

IN THE SPIRIT @ St. John Neumann Parish

December 9, 2012

We are a Catholic faith community called by God to give living witness to the gospel through encouraging an open, loving and caring environment. We strive to accomplish this by sharing in prayerful, and joyous worship, respecting individuals and serving their needs.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

**WEDNESDAY
OUR LADY
OF GUADALUPE
LITURGY
7:00PM**

**THURSDAY
COMMUNAL
RECONCILIATION
WITH INDIVIDUAL
CONFESSION
7:00PM**



Prepare the Way of the Lord!

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Week of November 24 & 25, 2012

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 16,701.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 2,439.00
Sunday Direct Deposit	\$ 1,702.50
Facility Maintenance	\$ 170.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 30.00
Misc Income	\$ 288.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Total Income	\$ 21,430.50
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 27,079.65

On-line giving is now available.
 Visit our website or contact
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday
 in the Chapel
 from
 9:30am until 6:30pm



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9:00am
 Saturdays 4:30pm
 Sundays
 8:30, 10:30, 12:30
 Reconciliations are on Saturdays at 3:30pm
 or by appointment

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINES

If you have an article you would like in the bulletin, please submit it to Liz at lhorka@stjohnneumann.us or drop off in the Parish office. All articles must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the date of the publication. Every attempt will be made to honor all requests; however, the paper is now smaller in size so there could occasionally be a space issue. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.



Hello All

IT'S MY OPINION AND I HAVE ONE!

On Monday of this past week the gospel reading for daily mass was from Matthew 8. In this passage, Christ meets up with the Centurion, who asks Jesus to heal his servant. When Jesus says he will come to his house, the centurion responds with: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” Do these words sound familiar? They should! These are basically the words we say as we are about to receive the Eucharist during mass.

In this instance, we are asking the Lord to heal not our servant, but our very soul, our inmost being. We are acknowledging that we’re about to receive Him under the “roof” of our mouths and thus to welcome Him into our physical abode; into our bodies, the dwelling place of the soul.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...

Even after a year of saying these words, the language may feel uncomfortably distant as compared to the incredible intimacy of Holy Communion, but it is important for us to realize that these words are spoken *in preparation* for the Divine encounter; this is not the *moment* of intimacy itself. Our response, in other words, is intended to orient our thoughts in such way as to help us embrace the breathtaking reality of what *is about* to take place.

Let’s now take a closer look at the Scriptural roots of this response as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew to discover how we might make the centurion’s words and sentiments our very own; inspiring the kind of awe that should accompany our union with Christ in the Eucharist.

And Jesus said to him: I will come and heal him. And the centurion, answered, saying: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man subject to authority, having under me soldiers; and I say to this, Go, and he goes, and to another Come, and he comes, and to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

What is the centurion saying? In comparing himself to his own servant as “a man under authority,” the centurion is suggesting a few very important things. One, he realizes that in Jesus’ presence he is really no more than a servant himself. Secondly, his words also suggest that he recognizes in Jesus far more than just an ordinary man; rather, he indicates awareness that Jesus is one to whom *true* authority belongs.

In describing how his own underlings obey his word, the centurion is essentially saying, “If those under me do what I command at my word, surely You who have ultimate authority can command *anything* — including something as incredible as the miracle of healing — by your very word alone.”

The end result?

Now let’s see if we can make these words our very own.

“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

Consider, if you will, the sentiment being expressed in more earthly terms. Imagine your telephone rings one day and a voice on the other end says, “The Holy Father is coming to your house for a visit; he’ll be walking through the front door in five minutes.” How would you feel?

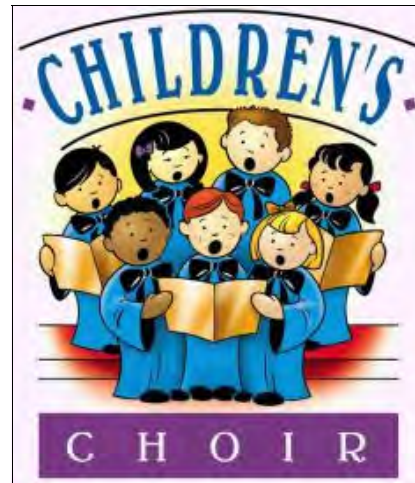
In addition to being excited and thrilled at the prospect, you’d probably think, “Oh no! Not me! Not now! I’m not prepared! The house isn’t clean enough, the furniture isn’t good enough, I’m not well-dressed enough, etc.”

So when we are preparing to receive the Lord Jesus Christ in an infinitely more profound way in the Most Holy Eucharist, it is absolutely right that we should take on similar sentiments, filled with anticipation and desire at the very thought, yet also with

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Cucchi's Corner



I came across this reflection by St. Ambrose recently. I thought it makes a great meditation as we approach The Nativity of our Lord:

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest Thy virgin birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, Thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to man displayed.

The virgin womb that burden gained
with virgin honor all unstained;
the banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.

Forth from his chamber goeth He,
that royal home of purity,
a giant in twofold substance one,
rejoicing now his course to run.

From God the Father He proceeds,
to God the Father back He speeds;
His course he runs to death and hell,
returning on God's throne to dwell.

O equal to Thy Father, Thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness breathe a newer light,
where endless faith shall shine serene,
and twilight never intervene.

All laud to God the Father be,
all praise, eternal Son, to Thee;
all glory, as is ever meet,
to God the Holy Paraclete.

Saint Ambrose of Milan

2012 SCHEDULE

12/13	6-7PM	REHEARSAL
12/20	6-7PM	REHEARSAL
12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	4:00PM	MASS
	(REPORT 3:15PM)	

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM & PARENTS,

WELCOME TO A WONDERFUL YEAR OF SINGING! WE WILL BE SINGING MANY GREAT SONGS! OUR REHEARSALS WILL BE ON THURSDAYS FROM 6:00-7:00PM. OUR FIRST REHEARSAL WILL BE ON DECEMBER 6th IN THE CHOIR ROOM. THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR AN ADULT WHO CAN HELP US KEEP TRACK OF THE NAMES AND EMAILS FOR ALL THE KIDS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL RICK CUCCHI AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAIL: rcucchi@stjohnneumann.us

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE YOU SING WITH US THIS YEAR!

SINCERELY IN CHRIST,

RICK CUCCHI & CHERYL BOLIARD



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FAITH FORMATION

BY DONNA FRANKE

Religious Formation

THIS WEEK

Tenth Week of Class

Personal Safety Class for
7th & 8th Grade

NEXT WEEK

Eleventh Week of Class

In today's Gospel (Luke 3:1-6) we hear about John the Baptist encouraging people to prepare for the coming of Jesus. He invites people to participate in a "baptism of repentance." "Repentance" is about changing. John the Baptist was inviting people to change and we are invited to change.

Throughout the season of Advent we are invited to change our hearts. The Gospel talks about making "straight paths" and leveling and smoothing the way for Jesus to come to us. The idea is that as we welcome Jesus into our lives we become more like he is. We are to become people who love God with our whole heart and our whole soul, as well as people who love others as we love ourselves.

This takes opening our hearts to God through prayer and reflection, thinking about how much he loves us and how we can be more loving. We pray and ask for help to change our hearts.

Come Lord Jesus

Touch our hearts with your mercy and forgiveness.

Help us to open our hearts to love as you do.

Come Lord Jesus



I LOVE

CONTACT DONNA

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ATTENTION

Parents of children in Preschool through 8th grade watch the mail!

The Religious Formation Office recently sent a letter to remind you of upcoming Personal Safety Education Classes during weekly classes.

A parent must attend with the children.

Please note the schedule below:

7 th & 8 th grade	December 10, 11
3 rd & 4 th grade	January 7, 8
Preschool & Kindergarten	January 21, 22
1 st & 2 nd grade	January 28, 29



FAITH WORKS

What Do We Expect From God? Have you caught the "holiday spirit" yet? How do you get into the holiday mood? Do you rely on others or events to spark your "Christmas feeling?"

Christmas is coming soon. The lights, the sounds, the smells of the holidays are in the air. No matter where we go, we are reminded of holiday cheer. In fact, many of us rely on this atmosphere to bring us out of our doldrums. We expect people, places, or events to create the mood that Christmas brings.

Human nature tempts us to lean on others to bolster our condition. We expect others to "fix" us when we are down, sustain us when we are "up." We are tempted to treat God the same way. God, the Mr. Fix-it for our souls.

What happens when God doesn't "fix" us? How many times have we been disappointed when our expectations of God are unfulfilled? How many times have we confused faith with expectation? How many times have we forgotten that God defines himself?

John the Baptist had expectations about the One to come. Did Jesus fulfill his expectations? Or, did Jesus define his mission on his own terms?

As Christmas approaches, it's time to ask the question. What do we expect from God? Do we want to follow him? Or, do we want him to fix us? Do we seek to be with him? Or, do we expect him to be with us?

Have we confused faith with expectation? Faith puts God in charge. Expectation puts us in charge. Faith allows God to surprise us. Expectation does not.

What should we expect from God? Nothing. What should we believe God can do? Everything! Even the surprise of his Son born in a poor stable.

As a part of preparing for Christmas, reflect on your expectations of the holidays. Are they realistic? Can people or events fulfill your ideals? Or can you set aside your expectations so God can surprise you?

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HOW DID YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH THIS WEEK?

Dec. 12
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
7:00pm

Dec. 13
COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION
WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION
7:00pm

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ALL MANKIND SHALL SEE
THE SALVATION OF GOD



Did You Know about Vatican II...



The document at Vatican II that defined the Church as a "Mystery imbued with the hidden presence of God" passed by a final vote of 2151-5!



MIDDLESCHOOL NEWS

Advent Greetings,

Gospel Reflection... This week as we continue to prepare for the coming of Christ's light into the world, we light the second candle on our Advent wreath. Each week the light increases. Today we hear how John the Baptist helped people prepare the way for Jesus. "It's time to clean your room! We have company coming!" Have you ever heard these words from your parents in preparation for a visit from friends or family? Imagine John the Baptist doing the same thing, shouting at the top of his voice. The difference is that he shouted about preparing hearts and lives for the coming of the Lord. John the Baptist is a great example of how we are called to point others to Christ. Think about the times in your life when you have been compelled to speak out about God. Perhaps you were present when a group of people were talking about someone behind his or her back, or maybe you witnessed someone bullying or shoving someone else. What is your instinct in these moments... do you keep your head down, or do you speak out? This week model your behavior on that of John the Baptist and take the opportunity to speak up.

Thank you to the Parish members who picked up a Prayer Partner card or necklace a few weeks ago after mass. Thank you for helping us with this project.

The eighth graders have been busy turning in their Saint Reports and portraits. Excellent work everyone! We will be posting the Saint pictures in the hallway near the Assembly room in time for the Christmas holiday.

Middle School Youth Group this week... Thursday, December 13th 6:30p.m. "So this is Christmas".

Have a great week everyone and remember while lighting the second candle... be a window through which God's love and beauty shine.

Blessings,

Sabrina Queen

WALKING IN NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers this week the souls of:

Larry White

Aurel Moga



Thank You

To all who helped prepare food and or served the funeral refreshments for the family and friends of



Larry White

THE SALVATION ARMY

Your local Salvation Army has been serving more people within the community. Due to that, there is a need for more dry and canned goods for the families.

As of October 1st the bag amount has changed from 3 to 2 bags per family.

The bins for food donations along with a current wish list are located near the kitchen.

High Priority items include:

- Macaroni & Cheese
 - Pasta (Canned ravioli, spaghetti-O's, etc)
 - Bisquick/Pancake Mix
 - Canned Fruit (all varieties)
 - Cereal
 - Peanut Butter/Jelly or Jam
 - Tuna fish & other canned meats
 - Juice (cans or boxes)
 - Baby Wipes
 - Toilet Paper
 - Bathing Soap
 - Dishwashing Soap
 - Deodorant (Men and Women)
 - Detergent & Fabric Softener
 - Shampoo & Conditioner
 - Toothpaste
 - Shaving Supplies (Men & Women)
- Thank you for your generosity!



“We, the youth of St. John Neumann, strive to be Christ to others.

By reaching out and welcoming all teens, We hope to foster a unique and open environment

In which we promote the morals and teachings of the Catholic church.”



HIGH SCHOOL WITH MARY WILKERSON

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Wednesday, we talked about not giving up and doing the impossible. We were given four "impossible" challenges to do: balance a cookie on our forehead and slide it to our mouth, stack three golf balls, stack three containers of chapstick using chopsticks, and fit a number of people on a pillow. Each challenge could be done, but they seemed impossible while trying and only a few people were successful. We also watched a video of a father digging through rocks for 38 straight hours to get to a school to find his child. We emphasized through these things that you should never get up. The only thing impossible means is no one has done it before. I think it's important to remind ourselves that with God, truly anything is possible.

Jason Brown, Senior

Advent is upon us. What are you doing to make this season Holy? Consider praying the prayer below from avemariapress.com to remember those in need during this Holy Season!

Gracious God,
You bring glad tidings to the poor.
Create in us this Advent season, the desire to help those in need
That we may recognize in them the face of Christ
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



What exactly is Grief Support? It is an opportunity to talk about your loss, to express your grief, ask questions, and support through your grieving process. It is for people who have lost someone in their lives. All are welcome regardless of church affiliation.

FOR AN APPOINTMENT:
1st and 3rd Thursday mornings at 10:00am, please call Dee O'Flynn at 734-453-0829.

2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, please call Cindy Pronze at 734-416-9914.

For special programs for children and teens, please call Regina Adams for an appointment at 313-268-6951.



Four million Americans are afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease. Do you have a parent, spouse, or loved one affected by this dreaded disease? Need facts or an understanding ear to listen? Facilitator Rosemarie Shim, social worker and parishioner, has 14 years experience working with Alzheimer patients and their families. The Alzheimer's Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Rosemarie at 734-981-0556.





“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of The Year!”

The Jesse Tree has truly come to life!!
Thank you for giving your love to so many deserving families this Holy season.

With your kind donations, we are well on our way to assure a warm holiday for hundreds of individuals. With close to 2000 wish tags adorning our Jesse Tree, everyone’s thoughtfulness and generosity is so much appreciated.

Remember to return your purchased gifts by Sunday, December 9. (Wrapped gifts should have tags secured to the outside of the package. Unwrapped gifts with tags secured to the actual item.)

If you are interested in being a part of the *human chain* to prepare and load the gifts onto the delivery truck, please join us on **Sunday, December 16 immediately after the 1030am Mass.** Every gracious hand makes this load much lighter.

Once again a special invitation goes out to our Confirmation Candidates to lend a hand. What a special way to be of service to those who ask for so little.

Thank you once again.

If you have questions, please contact:

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Marshall Grazioli mgraz5@yahoo.com

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS –TRAVELERS

If you are expecting to be gone for an extended period of time, like a winter home in Florida, please contact the Parish Office so we can stop your envelopes for that time period.



Volunteer needed to take blood pressures following morning Mass on Mondays.. Every other week or even once a month would be helpful.. Call the Parish Office if interested.



If your phone number has changed, or if you have gone to using only a cell phone, please contact the Parish Office with your new number.

It is extremely important that we have current information.



All Saints Catholic School would like to invite you to our upcoming music concert featuring our kindergarten through 2nd grade students as well as the Genesis Choir. The concert will feature songs related to the Nativity as well as some secular favorites to get everyone into the festive Christmas spirit. The concert will take place on Tuesday, December 18th, at 1:30pm and again at 7pm in the school gym. We would love to have you join us!



* GIVE YOURSELVES A WEEKEND*

On a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, you get away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other. The team couples and priest set an atmosphere for open and loving communication. They model the method, and share their own life experiences, making it easier for spouses to talk with each other. Although your conversations are private between you and your spouse, seeing other couples striving for a better relationship makes it easier to understand the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage. A priest is also sharing in the weekend, and is representing the Catholic Church and the Holy Orders.

Make your reservation now! For information or to apply: www.wwme-detroit.org
[<http://www.wwme-detroit.org>]
Rick and Miriam Mikulak 888-322-9963 or
[detwwme@gmail.com]

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 9
2nd Sunday of Advent
 Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30
HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Monday, December 10
 9:00am Liturgy
 4:30pm Religious Education
 6:10pm Religious Education
 6:30pm Square Dance

Tuesday, December 11
 9:00am Liturgy
 4:30pm Religious Education
 6:10pm Religious Education
 7:30pm Neumann's Needlers

Wednesday, December 12
 9:00am Liturgy
 10:00am Bible Study
 6:30pm Rosary/Novena
 7:00pm [Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass](#)
 And Reception

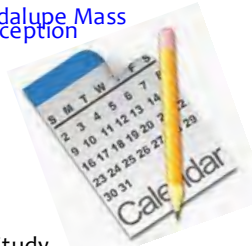
7:00 pm OA
 7:00 pm FA
 7:30 pm Book Club
 8:00 pm AA

Thursday, December 13
 9:00am Liturgy
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 7:00pm **COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION**
 7:00pm Chorale
 7:30pm Women's AA

Friday, December 14
 8:15am Stations
 9:00am Liturgy
 6:00pm Smolarek Rehearsal

Saturday, December 15
 Home Basketball Games
 2:00pm Smolarek Wedding
 4:30pm Liturgy

Sunday, December 9
3rd Sunday of Advent
 Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30PM



Monday, December 10, 9:00 a.m.
 Gilbert D. Crysler (*Wife, Joyce*)
 Int. Sumor & Christian Salazar (*Family*)
 Special Intention

Tuesday, December 11, 9:00 a.m.
 Ben Ziemba (*Ziemba Family*)
 Special Intention (*Linda Morehead*)
 Int. of Sue Truesdell (*John & Liz Neault*)

Wednesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.
 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Olga Mejia (*Family*)

Friday, December 14, 9:00 a.m.
 Elaine Leville (*Ron & Noel Lustig*)
 Ruth Merritt (*Ron & Noel Lustig*)
 Edmund & Elizabeth Paul (*Ron & Noel Lustig*)
 Veronica Elaine (Billetz) Stofcheck-3rd Ann.
 (*Monteen Stafiej*)

Saturday, December 15, 4:30p.m.
 Barbara Allegrina (*Helen & Cas Lacki*)
 Anne Brock (*Family*)
 Frank Immel (*Family*)
 Elizabeth Rizak (*Family*)

Sunday, December 16, 2012
8:30a.m.
 David DiGasbarro (*Wife & Family*)
 Rose & Don Groendal (*Family*)
 Napoleon Montilla (*Family*)
 Int. of Nicole Montilla (*Family*)
 Mary Saliba (*Carrie Saliba*)
 Matilda Seawahl (*Family*)
 Walter Serwonski (*Family*)
 Margaret Spas (*Family*)

10:30 a.m.
 James Frawley (*Wife, Barbara & Family*)
 Int. of Tom Tipi (*Friends*)
 Jeanette Walezak (*SJN Parish Family*)

12:30 p.m.
 Krystyna Bagadzinska (*Family*)
 Gaspere & Rose Messina (*Messina Family*)
 Larry White (*Linda and Steve Matthews*)

Monday, December 10
 Isaiah 35:1-10
 Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 11
 Isaiah 40:1-11
 Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 12
[Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)
 Zechariah 2:14-17
 Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 13
 Isaiah 41:13-20
 Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 14
 Isaiah 48:17-19
 Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 15
 Sirach 48:1-4,9-11
 Matthew 17:9a,10-13

Sunday, December 16, 2012
 Third Sunday of Advent
 Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE-Effective Monday, 12/3/12

St. John Neumann
 Monday, Tuesday and Friday
 Friday—Adoration 9:00 AM
9:30AM-6:30PM

St. Thomas a'Becket
 Tuesday 7:00PM
 Wednesday and Thursday 9:00AM
 Wednesday—Adoration 1 0:00AM-5:00PM

Resurrection
 Tuesday and Friday 8:30AM
 Thursday—Adoration 2:00PM-6:30PM

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ANNIVERSARIES OF DECEASED PARISHIONERS

- December 10 Anna Hansen (1978)
Joseph VanWynsberghe (1989)
Aurelia Broggi (2006)
- December 11
- December 12 Beverly Vergari (1988)
Cecil Robitaille (2003)
Charles Baldwin (2010)
- December 13 John Zielinski (1979)
Genevieve Wojnar (1992)
James Thompson (1992)
Shirley Buck (1997)
Mary Jane Wotaszak (2009)
- December 14 Clarence Perry (2000)
Rose Messina (2005)
- December 15 Edward Zurowick (1976)
Anthony Seuss (1978)
William Alff (1992)
Walter Hajec (2005)
- December 16 Clyde Vann (1997)
Gregory Crawford (2006)
Frances Krist (2007)
Thomas Cantin (2008)

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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| Carol Aren | Jill Murinas |
| Gordon Bickle | Mary Murray |
| Kenneth Birecki | John Neault |
| Tommy Bohn | Lisa Jackson Nordhaus |
| Juanita Bransford | Natalie O'Brien |
| Kevin Campbell | Justin Paffenroth |
| Rick Cigile | Rosemary Pawlak |
| Angela Colon | Carol Perrault |
| Mario David | John Predmesky |
| Ronald Dellamielleure | Dan Prichard |
| Diane Flowers | Joshua Thomas Retherford |
| Patricia Goonis | Cheri Sasena |
| Bob Grenier | Delmar Schindler |
| Krystal Guzman | Pat Shankie |
| Linda Harms | George Shea |
| Jessie Harrison | Lillianna Shull |
| Rosemary Kalisz | Walter Skynar |
| Jodi Klucevik | Beverly Smith |
| Lisa Kozakowski | Patricia Solodon |
| Tammi Lang | Peter Tarchinski |
| Ellen Lindner | Tom Tipi |
| Jesse Lindlbauer | Beth Trame |
| Catherine McKeever | Nicholas Womac |
| Lisa McMaster | William Womac |
| Mary Meshinski | Helen Zorn |
| Norm Mientkiewicz | Charlotte Zub |



Having trouble getting to Sunday Mass or know of someone who is?

Contact the Peace & Justice Committee at rem7662@aol.com or 455-7662 and we will arrange to pick you up.

Please pray for Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Armed Forces

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| SSgt Leonard Adams | Pvt Bradley M. Finch | Col. Robert Lukens | Sgt Christopher M. Rudzinski |
| 1st Lt David Anderson | Capt Erin Jensen Foley | E2 Shawn Lyons | Lt Col Michael C. Rudzinski |
| SSgt Lawrence Anderson | Capt. Justin Foley | Grant MacDonald | 2nd Lt Dan Russo |
| LtCol Dave Bares | Cpl Lucas Hankins | Capt David McGraw | Capt Tyrus Scott |
| A1C Paige C. Bauer | Capt Eric Hettinga | Pvt. Justin Ambrose Mabe | SPC Guy Schlachter |
| Sgt. David Beattie | Sgt Jessica Hladky | SN Shaun Marx | Maj Jason Schuergar |
| Col Robert Benning | Maj Carrie Howe | Sgt Marc P. Maziarz | Capt Shannon Schuergar |
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Overeater's Anonymous Open Meeting

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating.

There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive overeating and to carry this message of recovery to those who still suffer.

The Overeater's Anonymous Open meeting will be held every Wednesday at 7:30pm

If you have any questions you may contact Mary @734-634-7154 or Tracie @ 734-718-5575.

YOUNG AT HEART

Christmas Party

Thursday, December 13, 2012



Our annual Christmas Party will be held at Station 885 on Thursday, December 13th at 12:30pm. Dinner will cost \$15.00, tax & tip included. Choices consist of **Chicken Piccata**— chicken breast

sautéed with mushrooms and artichoke hearts finished with a beurre blanc and served over rice pilaf; **Lemon Baked Cod**—Baked in the oven with fresh lemon juice; or, **6oz. Bistro Steak Medallions** char grilled and served with station 885 zip sauce. All entrees will include Chef's Vegetable du jour and your choice of Baked Potato, Roasted Herb Potato or Rice Pilaf. Served with coffee, tea, soft drinks, and fresh bread sticks.

Dinner choice made at Restaurant.

For reservations please call by December 6th. Jim & Mary ann Stager at 459-2565 or Arlene Woods at 968-3258

Evening Book Club



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:30pm. We will be discussing "Main" by J. Courtney Sullivan

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a sense that we are utterly unprepared for such a privileged encounter; the interior of our abode — our bodies — are not quite clean enough, our holiness is not yet refined enough, etc. In the words of the centurion, we simply are not worthy.

As we prepare to receive Christ in the Eucharist, the time is truly fitting to express the degree to which we are awed by the very thought of such intimate union with our Lord. We should feel a bit of uncomfortable distance. He is, after all, the One through whom all things were made and we are but His creatures.

It is fitting, therefore, that we tell Jesus, just as the centurion did, that we recognize Him as Lord, and that we really are *not* worthy of having Him so abide in us. But the centurion didn't stop there and neither do we. We recognize that Jesus *is* Lord, and so all that it takes is His mighty word and our souls — dwelling within our bodies — *will in fact* be healed of all unworthiness such that He can, and indeed will, enter. "But only say the word..."

In this response at Holy Mass, we not only proclaim before God and one another that we are truly unworthy of the intimate union that is about to follow (and who is?), we then also accept in faith that Jesus will respond to us just as He did to the centurion, "As you have believed, so be it done to you."

At this, we must humbly accept that we are now prepared to receive the Lord in a way the centurion couldn't even begin to imagine — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, under the very roof of our mouths, into our bodies, the body of the soul.

This recognition of unworthiness and our acceptance of the Divine healing love that makes intimate union with Christ possible are essential, because when this is lost we run the risk of losing our sense of the sacred mystery in our midst. Worse still, we might even begin to grow a bit casual in our approach to the Eucharist before which even the angels tremble in awe.

We need to be reminded at every Holy Mass — as this response does for those who consider its meaning well — that in Holy Communion we receive something far more incredible than even an impromptu visit from the pope.

Peace

Fr Ron Richards