



Peace

The Scripture from Isaiah brings forth the image of the Jesse Tree "As a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom." In the Gospel we are called to give witness of our repentance.

The act of repentance is a grace filled moment in the Sacrament of Penance. Please note the opportunities for Communal Services (listed below) to be held at various area parishes. Added times for Penance will be held in our parish on Monday, Dec. 20.

FEAST of Immaculate Conception of Mary

December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are:

7:00 a.m. and 6:30 pm Wednesday.

The PSR classes will be attending Mass for the Holy Day in which we honor the conception of the Blessed Mother of Jesus.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS

On Wednesday, December 8, at the 6:30 pm Holy Day Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, parents who are expecting a child will be given a special blessing and St. Raymond Nonnatus (the patron of pregnant women) prayer kit.

2011 CALENDARS

Wilson Park Funeral Home has graciously provided the 2011 Calendars for your use. These calendars are available in the foyer of the Church and at the parish office. Thanks Greg & Kathy Park.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Penance: Rite of Reconciliation on the following dates at the listed parishes in December:

Sunday, Dec. 5	2:00 pm	St. Joseph – Springfield
Dec. 12	2:00 pm	St. Aloysius
Also	2:00 pm	Cathedral
Monday, Dec. 13	7:00 pm	Little Flower
Tuesday, Dec. 14	6:30 pm	St. Joseph the Worker – Chatham
	7:00 pm	Christ the King
Sunday, Dec. 19	2:00 pm	St. Francis Cabrini
	4:00 pm	St. James, Riverton



Adopt a Friend

CHRISTMAS 'FRIENDS' It's time to return your gifts for the *Christmas Friends* by next weekend.

If you would like to help with collecting the gifts before and after the masses, please contact Brenda Will at 498-6766

or brendawill1@comcast.net

Job Opening: Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper.

With the forthcoming retirement of Sue Bozarth, the position of parish secretary/bookkeeper will be available. Anyone interested contact Fr. Dean Probst at **498-7133**. Required skills: Quickbooks and *Word Processing* (Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel).

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

The cross on Mass intentions reflects those who have died; non-cross reflects special intention for those still living.

Saturday – December 4

5:30 p **Mass** (Intention: Marcia Dirksen †)
Baptism for Colby Jonathan Nolan

Sunday – December 5

8:00 a **Mass** (Intention: Catholic War Veterans †)
9:00 a Hospitality in Parish Center (Doughnuts/Drink)
9:10 a PSR Classes
10:30 a **Mass** (Intention: Our Parish Family)
4:30 p Chili/Hot Dog Supper & Basket Auction
6:30 p St. Nicholas Party

Monday – December 6

8:30 a Morning Prayer
9:00 a Counting Team # 1: Rowden, Catalano, Hattes
5:00 p Rosary
5:30 p **Mass** – (Intention: Fr. Bill Carpenter 1st Anniv†)
6:30 p Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday – December 7

7:00 a **Mass** – (Intention: Fr. Bill Overmann †)
7:30 a Rosary
8:30 a Morning Prayer

Wednesday – December 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

7:00 a Mass (Intention: Bernard Saner †)
7:45 a Rosary
12:30 p Women's Tea Luncheon
5:00 p Youth Choir
6:30 p Mass (Evening – Nieberding Family †)
7:45 p Adult Choir

Thursday – December 9

7:00 a **Mass** (Intention: Nieberding Family †)
7:30 a Rosary
6:30 p Youth Teen Ensemble Practice

Friday – December 10

7:30 a Rosary
8:00 a **Mass** – (Intention: Fr. Don Meehling †)

Saturday – December 11

4:30 p Penance: Rite of Reconciliation/Confession
5:30 p **Mass** (Intention: John William Blasko †)

Sunday – December 12

8:00 a **Mass** (Intention: Our Parish Family)
9:00 a Hospitality in Parish Center (Doughnuts/Drink)
9:10 a PSR Classes
10:30 a **Mass** (Intention: Edwin Lee Johnson †)



FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS CHILI SUPPER & SILENT BASKET AUCTION

Mission Trip participants are sponsoring a Chili Supper/hot dog dinner, **4:30-6:00 pm**

Sunday, **TONIGHT** and silent auction of Christmas Baskets in conjunction with the 6:30 pm Saint Nicholas Party program. The St. Jude Children's Choir will present a musical program as we await the arrival of the expected guest, St. Nicholas, known as Santa Claus.

Mark your calendars and plan to share in the festivities. Cost is \$5 with \$3 for children under 10.

Liturgical Schedule for next weekend

Dec. 11-12	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Tomashavich/Egizio/Scheufele	G & C Leach/ Deacon Tom	Kerley/ L & A Felstul
Lector	Day/Kenworth	H & J Hendrickson	Kerley/Warren
Hospitality	Doherty & Edwards Families	Bax & Boarman Families	DeBrun & Decker Families
Servers	A & J Riedle/Settles	Leach/C & L Marx	Decker/Foster/Henson
Minister of Care		DeGroot	
Mass Coordinator	Blasko	Will	Waters

Church Dusters for this week: Carol & Dave Foltz & Brenda Magro
Hospitality – Donuts – next Weekend: Don & Roberta Vanover
Art & Environment for next weekend: Marilyn Merkley
Children’s Liturgy of Word: Pete Gegen & Frances Tomashavich
Recycling Volunteers for December: Scott Settles
Food Volunteers for December: David Waters Family

Liturgical Ministers NEEDED.
 If you are willing to assist in any of these, please contact Fr. Dean or call Sue Bozarth at the parish office, 498-9197

OUR GIFT TO GOD

Fiscal Year 7/1/10 – 6/30/11

	Year to Date	Last Week
Collection	\$ 110,669.78	\$ 4,956.10
Electronic Funds	\$ 23,150.00	\$ 1,925.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 7,092.00	\$ 138.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 180.00
Poor Fund	\$ 453.29	\$ 38.05

(Diocese)

Peter’s Pence	\$ 40.00	
Missionary Collection	\$ 2,101.00	
Prop. Of Faith	\$ 457.00	
Human Development	\$ 382.00	10.00
Children’s Stewardship:	Collection	\$ 12.75

Sharing Good Works: Picked up my clothes; helped my sister; helped my grandmother set up her Christmas tree; helped decorate tree; helped my dad w/Christmas lights; helped with Christmas *Friends*; I prayed on Thanksgiving Day; gave something to my sister

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Susan Freidman** – Parishioner
- Harold Morrow** - Parishioner
- Quinn Hostetler** - Parishioner
- Matt Reeves** - Parishioner
- Mary King** – Parishioner
- Ray Roland** - Parishioner
- Mary Gartner** - Parishioner
- John/ Maude Kenworth** - Parishioners
- Tom Folkes** – father of Molly Godar
- Laura Dwyer**–Trish Leach’s daughter/Lenna DeGroot’s sister
- Brad Siddens** – husband of Karen
- Burwin Merriman** – Grandfather of Sarah Kerley
- Louis Probst** – uncle of Fr. Dean Probst
- Wayne McBride** – uncle of Brad Zack
- Janet Strohl** – cousin of Fritz Lower
- Bonnie Bunger** – daughter-in-law of Etta Bunger
- Denise Watt** – Friend of Lenna DeGroot
- Patrick Hogan** – nephew of Nancy Kruse
- John Carlisle** – father of Susan Arnish

(Note: Names will remain on the active prayer list for three weeks unless a request is made to extend it.)



Please remember in prayer the repose of soul of **David J. Brandis, DDS**, parishioner. May God grant him eternal happiness and consolation to his family.

DAILY READINGS: Nov 21 – 28

- Sun - 2nd Sunday of Advent** –
Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12
- Mon - Weekday** – Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
- Tue - St. Ambrose** – Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14
- Wed - Immaculate Conception (Holyday)**
Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
- Thu - Weekday** – Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
- Fri - Weekday** – Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
- Sat - Weekday** – Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sun - 3rd Sunday of Advent** –
IS 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

NOTE to WEDNESDAY PSR Parents!

Please bring your child to PSR by 6:25 p.m. so that each class can go over to the church for mass together to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception which is a holy day of obligation.

What is a solemnity and why do we have holy days of obligation?

A solemnity is a special occasion when we as church have a deeply important truth that we do well to honor by commemorating it at mass. Just as governments have their own holidays when they ask or require their own citizenry to remember, celebrate or acknowledge something of national importance, we as church have important events that we know as holy days of obligation when our own church leaders call upon everyone to gather and celebrate them so we continue to deepen our faith. Solemnities and holy days help us to remain united in our self-understanding as the people of God.

Walking the Journey of Mary & Joseph. A large 42’ mat of the Labyrinth (patterned after the floor of the Chartres Cathedral in France) is available for Advent evening prayer use, Sunday, December 12th, at the Rochester United Methodist Church.



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DIOCESAN NOTES

Handel's Messiah, Dec. 12, 4 pm, St. Agnes Catholic Church, features 55 voice choir, instruments & organ. Performance is free, freewill donations accepted.

"CHRISTMAS IN YOUR EYES"

The Mixed Chorus, Encore and Premiere Choirs of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will present their annual Christmas Show, "*Christmas in Your Eyes*" on Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Dominican Hall Auditorium, 1200 West Washington. The public is invited to attend, and tickets do not need to be purchased. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door.

Villa Maria

Retreat and Conference Center

Cordially invites you to attend our
Christmas Open House

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2010

1903 East Lake Shore Drive

(Adjacent to Lincoln Memorial Gardens)

(Refreshments will be served)

Please join us for the 2011 March for Life to Washington, DC on January 21- 25, 2011. Join hundreds of thousands of other Pro-Life advocates in our nation's capitol to show your support for the sanctity of human life. Can't go on the March for Life to Washington? Join us for a Pro-Life Rally on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at noon at St. Elizabeth in Granite City. Complete information at www.dio.org/youthministry, or contact Kyle Holtgrave at 217-698-8500 ext. 154.

Nurture a Missionary Heart - MissioninScripture.org offers reflection on Sunday readings in light of our missionary vocation to share our faith. Offered by the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Thank you for Supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development - Thank you for your contribution to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your generosity will assist people in low-income communities in our diocese and in other dioceses. Through CCHD, we live Catholic moral teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor/proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

John the Baptist tells us to reform our lives. (Today's Gospel) Learn how to use the graces of your Sacrament of Marriage to renew your marriage and draw closer to God. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is February 4th through 6th. To register or for more information call 888-889-9963 or go online to www.wwme.org



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Office of the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will hold the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which provides assistance for the care of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. In his 2010 World Day for Consecrated Life address, our Holy Father underscored the unique role that religious play in our spiritual journeys: "The very fact of being consecrated makes the consecrated person, as it were, a 'bridge' to God for all who encounter him or her."

As I reflect on the role that religious have played in our Church, I am reminded of the myriad ways these dedicated women and men serve as bridges of faith. Through their service in Catholic schools and parishes, religious offer a bridge to both academic knowledge and faith formation.

Through their corporal works of mercy, religious are bridges of hope, serving as instruments of God's love to the poor, the sick, the lonely and the oppressed. And in a special way, our elder religious are bridges of grace. While many religious continue in active and volunteer ministry, others are frail and in need of assistance. Yet, they remain committed to their vocation, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to focus more fully on praying for our Church and world.

I recognize there are numerous worthy causes in need of assistance and that many individuals and families continue to struggle financially. I ask you simply to offer what you can to the care of women and men who have made such enormous contributions to our Church. As St. Paul states, "Let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith" (Galatians 6:10).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

The St. Louise de Marillac Ladies of Charity cordially invite women of the Springfield area to join in their mission to raise funds for Catholic Charities Foster Care Children's Program. The Ladies of Charity was established in 1933 by Msgr. David Sculley and a small group of Catholic women. Dinner meetings are held monthly. You may join any time of the year; dues are \$10 a year. Come join up in our charitable work for the least of God's children, His little ones. Please call for info: Karen Fassero 546-8322 or Pat Bolt 546-5672

Sudan: Tipping the Balance toward a More Lasting Peace. In January the people of southern Sudan will vote to remain united with the rest of the country or secede and declare their independence. Sudanese Bishops are asking for our prayers and advocacy to ensure that this is a peaceful referendum. Visit peaceinsudan.crs.org to see how you can help our brothers and sisters in Sudan.



Pre-Jordan Class.

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. Therefore, our next Pre-Jordan Class will be on December 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. If you plan to attend, please call or e-mail Deacon Tom at 498-9524 or twalker@rochesterstjude.com.

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St. Jude Women's Tea

Women's Tea

St. Jude's Women's Tea Group will meet on

Wednesday, December 8, for a Christmas Luncheon, beginning at 12:30 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. **Bring a friend!**

The Church Duster schedule for the week of:

Dec. 6 - Carol & Dave Foltz,
Brenda Magro

Dec. 13 - Cindy Scott & Donna
Spurlock

Dec. 20 - David Potter Family

Dec. 27 - Suzann Segatto
John & Mary Fox



RECYCLING CANS FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



Don't forget to save your aluminum cans, bag them and bring them to the area next to the garage behind the Parish Center. Volunteers take them in to the Recycling Center and all monies

are donated to St. Patrick School!

December Volunteer: **Scott Settles**



Food Collection

FOR ST. MARTIN DePORRES

Each Sunday you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to mass and

place them in the baskets as you enter the Church. All food is taken to St. Martin dePorres Center in Springfield to help their great mission to feed the poor and hungry. Volunteers take the food in weekly to the Center

December Volunteer: **David Waters Family**

CLOW – Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteer schedule:

Dec. 5 –

Jeff & Kim Garland

Dec. 12 –

Pete Gegen &

Frances Tomashavich

Dec. 19 –

Brandee & Aaron Toliver



Children's
Liturgy of the Word



CAROLING & PIZZA December 23

All High School Youth,
7th & 8th Graders welcome also

We will gather at 5:30pm
at the Parish Center

and then go Christmas caroling at Wyndcrest
& other Rochester Neighborhoods

Then go for pizza.



CHRISTMAS

December 24 4:00 pm w/Children's Choir

10:00 pm w/Adult Choir

December 25 9:00 am

(No 5:30 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday on Christmas Dec. 25.)

SUNDAY: Feast of the Holy Family

December 26 8:00 am & 10:30 am

(Solemnity of Mary as the Mother of God in Jesus)

December 31 5:30 pm New Year's Eve

January 1 9:00 am New Year's Day

Note: January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year as it falls on a Saturday. Masses are offered for those who chose to give thanks for yearend and/or blessings for the new year.

SUNDAY, Feast of Epiphany

January 1 5:30 pm Vigil of Sunday

January 2 8:00 am & 10:30 am