reach with that term self-identify as "young adults". If they do, great. If not, don't let the term throw you. There is that stretch of life from after high school until one settles more into career and/or family which is challenging, open-ended, uncertain. One's faith is often internalized during that time, even if regular church-going diminishes for some. But God is part of that journey. God never abandons us. And our relationship to God in Christ, lived within the Catholic faith community, can make a huge difference in how those years unfold.

So, by whatever category title we would use: let's see if we can create some energy on a multi-parish level for post-high school, young adult, 20-somethings. Let them know about the May 20<sup>th</sup> gathering at St. Kieran.

#### \*Parish Calendar Dates for July-June of Next Year

Each year at this time your parish staff spends a great deal of time putting together the parish calendar for the next twelve month period. It is always a

challenge to incorporate all the events and meetings and groups in such a way that we are not competing with one another. If you are in charge of a group or ministry in the parish, you might want to check with the parish secretary this week to make sure we have put your events on the upcoming calendar. Thank you.

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### \*Parish Namesake Feast Day and Picnic June 24<sup>th</sup>

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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. So, Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### \*Catholic Services Appeal, Some “Myths and Facts”

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal is now if full swing. In the C.S.A.

mailing sent out to you, a “*Myths and Facts Sheet*” was enclosed. I want to highlight a few of them here.

***Myth #1: The C.S.A. mandatory target for the parish is based on how well or how poorly the parish did in the C.S.A. the previous year.***

**Fact:** The previous year's C.S.A. drive has nothing to do with setting targets. Targets are based on an objective formula that looks at how much a parish receives in Sunday and holyday contributions in a given year relative to all the other parishes in the archdiocese. Some adjustments are made based on the median household income of each area, but the largest determining factor in the target is a parish's relative offertory income in relation to all the other parishes in the Archdiocese.

***Myth #2: If we don't reach our C.S.A. target, there is no consequence to the parish.***

**Fact:** If we don't reach our target, the parish must pay the difference out of its other funds. That means we either reduce other operating expenses or take it from our savings. This is a very significant consequence to the parish for not reaching the mandatory target.

***Myth #3: The C.S.A. donation is the least effective way to donate money to the parish.***

**Fact:** Just the opposite. The C.S.A. is the most effective way to donate money, since every dollar directly benefits the parish 100%. Either it helps the parish pay its mandatory target, which otherwise must come from its other funds, or it comes back to the parish “tax-free”, unlike other contributions that are now taxed at 7%. This means that if someone has a significant donation to give to the parish, the most effective way to do so, the way that benefits the parish the most, is through the C.S.A.

***Myth #4: Withholding C.S.A. money is a good way to send a signal of displeasure to the Archdiocese.***

**Fact:** If you want to show displeasure at the diocese or the bishop, withholding C.S.A. donations only hurts the parish, not the diocese. The diocese will receive all the budgeted money either through the C.S.A. drive or by billing the parishes for the missed target. The best way to show displeasure to the diocese is

through a thoughtful, direct letter to Archbishop Vigneron, detailing what your concerns are.

***Myth #5: C.S.A. dollars were used to pay for building the JPPII Center in Washington, D.C. or to pay for costs related to cases of clergy abuse of minors.***

**Fact:** No C.S.A. dollars ever went toward the JPPII Center. That center has now been closed and sold. Over the years, money was given to the Center out of diocesan reserves, but not from C.S.A. dollars. The sale allowed the Archdiocese to get repaid for its loan to the Center (but not for any other monies donated). Also, no C.S.A. dollars have gone toward defending allegations of sexual misconduct or for payouts to bring such situations to a close. The C.S.A. budget is pre-approved and audited yearly, and the C.S.A. money goes only to fund those programs and offices.

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### \*A Final Thought for This Week

Jesus addresses his disciples in today's gospel reading: “*I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower...I am the vine, you are the branches...*” It is a wonderful, organic image of our connection to Christ and to God the Father. One could add to it an image of sun and energy and nourishment and see those as the Holy Spirit of God at work. But the vine/branches/vine grower image is also a challenging one in two ways. Jesus reminds us that the Father constantly prunes the branches so they can produce better and more fruit. We need to let the struggles of life “prune” us through the grace of God and recognize that, no matter what, something more of God's goodness and love will be able to shine through. Secondly, if no fruit is produced, the branches are thrown into the fire to be burnt. The branches that stop receiving nourishment through the vine or stop producing fruit are images of us, when we refuse that relationship with God through Christ or refuse to let the good that God has produced in us be expressed in action toward others.

May we all experience many opportunities in the days and weeks ahead both to be pruned and also to be that gift of life for others.

**Fr. Buersmeyer**

## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### Saturday, 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  
 Ed Hargis by Hargis Family

11:30 a.m. —  
 Ruth Norkus by Tom and Barb Harden

### Monday, May 7, 2012

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

### Tuesday, May 8, 2012

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

### Wednesday, May 9, 2012

9:00 a.m. —  
 Joyce Bauml by Tom and Barb Harden

### Saturday, May 12, 2012

5:00 p.m.—  
 All Living and Deceased Mothers

### Sunday, May 13, 2012

8:00 a.m. —  
 All Living and Deceased Mothers

9:30 a.m. —  
 All Living and Deceased Mothers

11:30 a.m. —  
 All Living and Deceased Mothers

## Sponsor of the Week

This week's sponsor is **Giacherio, Joseph, DDS.** 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	

## STEWARDSHIP

### Gratefully Received On April 28-29, 2012



**Weekly budget ..... \$11,100.00**  
 Offertory ..... \$9,526.55  
 No. Sunday envelopes used..... 279  
 ESO ( April 30) ..... \$3,422.00  
 No. ESO..... 44  
**Total Offertory ..... \$12,948.55**

**Other Monies / (# Envelopes)**  
 Capital Imprv / (6).....\$90.00  
 Children / (4).....\$23.00

**YTD as of 04/30/12**  
 YTD Budget..... \$522,666.00  
 YTD Offertory ..... \$533,661.00  
 Overage.....\$10,995.00

Did you know that 100% of your Catholic Services Appeal donations directly benefit the parish by helping us reach our mandatory goal? All donations over the target are given back to us without any tax taken out. Please return your C.S.A. Pledge card this week.

Thank you.

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



**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!*

**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



## Do You Know the Importance of Estate Planning Documents?

Everyone should have an estate plan. If a person has not documented his wishes, the state will dictate how and to whom that person's assets are distributed. The state does not provide for any charitable intent in its distribution scheme.

Here are questions to promote your thinking about preparing estate planning documents:

- Have you provided appropriately for your spouse and children?
- Have you remembered your favorite charities in your estate plan?
- Do you know what implications property ownership has on who inherits our assets at death?
- Do you realize the effects of your beneficiary designations on insurance policies and retirement plans?
- How much will you or your heirs pay in taxes upon your death?
- Do you want some of your assets that would go to pay taxes to instead pass to charity?
- Will probate complicate the lives of your family?
- Who will manage your money or make end of life decisions if you are incapacitated?



**Readings for the Week of  
May 6, 2012**

**Sunday, May 6:**

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

**Monday, May 7:**

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday, May 8:**

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday, May 9:**

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday, May 10:**

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday, May 11:**

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday, May 12:**

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday, May 13:**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98;  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Liturgical appointments for May 12-13, 2012				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Celebrant/ Homilist</b>	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer
<b>Sacristan</b>	C. Klein	S. Krajewski	M. Greenway	S. Avolio
<b>Lectors</b>	B. Conlon F. Diebboll	G. Bawol D. Graham	L. Zabkowski D. Zabkowski	J. Marino L. Hester
<b>Communion Ministers</b>  <b>*Captain</b>	F. Braun* K. Braun C. Klein P. Dutchik M. Schimmel	K. Fannon* J. Fannon A. Ferrario P. Loyson M. Schimmel	T. Maltese* M. Greenway B. Greenway A. Murray R. Newlin B. Quayhackx P. Quayhackx	Deacon John F. Avolio* S. Avolio M. Syty T. Bugli
<b>Altar Servers</b>	S. Zuehlc	G. Efthemiou	S. Rowley J. Ozella S. Ozella	E. Palombo G. Gaglio J. Gaglio
<b>Greeters</b>	G. Baginski R Baginski B. Adams	A. Bawol S. Boettcher T. Boettcher	M. Compau D. Kaiser S. Fezzey	G. Landless M. Landless
<b>Ushers</b>  <b>*Captain</b>	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 Gehrholtz Bob Jiannuzzi Ron Kopera
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Team # 4: Tom Klakulak*, Ron DiDomenico, Debbie DiDomenico*, Mary Ann Klakulak, Joe Martino, Sue Martino, Larry Weathers, Marilyn Weathers			

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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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