

# IN THE SPIRIT @ St. John Neumann Parish

December 16, 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 THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

Faith Formation

Final Week of  
Classes before  
Christmas Break



## ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**  
**Week of December 8 & 9, 2012**

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 20,518.94
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,961.50
Sunday Direct Deposit	\$ 1,702.50
Facility Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 786.00
Misc Income	\$ 623.50
Christmas	\$ 3,843.81
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 29,476.25</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 27,079.65

YTD Actual Income (7/1/12- 12/9/12) \$ 614,195.27  
 YTD Budgeted Income (7/1/12-12/9/12) \$ 652,638.48

No. Sunday Envelopes Issued	2,772
No. Sunday Envelopes Used	583
No. Sunday Direct Deposits	44

On-line giving is now available.  
 Visit our website or contact  
 Jan Jacobs, Bookkeeper  
 janjacobs82153@hotmail.com  
 for more information

**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.



## IT'S MY OPINION AND I HAVE ONE!

[r-richards@stjohnneumann.us](mailto:r-richards@stjohnneumann.us)

Hello to you all

Who out there remembers the song *Cats in the Cradle*, by Harry Chapin? The last bit of the song goes:

"I've long since retired, my son's moved away  
I called him up just the other day  
I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"  
He said, "I'd love to, Dad, if I can find the time  
You see my new job's a hassle and kids have the flu  
But it's sure nice talking to you, Dad  
It's been sure nice talking to you"  
And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me  
He'd grown up just like me  
My boy was just like me

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon  
Little boy blue and the man on the moon  
When you comin' home dad?  
I don't know when, but we'll get together then son  
You know we'll have a good time then"

I bring this up as I reflect on the last holy day of obligation we celebrated in the Church!

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December was the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Church. I have brought up in mass a few times about the importance of what a Holy Day of Obligation means but thought I would address that here in my article.

I was pleased to see a number of people here on Friday evening the 7<sup>th</sup> for the vigil service and the people we had at the morning service on the Feast Day itself. However given that it was a Holy Day of Obligation we should have had many more people. What I did notice missing was a great number of young families. Hence my reason for talking about what the Church means by a "holy day of obligation."

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) # 2042 "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation ad rest from servile labor." This statement requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principle liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days."

Also from the CCC #2223, "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children." Not only in word but by example, the expectations of the Church are that on Sundays and holy days of obligation, all the faithful would make every effort possible to attend mass.

Are there valid reasons for missing? ABSOLUTELY—should one be ill, or if it is a matter of losing your job (though employers should be understanding of religious obligations, sadly not all are). Unfortunately, for the most part, either people do not care, they do not recognize the obligation, or make feeble excuses as to why they cannot show up.

I fully recognize that all the lives of the families out there are very busy. I know what my brother and his wife went through for many years while all three of their children were on different travel basketball teams. They were all over the place. But a question of priorities has to come into play. If God is a priority in our lives we always find a way to give God the time He deserves. If God is not, we constantly make excuses and teach our children that God is not important either.

Last weekend I preached on "Preparing the way for Christ." Part of that preparation is celebrating the sacred liturgy. If we choose to find any excuse not to attend on Sunday or holy days of obligation, in the end what are we teaching our children? We are teaching them it is unimportant. If we teach them that God is unimportant now, where will we be in 20 years from now? We already live in a society that continually put God on the back shelf. If we, as the faithful, do the same thing, we are in a whole heap of trouble!

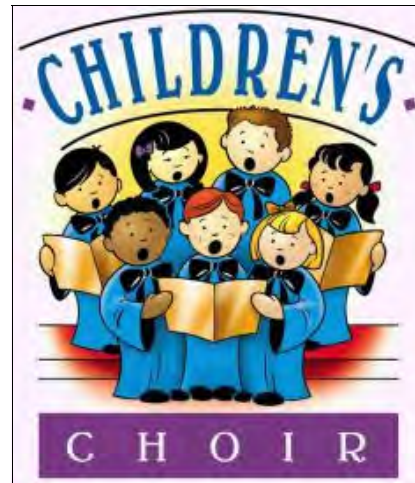
"And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me  
He'd grown up just like me  
My boy was just like me"

Peace

Fr Ron Richards



# Cucchi's Corner



Today, the Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon (introit), "Rejoice". Rose vestments are sometimes worn instead of violet to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. "Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." Just as in Lent, a penitential season, we have a mid-way point—A time to evaluate, but more importantly a time to rejoice! As we journey again this year to Bethlehem, to see the Christ child in the manger, we should be filled with the hope of Christ's coming and once again meditate on what the birth of our Savior means for us. The great **JOY** of Christians is to see the day drawing close when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom.

A great way to evangelize others is to simply be a joyful Christian. Others may observe this witness and say to themselves... "I want what they have." Joy is a sign of the presence of God. Fr. John Cantoir puts it this way: Joy blossoms from a compassionate heart. There's a 15th century mystic named Julian of Norwich who said, "The greatest honor that you can give to Almighty God, greater than all your penances and sacrifices, is to live joyfully because of the knowledge of his love."

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. [Phil. 1:9-11]

2012 SCHEDULE	
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. 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](mailto:rcucchi@stjohnneumann.us)**  
**WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE YOU SING WITH US THIS YEAR!**  
**SINCERELY IN CHRIST,**  
**RICK CUCCHI & CHERYL BOLIARD**

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.**





# FAITH FORMATION

BY DONNA FRANKE

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. This is a day to “Rejoice.” Christmas is almost here. Soon we will celebrate Jesus’ birth! The Scriptures we pray and hear during Mass tell us to rejoice. The first reading begins “Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exalt with all your heart...” The Responsorial Psalm begins “Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.” And St. Paul tell us in the second reading “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.”

You may read or hear someone refer to this day as “Gaudete Sunday.” This name for this Sunday comes from the time in our history when the liturgy was prayed in Latin rather than in the language of the congregation. “Gaudete” is Latin for “rejoice” and it is the first word of the Entrance antiphon and the introductory word of the second reading.

During Advent the liturgical color that the celebrant wears is purple; but if it is available, the celebrant may wear a rose colored vestment. We will light the 3rd candle on the Advent wreath and that will be the rose or the pink candle. This is another way to say, “rejoice.” The waiting is half way over!

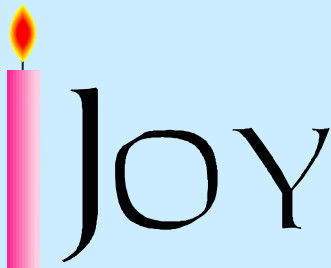
Perhaps you are very aware of the way we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent. But if you have young children, it is a great opportunity to tell them about the tradition and our waiting for the Lord. They will love to hear about the practice and its meaning. If you have older children, who already know the tradition, allow them to remind you. You might ask, “Are you sure we should light the pink candle today?”

In the second reading, St. Paul also tells us to pray with a spirit of gratitude, which plants a bit of joy in our hearts. One suggestion is to create a family gratitude journal. I am thinking it would be fun to place it next to our Nativity set and our family members could include a sentence or two or just a word, whenever they think of something for which they are grateful .

## Religious Formation

### THIS WEEK

Eleventh Week of Class



### NEXT WEEK

No Classes

Christmas Break

### CONTACT DONNA

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## ATTENTION

Parents of children in Preschool through 4th grade check your calendar!

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:

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade      January 7, 8

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Preschool  
& Kindergarten      January 21, 22

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1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade      January 28, 29



## FAITH WORKS

For God to take on real flesh and power in our world, we must first do something. What? The answer to that lies in the way Jesus was born.

Mary, Jesus' mother, shows us a certain blueprint, a pattern for how God is born into our world and how faith is born in our lives. When we look at how Mary gave birth to Jesus, we see that there are four moments in the process: Impregnation by the Holy Spirit; gestation of God within one's body and soul; the stretching and agony of giving birth; and the nurturing of an infant into adulthood.



Impregnation by the Holy Spirit: Mary, we are told, became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. What an extraordinary notion! This doesn't just mean that Jesus didn't have a human father, but also that Mary so let the seed of God's spirit (charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, mildness, faith, and chastity) take root in her that it began to grow into actual flesh.

Gestation of God within one's body: As we know, pregnancy is not followed immediately by childbirth. A long, slow process first occurs, gestation. In the silent recesses of her heart and body (and surely not without the normal morning-sickness that accompanies pregnancy) an umbilical cord began to grow between Mary and that new life. Her flesh began to give physical sustenance to the life of God and this steadily grew into a child which, at a point, as in all pregnancies, demanded to be born into the world.

The agony of giving birth: Only with much groaning and stretching of the flesh can a child emerge into this world. It is always excruciatingly painful to birth something to the outside world, to take what's precious inside and give it birth outside. Mary experienced the normal birth-pains common to all mothers. Nothing secretly gestated is born into the world without pain, Jesus included.

Nurturing an infant into adulthood: We always find God in our lives as Jesus was found in Bethlehem on Christmas, a helpless infant in the straw who must be picked up and nurtured into adulthood. Mary gave birth to the baby, Jesus, but what she ultimately gave the world was the adult, Christ. Like all mothers she had to spend years nursing, cajoling, teaching, and nurturing an infant into adulthood.

In that pattern, in looking at how Mary gave birth to Christ, we are given a blueprint that invites imitation not admiration. Mary is the model of faith. What she did each of us too is called upon to do, namely, give birth to God in our lives. We should marvel at what once took place, but we should also imitate and continue to give God flesh in the world.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
GOD IS INDEED MY SAVIOR:  
I AM CONFIDENT AND UNAFRAID



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HOW DID YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH THIS WEEK?

### Did You Know about Vatican II...



The document at Vatican II that addressed the relationship of the Church to the Modern world passed by a final vote of 2309-75!



## MIDDLESCHOOL NEWS

## Advent Greetings,

Today is Gaudete (Gow-DAY-Tay) Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "REJOICE!" Today, we light the rose-colored candle on our Advent wreath, rejoicing that Jesus is coming soon. In today's Gospel people wonder if John might be the expected Messiah, the one God will send to lead his people.

John the Baptist and Jesus were cousins, and had grown up side by side. We know from the Gospel that their mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, were close, since Elizabeth was one of the first people Mary went to tell when she found out that she was pregnant. Imagine what it would be like to grow up in the shadow of Jesus. Even as a young child we know that Jesus was remarkable, speaking to the adults in the Temple. And now, here he is all grown up, and John the Baptist does not seem to be tempted, even for a second, into acting like he is the Messiah who the people have been waiting for. Think about the relationships in your life. Are there any friends or siblings who you compete with for the spotlight, or who sometimes seem to outshine you? This week, consider John the Baptist's approach as you deal with these people. Remember that acting like John the Baptist doesn't mean acting like you are less than someone else, it means recognizing who you are. Just as God gave John the Baptist a unique and invaluable role to play in the salvation of us all, God has created you for a unique, wonderful, purpose, too.

### *A Prayer for Advent.....*

*Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with your holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom. You know all our desire, so bring to perfection what you have started, and what the Holy Spirit has wakened us to ask in prayer. We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory. Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. Amen.*

*-St. Augustine of Hippo*

Blessings,

Sabrina Queen



## 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.

### JV Boys Basketball

The St. John Neumann JV Boys picked up their first league win against St. Linus with a final score of 22 to 5. Daniel Jimenez led with 8 points, Aiden Garbarino and Michael Mihalic added 4 points each. Ryan Fryz, Quinten Stephens and Jack Vespaziani added 2 points each. The dragons forced 12 turnovers to stifle the St. Linus offense and picked up rebounding from Ben Doneth and Colin McAuliffe. Conner McClain and Mitchel Winnie played great defense for the Dragons. The Dragons improved their league record to 1-1. The team is coached by head coach Brain Naszradi and assistant coach Doug Bohrer.



### Varsity Boys 2 Team

The Varsity Boys 7th grade team lost their league opener at Our Lady of Sorrows on Friday, December 7th with a score of 34-15. Justin Polce and Matt Jira had 5 points a piece for the Dragons. Greg Sigler added a three pointer and Leo Johnson had two points. Jack Heineman and Leo Johnson combined for 5 blocked shots and Ryan McAuliffe and Joseph Vespaziani had 2 steals a piece. Richard Johnson and James Lauer pulled down several rebounds to help their team. The team is coached by head coach Mike Neagher and assistant coach Joe Jira.



“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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*The season of Advent is upon us, as well the beginning of the new liturgical year!! Yay! Advent is all about preparation and waiting. A great number of people only prepare for the historical birth of Jesus, on December 25th. However, Advent is much more than that. It is about preparing for Jesus's Second Coming, which is exactly what a recent youth group meeting was about.*

*First, all the teenagers split off into groups of four, and each group was asked to make a list of items that they would put in their survival kit. However, they could only take 12 items total, so they would have to*

*think about what was most important. When we were done, a few of the items from each group were put onto a newsprint in a large group for everyone to see. Later in the meeting, we watched a video clip, entitled: "The Ultimate Disaster Movie Spectacular", in order to get minds ready for the following activity, which was to make a survival plan. After that, we went into small groups, and discussed Advent, as well as what it means to be prepared for the Second Coming of Jesus.*

*It was cool to see this meeting because it is not uncommon for thinking about the Second Coming to go to the wayside during Advent. The Second Coming is what we as Christians must be prepared for, even though no one knows the date or the time: only God knows.*

Hannah Urbaczewski, Junior

Join us for our Christmas Meeting! It takes place this week on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 pm.  
All SJN teens/alumni are invited!



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!”  
From 2000 wishes to 2000 wishes come true!!!**

Thank you for your kindness and overwhelming generosity this blessed season. The hand written wishes, the beautifully ornamented gifts, and that extra bit of love tucked away in every package speaks volumes of the giving spirit of St. John Neumann.

The families of the Archdiocese of Detroit AIDS Ministry, Archdiocese of Detroit Prison Ministry, First Step of Plymouth, Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank, St. Aloysius of Detroit, St. Christine Christian Services, Caritas Welcome Center, St. Hedwig of Detroit, St. Leo’s of Detroit, Salvation Army of Plymouth, Saint Vincent DePaul, and St. John Neumann will be receiving your gifts on December 16. What a happy day this will be!

If you would like to be a part of the human chain that will help load the truck for delivery, please join us on December 16th immediately after the 10:30am Mass. We will meet in the gathering area at Church.

Thank you in advance to the **All Saints Catholic School Varsity Basketball Team**. After celebrating Mass together, they will provide some of the brawn needed to move this mountain of gifts!

Please take a candy cane, or two, from the Jesse Tree as a thank you for every smile you have afforded and every heart you have warmed this Christmas!!

**Thank you for making this year of giving a success.**

**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.



**Shop on Amazon and Support All Saints!**



If you don’t want to battle the crowds at the mall this holiday season, consider doing your shopping online at Amazon.com and All Saints Catholic School will receive money from purchases you make online at that site. This does not cost you any extra money!

To help us raise funds while you shop for your loved ones, just go to the All Saints Catholic School website: [www.allsaintscs.com](http://www.allsaintscs.com). Once you are there, scroll down and look on the right hand side for More Links: Amazon School Rewards. Simply click that link and it will bring you right to Amazon’s website.

Amazon will know that you came to their website from the All Saints website and they will send us a percentage of your purchases! Thanks for supporting All Saints by shopping online at Amazon!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**MR. and MRS. PETER ANDREOLLI  
UNITED IN MARRIAGE ON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**Sunday, December 16**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
 Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30

**Monday, December 17**  
 9:00am Liturgy  
 4:30pm Religious Education  
 6:10pm Religious Education  
 6:30pm Square Dance

**Tuesday, December 18**  
 9:00am Liturgy  
 9:30am Women's Spirituality  
 4:30pm Religious Education  
 6:10pm Religious Education

**Wednesday, December 19**  
 9:00am Liturgy  
 6:30pm Rosary/Novena  
 6:30pm ALS Meeting  
 7:00 pm OA  
 7:00 pm FA  
 8:00 pm AA

**Thursday, December 20**  
 9:00am Liturgy  
 7:00pm Chorale  
 7:30pm Women's AA  
 7:30pm Alzheimers Meeting

**Friday, December 21**  
 8:15am Stations  
 9:00am Liturgy

**Saturday, December 22**  
 4:30pm Liturgy

**Sunday, December 23**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
 Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30PM



**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 17, 9:00 a.m.**  
 Thomas Cantin (Family)  
 Int. Sumor & Christian Salazar (Family)  
 Special Intention  
 Stella Pryzbysz (Family)  
 Larry White (Harry & Nancy Czuba)

**Tuesday, December 18, 9:00 a.m.**  
 Joseph Abela Jr. (Rose & Len Gossan)  
 Robert M. Squires (Nicky Bonnett)

**Friday, December 21, 9:00 a.m.**  
 William Daly (Family)  
 Mary Dobija (SJN Parish Family)  
 Rose Groendal (Family)  
 Delphine Nawrocki (SJN parish Family)  
 Natalie Salazar (Family)  
 Special Intention (Linda Morehead)

**Saturday, December 22, 4:30p.m.**  
 John Figure Jr (John & Sharon Figure)  
 Richard Kraus (Family)  
 Kathryn & Michael Mrocka (Family)  
 Sara Bayro Negli (Salazar Family)  
 Pauline Pardy (Carrie Saliba)  
 Anthony Sliwka (Family)  
 Special Intention

**Sunday, December 23, 2012**

**8:30a.m.**  
 Rosella Beraman (Tony & Mary Schmitt)  
 John Grodus (Alice Grodus)  
 Frank Immel ( Money Counters)

**10:30 a.m.**  
 Helen Baker (Stercho Family)  
 Tom Birch—1st Anniv (Family)  
 Giuseppe Perri (Domenica Perri Family)  
 Nikki Zimmerman-3rd Anniv (Herb)  
 Doris Zumstein (Courtney Family)

**12:30 p.m.**  
 Int Katie Morasso (Jim & Rose Gale)

**Monday, December 17**  
 Genesis 49:2,8-10  
 Matthew 1:1-17

**Tuesday, December 18**  
 Jeremiah 23:5-8  
 Matthew 1:18-25

**Wednesday, December 19**  
 Judges 13:2-7,24-25a  
 Luke 1:5-25

**Thursday, December 20**  
 Isaiah 7:10-14  
 Luke 1:26-38

**Friday, December 21**  
 Song of Songs 2:8-14  
 Luke 1:39-45

**Saturday, December 22**  
 1 Samuel 1:24-28  
 Luke 1:46-56

**Sunday, December 23, 2012**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 Micah 5:1-4a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

**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 17 Janet Perry (1994)  
Emil Mucha (1996)  
James Meyer (1998)  
William Shannon, Sr. (1999)  
Edward Petrosky (2008)
- December 18 Alice Benoit (1990)  
Winifred Missero (1997)  
Casimira Gromada (2005)
- December 19 Geraldine Stobar (1985)
- December 20 Samuel Franzeca (1997)  
Adele Kuras (1999)  
Irene Bober (2000)  
Nicoletta Zimmerman (2009)
- December 21 Susan Baker (1980)  
Rose Groendal (2010)
- December 22 Lester Pitt (1995)  
Mary Mojek (2009)
- December 23 Joseph Siergiej (1988)  
Dolores Marcis (2009)

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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



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

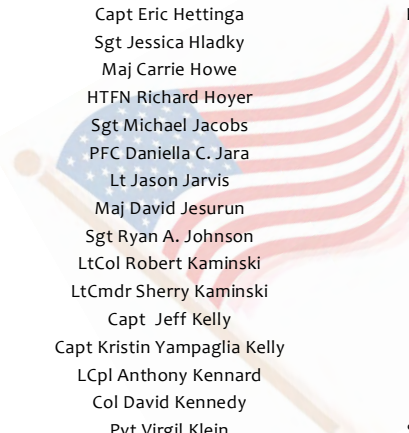
**Please pray for Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Armed Forces**

- SSgt Leonard Adams
- 1st Lt David Anderson
- SSgt Lawrence Anderson
- LtCol Dave Bares
- A1C Paige C. Bauer
- Sgt. David Beattie
- Col Robert Benning
- Capt James R. Bernthal
- Capt Geno Berta
- LCpl Devin A. Boersma
- SSgt Eric Brooks
- LTJG Jennifer Brooks
- Cpl Rebecca Brooks
- LCpl Justin Butler
- PO3 Christopher Bykowski
- SSgt Kevin Carney
- E3 Toni Colon
- Capt Sean Conlen
- Sgt James A. Cooper
- RDML Kevin Donegan
- E2 Joseph Dziuban
- E2 Mark Dziuban
- Ens. Matthew English

- Pvt Bradley M. Finch
- Capt Erin Jensen Foley
- Capt. Justin Foley
- Cpl Lucas Hankins
- Capt Eric Hettinga
- Sgt Jessica Hladky
- Maj Carrie Howe
- HTFN Richard Hoyer
- Sgt Michael Jacobs
- PFC Daniella C. Jara
- Lt Jason Jarvis
- Maj David Jesurun
- Sgt Ryan A. Johnson
- LtCol Robert Kaminski
- LtCmdr Sherry Kaminski
- Capt Jeff Kelly
- Capt Kristin Yampaglia Kelly
- LCpl Anthony Kennard
- Col David Kennedy
- Pvt Virgil Klein
- 1st Lt Roman Kocherovsky
- Capt Natalie Ann Korona
- Pvt Anthony Lanzon

- Col. Robert Lukens
- E2 Shawn Lyons
- Grant MacDonald
- Capt David McGraw
- Pvt. Justin Ambrose Mabe
- SN Shaun Marx
- Sgt Marc P. Maziarz
- SpF Christian Mejia
- Sgt Carson Middlebrook
- SPC Denis Montilla
- SSgt Michael J. Moomaw
- Dwayne Naugle
- PFC Erik Nelsen
- Maj Brian Nicosia
- Pvt James Oaks
- Carl Park, SFC
- Keith Pawenski
- Sgt Alex A. Polka
- SGM Joseph A. Polka
- Sgt Michael Potrzebowski
- Capt Mark Rausch
- Maj Jason Redlin
- 1st Lt. Christopher Rothwell

- Sgt Christopher M. Rudzinski
- Lt Col Michael C. Rudzinski
- 2nd Lt Dan Russo
- Capt Tyrus Scott
- SPC Guy Schlachter
- Maj Jason Schuenger
- Capt Shannon Schuenger
- Justin James Sams
- LtCol David Sebuck
- Sgt Martin Smith
- SPC Matthew Spear
- 2nd Lt Dennis Speck
- Sgt Joseph Spinicchia
- Sara Marie Taylor
- E3 John Theisen
- SPC Shaun G. Towler
- Sgt Christopher Wiacek
- 1st Lt Amanda Witt
- Sgt Alex White
- SSgt Robert L. Woods
- 2nd Lt. Daniel M. York
- Capt Drew Ziolkowski
- Cmdr John F. Zrembski



## Merry Christmas and a Great Big “Thank You” from St. Vincent de Paul

As president of SVDP at SJN church, I am feeling particularly blessed this Advent Season - first, to have Fr. Ron Richards as our pastor; secondly, to have Deacon Pat Conlen as the spiritual director for the Vincentians; third, to have the amazing support in all we do from our beautiful church secretaries, Liz and Bev; fourth, to be blessed with the most giving and unselfish Vincentians that any conference can have, and last, but certainly not least, the generosity of you, the SJN parishioners.

Let me explain:

Fr. Ron Richards is an avid supporter of St. Vincent de Paul. Without his encouragement, it would be difficult to do what we try to do as Vincentians. This advent season, I am holding on to his admonition that it is not Christmas, yet. This is Advent - a time of preparation. That reminder keeps me focused on what this season is really about. When I am (sometimes) weary from all the work that needs to be done, I remind myself that it is all in preparation to receive the gift of the Christ Child on Christmas Day, then I feel refreshed.

You may not know that Deacon Pat is the spiritual director of SVDP. How blessed can we be.

This Advent, Deacon Pat is preparing a special Advent reflection for the Vincentians. Those of you who know the Deacon know how busy his life is, and yet, he is taking time help us reflect on the true meaning of this beautiful season. It is a very special gift.

One of the pleasures of being president of SVDP is that I have gotten to know our parish secretaries, Liz and Bev. I could not have two more giving people to help me “learn the ropes” than them. They always have a smile, sometimes we share a laugh, and they have been too delightful for words. Can helping the poor be fun? Yes.

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I am a new president. There was, and still is, much to learn. But the good Lord has blessed me with the best team of Vincentians EVER. We are forging new pathways together, learning from each other, and growing in spirituality and friendship, just as our founder Frederick Ozanam instructed us to do. I am so fortunate to be on this journey with each and every one of them. And to top it off, we have six new members! What a Christmas present!

Dear parishioners – none of the work of St. Vincent de Paul would be possible without you. Your generosity is overwhelming. Please know that we always tell the families we serve that the gifts we bring to them come from you. Basically, our job as Vincentians is to be good stewards of the gifts you give. We are trying hard. Please keep us in your prayers this Advent Season, so that we might all welcome the Christ child with open hearts.

Merry Christmas,  
Lorraine



**Neumann’s Needlers**  
**Beginning in January we**  
**will focus on baby**  
**blankets and other baby**  
**items for the Right to Life Baby Shower**  
**at SJN. The next meetings are January 8**  
**and January 22, 2013 at 7:30 PM; we do**  
**not meet in December.**

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