

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

Fr. Buersmeyer's weekly column appears on page 6.

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**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

Masses at 5:00 p.m.  
(not a children's mass) and  
12:00 midnight (choir carols prior).

**Christmas Day**

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
and 11:30 a.m. children's mass.



**Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
(Holy day of obligation)**

Mass at 5:00 pm.  
Wednesday, December 31, and  
9:00 a.m. Thursday, January 1

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THE WEB**

See what's "New and Noteworthy",  
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links to other sites. Go online and  
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[www.ssjohnandpaul.org](http://www.ssjohnandpaul.org).  
Please visit our website weekly to  
keep abreast of what's new and  
noteworthy.



*Behold,  
you will conceive  
in your womb and  
bear a son, and you  
shall name him Jesus.*

*Lk 1:31*



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

### Monday, December 22:

- \*Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- \*7:45 p.m. Adult Bells

### Tuesday, December 23:

- \*Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- \*4:30-6:00 Individual Confessions
- \*5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- \*5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells

### Wednesday, December 24:

- \*Christmas Eve Masses at 5:00 p.m. & 12:00 Midnight
- \*Office open 9:00 a.m.— Noon

### Thursday, December 25:

- \*Christmas Day Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. children's mass
- \*Offices closed

### Saturday, December 27:

- \*8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- \*3:00 p.m. Confessions
- \*Offices closed

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### Holiday Office Hours

Wed., Dec. 24 — 9:00 a.m. until Noon  
 Thurs. thru Sun., Dec. 25-28 — Closed  
 Mon.-Tues. Dec. 29-30 — 9am-4:30pm  
 Wed., Dec. 31 — Closed  
 Thurs., Jan. 1 — Closed  
 Fri., Jan. 2 — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Sat.-Sun., Jan. 3-4 — Regular office hours resume

### Regular Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Wed. — 9 :00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Saturday—12:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
 Sunday — 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Fourth Week of Advent

## Vocation Committee Invitation: “Advent”-ure As Families Toward “Christ”-mas Presence

### FAMILY ADVENTURE

This is the fourth of a series about “Advent”-uring into a “Christ”-centered Christmas with the total family being this week’s focus.

Families energize their faith through awe and prayer. Awe allows us to recognize these truths in life: tenderness, commitment, honor, caring, loving fiercely. Prayer, a ready and willing companion, eases our struggles at any age. Anyone’s life can improve with prayer.

Take time to pray as a family during this “Advent”-ure. Bring “Christ”-mas Presence into your life by praying together often. Live your calling given to you through baptism. Have a meaningful “Advent”-ure.

### PRAYER FOR A CHRIST-LIKE FAMILY (adapted from the Sylvania Franciscans)

#### **Come, Spirit of Wisdom!**

Show us your way. Give us the strength and a loving heart to serve one another always.

#### **Come, Spirit of Joy!**

Grant us a sense of humor, keeping our hearts light and minds energized as we grow.

#### **Come, Spirit of Love!**

Fill our hearts with your love. Give us courage to weave your vision into our future.

#### **Come, Spirit of Inclusiveness!**

Help us to love one another with tenderness, patience and acceptance of each other’s gifts.

#### **Come, Spirit of Challenge!**

Help us to be a family united.

#### **Come, Spirit of Possibilities!**

Give us the grace to look and move beyond our comfort zone.

#### **Come, Spirit of Gentleness!**

Soften our thoughts and words so others hear your message with calm and peaceful hearts.

#### **Come, Spirit of Vulnerability!**

Open us to honest caring and deep listening so we may grow ever closer to truth.

#### **Come, Spirit of Boldness!**

Help us lovingly, but fearlessly, speak from the depths of our hearts.

#### **Come, Spirit of Reverence!**

Fill us with awe for the well of wisdom that lies deep within each of us.

#### **Come, Spirit of Compassion!**

Prepare our hearts to accept and love one another, our ears to listen without shutting down, our eyes to see below the surface, our mouths to speak as your messenger, and our hearts to love unconditionally. Be with us in our family life, fired by the gospel, your servants.

**Individual Confessions**  
**Tuesday, December 23**  
**4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**2007-2008 Religious Formation Program**

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

Parish Formation Program  
For all ages

**September—May**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

3 1/2 to 5 yrs. old  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.  
October—April

For more information on either programs above, or for any other adult formation or preparation for sacraments please call the Formation Office at 586.781.9488.



**During This 4th Week of Advent...**

The story behind these days can draw us in, and invite us to bring our lives to the mystery of how Jesus came into this world and why. Our best preparation for the Holy Night ahead and the Joyful Morning to follow is for us to reflect upon how he came. He came in the midst of scandal and conflict. He came in poverty. He was rejected before he was born. He was born in a feed trough. He was hunted down. And he grew up in obscurity.

He did not shun our world and its poverty and conflict. He embraced it. And he desires to embrace us today, in this day. Right where we are. Right where we are feeling most distant. Right where we are feeling least “religious” or “ready.” If we let him come into our hearts to be our Savior these challenging days, we will find ourselves entering the sacred night and morning of Christmas “joyful and triumphant” as never before.

**Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.  
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.**



**Children’s Christmas Day Mass at 11:30 a.m.**

Bring your family as we come together for the joyous celebration of the birth of our Savior. All children arriving will be asked if they would like to take part in the spontaneous reenactment of the Nativity during the Gospel reading. The Children’s Choir and Bell Ringers will also be present to help in our celebration.

What a wonderful way to begin this special day to help our children remember and experience the true meaning of Christmas day.

**Grade 1-6 Lesson Planning For G.R.A.C.E. Catechists**

**Tuesday, January 6  
6:30 p.m.**

**Theme: Year of Paul**

**G**rowing  
**R**esponding  
**A**s  
**C**atholics  
**E**veryday

**Next Month:**

**JANUARY 11, 13, 14, 16  
6:00-8:30 p.m.**

*Theme:*  
**Year of Paul**

*Catechetical Area:*  
**Exploring Scripture as Catholics**

*Event:*  
**Weekly readings of the Letter of Paul**

- We will be helped to appreciate Paul’s life and ministry.
- We will become familiar with the major themes and writings
- We will come to value Paul’s writings as a personal source of prayer and motivation to live the Christian life.

*Menu:* **Tacos & Drink**



## Follow the Star



### CELEBRATING EPIPHANY SUNDAY... WEEKEND OF JANUARY 3 & 4, 2009

Join us during the Christmas season for a Nativity Set display on Epiphany Sunday, January 4. We invite you to share your nativity set with the parish family as we journey together with the three Kings in seeking out the Christ Child. You can bring it into the parish center during business hours any time after the 11:30 mass on Sunday, Dec. 28 through Saturday, January 3 just before the 5pm mass. Please note that the office is closed on January 1. We ask that you place your set on the tables that are roped off\* in the parish center (rooms A, B, C) and include a small note card with information about your nativity set (place of origin, how old it is, what it means to you, etc.)

Rather than enjoying the normal weekly coffee and donut gathering, we ask that you bring any remaining Christmas cookies that you have to share for hospitality that day. We can then enjoy them as we "Follow the Stars" and experience the Messiah through the treasured Nativity sets being shared by our parish family.

*"Let us go then, to Bethlehem, to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." Luke 2:15*

*\*NOTE: There will be a staff person to monitor the rooms before and after all masses that weekend.*

## Wisdom Bytes



The second of a new series of Adult Formation opportunities is here. In response to many questions about what is the Catholic teaching on different topics, we have decided to address those concerns in a series of brief sessions (usually 30 to 45 minutes). We host our next session on **Sunday, January 4, immediately following the 9:30 mass.** The session will be held in room C (right next to the coffee and donut room). The session will be **repeated after the Monday evening mass on January 5.**

This session will focus on the Catholic Wisdom concerning...

**"Making End of Life Decisions"**  
presented by **Fr. Dave Buersmeyer.**

Again, the sessions will be:  
Sunday, January 4 after the 9:30 mass  
and repeated on Monday, January 5 after the 7 p.m. mass.



### Attention All 9-12 Graders

- You are always invited and encouraged to attend the monthly G.R.A.C.E. sessions. You do not have to be accompanied by a parent. Please join us for the January 11 G.R.A.C.E. session as we discover wonderful things about St. Paul. This evening promises to be full of adventure.
- Sunday, January 18, will be a regular youth group meeting. Please bring a friend and join us for this session. The session will go from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### All 7-8th Grade Teens

- Mark your new calendars for the 7-8th grade mini Lock-In on Saturday, January 31. This is part of our age-specific session and all 7-8th graders are required to attend. A letter, along with a permission slip, will be sent to all 7-8th graders the first week of January. If you have any questions or concerns, please give Mrs. Peters a call at 586.781.9488.

### Grade 7-8 Catechists

- Lesson planning for all 7-8th grade catechists will be held on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. If you have a problem and cannot attend this meeting, please call Karen Peters ASAP at 586.781.9488.



### **Pancake Breakfast January 25**

All proceeds go the help support teen activities!

- We are in need of teens and some adults to help with all shifts for the pancake breakfast. Please call Mrs. Peters at 586.781.9488 if you can help. Thank you



**Our Fearless Leader(s)!**  
Eric Noyes and Mimi Gendreau



**Volunteers**

*“Volunteers Make the world go round.  
Volunteers are the bread, the yeast and the leaven.  
Each day they rise and give glory to God,  
in, through and for one another.”*

—Pat McDonald

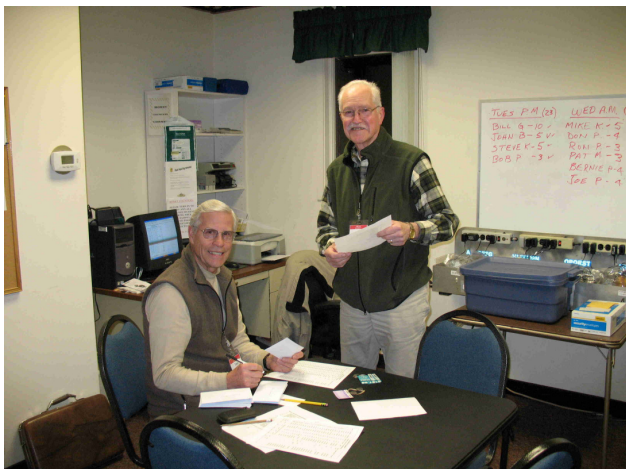
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**Parish Nurses Joan Schnepf & Peggy Benson**  
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**The Breakfast Bunch**  
Judy Giffin, Marge Beaudin, Mary McCann, Agnes Weaver,  
Cathy Radtke, Sue Keller and Sam Apley



**Our Dynamic Duo!**  
Tom Klakulak and Bill Huellmantel



**Dinner is Served**  
Pat Fields and Marcia Capp

## Pastor's Perspective

### \*FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent now moves to its final phase, focusing more directly on preparing to remember Jesus' birth. Each year the readings for the Sunday focus on either Mary or Joseph and their own experience as they learn of becoming parents. This year the gospel is the one from the Annunciation, when the angel tells Mary that she will be the mother of the Savior, in spite of the fact that she is a virgin. The angel says "Hail, Mary, full of grace. Do not be afraid." Let's enter the season of Christmas with an openness to whatever life brings us and respond out of love and not fear. Have courage. Do not be afraid. God's grace is stronger than evil. Like Mary, we can also be "full of grace" in every situation of life.

### \*SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The final scheduled time for the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Christmas is this Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Think about celebrating this sacrament as a way to open one's heart to whatever life will bring and in a way that will allow us to be instruments of God's healing and peace.

### \*CHRISTMAS MASSES

In most parishes the earliest Christmas Eve Mass is packed to overflowing, often because it is a child-centered Mass. Here at SS. John and Paul we try to alleviate some of that crowding by designating the last Mass on Christmas morning, the 11:30 a.m. Mass, as the child-centered one. I also think it is a good encouragement for families to have the tradition of getting up on Christmas morning and coming to Mass, not just opening presents or playing with the gifts opened the night before.

Our first Christmas Eve Mass is at 5:00 p.m. and it is usually very, very crowded. If it is necessary for your schedule, then please come. But if you can come on Christmas Day or join us for the beautiful Midnight Mass (and, yes, we celebrate it at midnight!), then I strongly encourage you to avoid the 5:00 p.m. Mass and its crowd.

No matter what, make Christmas first and foremost a spiritual celebration of Jesus' birth and remembering that birth, rather than mostly the day for Santa and his gifts. Families have to be so much more intentional about how they celebrate Christmas so that children are able to resist the watered-down, secularized version of Christmas, which turns gift-giving into the equivalent of the Christmas message. Whether there are a few gifts or even none, Christmas is about the awesome wonder—God's becoming fully one with our humanity in the birth of Jesus so that we might have a way to become fully one with God.

### \*YEAR END ENVELOPE

In the mailing for Advent two weeks ago you received a year-end donation envelope. Each year I send this out, because a number of people are in a position to make a more significant contribution at year's end. This is not meant to be another collection nor is there an expectation that most will use it. Your usual Christmas donation is fine. The year-end envelope is intended for those who can give a little bit extra and do so significantly at the end of the year.

It is the second best way to get money to the parish in the sense that 94% (all but the 6% diocesan tax) stays with the parish. The best, of course, is the C.S.A. collection in the spring, where 100% directly helps or stays in the parish. Christmas is also a good way to help in that the 6% diocesan tax is not assessed, though it does factor into how our annual C.S.A. target is assessed (in effect, about 14% goes toward the increased target, 86% remains in the parish). The year-end envelope has no affect on the C.S.A. target, and so no matter the amount, does not change that target.

### \*PRIEST PENSION BOARD

I was recently elected by the priests of the Archdiocese to serve on the priests' pension board. It advises the archbishop and oversees the way that pension money for Detroit priests is being handled. Currently each parish or institution at which a Detroit diocesan priest (not religious order, they have their own pension funds) serves is assessed a significant amount of money to cover current pension costs and build toward a fully funded pension fund.

In addition, the parishes are allowed to have a collection each year (in September), which invites people to give directly to that fund, in order to offset some of the parish's costs (or, in rare instances, if the collection is more than the assessed amount, to add to the fund).

### \*END-OF-LIFE ISSUES (continued)

Please see last's week bulletin (online at [www.ssjohnandpaul.org](http://www.ssjohnandpaul.org)) for a summary of what has been covered thus far and for a more detailed look at the specific and rather rare case of someone who is permanently unconscious and has no hope of recovery (so-called permanent vegetative state). What about the more usual cases of people who need to be put temporarily on ventilators or receive nutrition and hydration, especially by assisted means? Are such treatments now mandatory? Once started can they be removed? Does someone need to be near death before they can be removed? What is the Church's wisdom here?

Here are the current pertinent directives from the *U.S. Bishops' Ethical and Religious Directives for Health Care Facilities* (4<sup>th</sup> edition).

- Directive 32. *While every person is obliged to use ordinary means to preserve his or her health, no person should be obliged to submit to a health care procedure that the person has judged, with a free and informed conscience, not to provide a reasonable hope of benefit without imposing excessive risks and burdens on the patient*

*or excessive expense to family or community.*

- Directive 33. *The well-being of the whole person must be taken into account in deciding about any therapeutic intervention or use of technology. Therapeutic procedures that are likely to cause harm or undesirable side-effects can be justified only by a proportionate benefit to the patient.*
- Directive 56. *A person has a moral obligation to use ordinary or proportionate means of preserving his or her life. Proportionate means are those that in the judgment of the patient offer a reasonable hope of benefit and do not entail an excessive burden or impose excessive expense on the family or the community.*
- Directive 57. *A person may forgo extraordinary or disproportionate means of preserving life. Disproportionate means are those that in the patient's judgment do not offer a reasonable hope of benefit or entail an excessive burden, or impose excessive expense on the family or the community.*
- Directive 58. *There should be a presumption in favor of providing nutrition and hydration to all patients, including patients who require medically assisted nutrition and hydration, as long as this is of sufficient benefit to outweigh the burdens involved to the patient.*
- Directive 59. *The free and informed judgment made by a competent adult patient concerning the use or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures should always be respected and normally complied with, unless it is contrary to Catholic moral teaching.*

Directives #32-33 and #56-57 lay out the traditional Catholic wisdom

on judging what is morally ordinary (and therefore obligatory) and what is morally extraordinary (and therefore non-obligatory but optional) treatment. Notice that the well-being of the whole person has to be taken into account (#33). That means not just the person's physical or bodily health but also their mental and spiritual health as well. The tradition emphasizes that all we do must be subordinated to a person's spiritual well-being, first and foremost. That's why it is often morally acceptable to stop aggressive treatment and allow a person to move toward death at whatever pace their body, mind and spirit naturally can handle.

Directives #58-59 then applies that traditional Catholic wisdom to the issues of life-sustaining treatments. Note the following: 1) As with all such morally ordinary/extraordinary decisions, the benefits are to be weighed against the burdens. 2) But for nutrition and hydration there is a presumption in favor of using them, even if by medically assisted means. It can be withdrawn (or not started), if the burdens involved to the patient (pain, suffering, physical, emotional, financial costs) outweigh the benefits. But usually one presumes that nutrition and hydration will be provided. 3) What about other life-sustaining treatment such as the use of ventilators, chemotherapy treatments or aggressive surgical options such as by-pass surgery and the like? There is no presumption of using such procedures or not using them. The patient (or proxy) decides, and that decision is honored, unless it is a clear case of being against a moral teaching.

Notice, then, that the Church's teaching authority makes a distinction between providing nutrition and hydration and all other life-sustaining treatments. Various documents and bishops express it in various ways, but there is something natural about trying to get water and food to people. To not do so goes against basic human instincts and so should only not be done, when doing so is causing the person more burden than benefit. To not provide such nutrition and hydration, even by assisted means, in most cases would look too much like wanting a person to die

and so be "euthanasia by omission." But the use of aggressive surgery or chemotherapies or other therapies or even ventilators are not placed in the same category. They all can be done or not done, based on the reasonable weighing of benefits and burdens. There is no presumption that they need to be undertaken or that death has to be imminent to not undergo them.

In this wisdom, although it is usually a more clear-cut and easier decision to not start or to remove life sustaining treatments, when a person is near death or has an underlying illness leading to death, that is not a necessary requirement. The person (or proxy responsible) weighs the reasonably hoped for benefit against the reasonably foreseen burdens and makes the decision. Nutrition and hydration, even by medical assistance, is presumed to be given, unless the specific situation is causing a person an unreasonable burden. All other life-sustaining treatments are neither presumed nor excluded from the decision.

Some final thoughts next time.

#### \*WISDOM BYTES

We will have our next "Wisdom Bytes" on this topic of end-of-life treatments and issues. Remember these are focused and relatively brief sessions of a half hour or so. Join us on Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:40 (after the 9:30 Mass) to 11:10 a.m. Or on Monday from 7:45-8:15 p.m. I encourage you to read my background reflections in the bulletins from November 30 through December 28<sup>th</sup> but it is not necessary. Bring specific cases and examples and questions and we will apply the Catholic moral wisdom to those specific situations. I will prepare a one page sheet of guidelines as well.

May you find a moment or two in the final week of Advent to once again pray "Come, Lord Jesus" into our world, into our lives.

**Fr. Buersmeyer**



### Marriage

Congratulations to Raechel Grabski and Shane Lloyd Fockler who were married December 20, 2008.



### Baptism

Congratulations to Megan Monica Johannes baptized December 20, 2008 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

### Men's Weekend Retreat

Take a few moments...to talk with God on a personal level. You are invited to attend a tranquil weekend of spiritual reflection and renewal for men. Join us on January 16-18, 2009 at the Capuchin Retreat on 95 wooded acres adjacent to the Stony Creek Nature Center to relax from a hectic schedule, enjoy nature, make new friends, and above all to reopen and strengthen our lines of communication with God.

The Capuchin Retreat is located at 62460 Mt. Vernon Road (north of 28 Mile) in Washington, MI. Please call Paul at 586.752.7834 as soon as possible to confirm your reservation. Visit [www.captreat.org](http://www.captreat.org).

### A Note About Advertising in the Bulletin

Carolyn FitzGerald, representing Diocesan Publications (our bulletin publisher) will be at the parish soon. She will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. Thanks to you and Diocesan Publications, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

### Stewardship

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December 13-14, 2008

**Weekly budget.....\$11,700.00**  
 Offertory .....\$10,960.63  
 No. Sunday envelopes used .....332  
 ESO (15th of mo.).....\$2,607.00  
 No. ESO.....36  
**Total offertory.....\$13,567.63**

#### Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (8) .....\$125.00  
 Children's Env. / (2) .....\$2.00  
 Retire. For Rel. / (78).....\$1,904.00  
 Year End / (4) .....\$910.00  
 Christmas / (2) .....\$260.00  
 Holy Day / (1) .....\$20.00

Did you know that last year we spent \$29,300 on facility repairs? Last year we installed new lights and a ceiling fan in the Disciples Room, replaced five toilets and installed clear glass windows in the entire church. Thanks to your continued support of the parish, we were able to do all of these things without withdrawing money from our savings account.

### Readings for the Week of December 21, 2008

#### Sunday, December 21:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89;  
 Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

#### Monday, December 22:

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56

#### Tuesday, December 23:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

#### Wednesday, December 24:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89;  
 Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5 ; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17,  
 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

#### Thursday, December 25:

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14;  
 Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7;  
 Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6;  
 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

#### Friday, December 26:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

#### Saturday, December 27:

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

#### Sunday, December 28:

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;  
 Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8,  
 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

### Pray for our sick

Mary Angelosante	Linda Murphy
Alana Aynse	Samantha Nelson
Jennie Barla	Leo Osantoske, Sr.
Rita Bayer	Carl Pallas
Mary Burcar	Ken Petty
Ralph Cleary	Alex Polzin
John Patrick Cuttle	Doris C. Procopio
Timothy J. Cuttle	Dorothy Puffpaff
Gloria Dean	Anthony Randazzo
Chris Del Pappa	Pat Rea
Lauren DeNio	Marie Richard
Morris Duhaime	Theresa Romero
Antoinette Errante	Albert Sabbe
Jack Gehrholz	Sylvia Schult
Geri Hammer	Bill Shevela
Lora Hardin	Jeff Simpson
Ruth Hunsucker	Camille Smith
Yolanda Kaufman	Michelle Smith
Molly Keffalo	Tommasina Smith
John Kerr	Mary Sorrow
Leonard Koskodan	Steven St. John
Daryl Kraemer	Ken Stempien
Hayden Kroll	Barbara Supina
John LaCroix	Charlie Trombly
Vito Loconte	Elva VanDamme
Jacob Main	Richard Waluk
Bernice Mayer	Betty Waligore
Antoinette McBain	Patricia Wyatt
Agnes Mehlick	Edward Ziolkowski
Adele Miller	

### Pray for our military



Noel & Greg Ales	Jonathon Krusinski
Nick Bassett	Chris Krusinski
Augie Biache III	Teija Kinnunen
Mike Boback	Paul McGowan
Steven Chauvin	Matthew McLocklin
Andrew Eppens	David Newberry
Eric Eppens	Ryan Ribant
Tony Gentilia	Thomas Schmidt
Michael Kaminski	Vincent Titeriga
David Krzycki	Daniel Trendell

### Sponsor of the Week

This week's sponsor is Colonial Dodge. 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!





## Eucharistic Prayer Requests

### Saturday and Sunday December 20-21, 2008

Chester Gac by Martino Family  
Gerald Hatcher by C. Hatcher  
Irene Deutsch by R. Dodge Family  
Anna & Anthony Catenacci by J. Catenacci  
Catherine & Albert Puzzuoli by Family

### Monday, December 22, 2008

Ryan Donegan by Greenway Family

### Tuesday, December 23, 2008

Bianca & Frank Pompa by Family

### Wednesday, December 24, 2008

For the parishioners

### Thursday, December 25, 2008

For the parishioners

### Saturday and Sunday December 27-28, 2008

Joan Martino by Family  
Dorothy Yoohs by Family  
Esther Timko by C. Gregory  
Joseph Krieg, Jr. by Family  
Nellie Putrow by Family  
Mayer & Ostrowski Families by Family

Liturgical appointments for December 27-28, 2008				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Celebrant/ Homilist</b>	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Buersmeyer	Fr. Sayes Deacon John	Fr. Buersmeyer
<b>Lectors</b>	M. Greenway C. Theodoroff	J. Puzzuoli E. Sova	J. Reaume J. Reaume	C. Gregory J. Marino
<b>Communion Ministers</b>  <b>*Captain</b>	M. Beaudin* A. Peters K. Peters A. Zotter W. Zotter	M. Capp* K. Puzzuoli C. Andrighetti A. Weaver P. Weaver	Deacon John A. Murray* B. Gumbleton J. Krieg M. Krieg T. Maltese T. Fletcher	S. Brunet* L. Hester S. Nelson K. O'Neill J. Schnepf
<b>Altar Servers</b>	F. Theodoroff S. Mason N. Mason	—Open—	T. Anderson J. Anderson V. Mangiapane	F. Avolio G. Avolio N. Skelly
<b>Greeters</b>	G. Baginski R. Baginski	C. Andrighetti A. Weaver	B. Gumbleton J. Gumbleton	C. Avolio S. Avolio
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Team #2</b> M. LaRaia M. Hendershot J. Krieg	<b>Team #4</b> R. Giffin K. Grunewald B. Huellmantel H. Susalla	<b>Team #6</b> B. Burcar B. Cammarata J. Pospiech B. Schulz J. Gerds	<b>Team #8</b> L. LePage C. Klapac R. Kopera J. Kretchman K. McBride J. Pyke D. Waligore
<b>Collection Counters</b>	<b>Team #4</b> — Tom & Mary Ann Klakulak, Joe Martino, Ron & Debbie DiDomenico, Larry & 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. of after 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Baptisms**  
Please call the parish office for arrangements and parental preparation dates. Contact office at least 3 months prior to Baptism

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

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