IN THE SPIRIT

December 1, 2013

First Sunday of Advent

Advent Reflection Booklets available in the Gathering Area

Christmas Concert Saturday, 7:00pm



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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.

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Finance Report will be Updated next week

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

EUCHARISTIC 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!

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Hello all!

Here we are the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. As you may or may not now we have three Cycles of readings within our liturgy—Cycles A, B, and C. Last year we were in Cycle C and this weekend, the first Sunday of Advent, we begin our new Cycle of readings, Cycle A.

The formation of these Cycles occurred as a result of the Second Vatican Council. The Council ordered a change in the Sunday readings at Mass so that Catholics would become more familiar with the text of the Bible. As a result we now have a three-year cycle of readings built around readings from the three synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

With this year being Cycle A, we are centered around the Gospel of Matthew. If you pay attention to the readings throughout the year, you will find that we meet Matthew indirectly through the Gospel that bears his name. This Gospel is one of the longer books in the New Testament and has exercised great influence in the Christian life over the centuries. It has even been called the most important book ever written, take that as you may.

As you do head home on the first Sunday of Advent, I ask you to reflect upon the following:

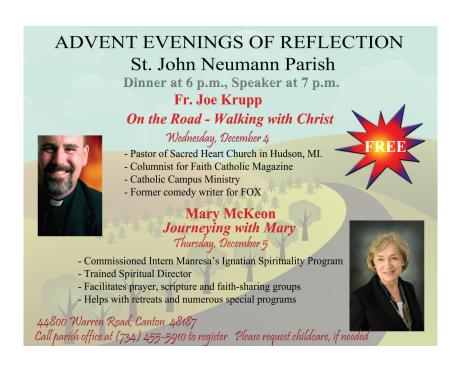
How do you focus on what will endure lasts and less emphasis on what doesn't really matter? How is your parish faith community central to your spiritual life and practices? What parish ministry could you join to direct your energy to increase your commitment to spiritual development? Will you take time during Advent to prepare for what really matters?

"The mass culture purveyed by the popular press and the electronic media is preponderantly based on the pursuit of pleasure, wealth and power. It is in many respects alien to Christian ideas and attitudes. ... We readily recognize that we live in a world that is becoming increasingly estranged from Christian values. In order to remain a Christian one must take a resolute stand against many commonly accepted axioms of the world. To become true disciples we must undergo a demanding course of induction into the adult Christian community. We must continually equip ourselves to profess the full faith of the Church in an increasingly secularized society. We must develop a sense of solidarity, cemented by relationships with mature and exemplary Christians who represent Christ and his way of life." (Avery Cardinal Dulles, Models of the Church)

Peace to you all

Fr Ron Richards

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Cucchi's Corner

How lovely your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!
My soul yearns and pines
for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and flesh cry out
for the living God.

*As the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest to settle her young, My home is by your altars, LORD of hosts, my king and my God! Blessed are those who dwell in your house!

6Blessed the man who finds refuge in you, in their hearts are pilgrim roads.

7As they pass through the Baca valley, they find spring water to drink.

The early rain covers it with blessings.

8They will go from strength to strength* and see the God of gods on Zion.

9LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, God of Jacob.

10*O God, watch over our shield; look upon the face of your anointed.

11Better one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

Better the threshold of the house of my God than a home in the tents of the wicked.

12For a sun and shield is the LORD God, bestowing all grace and glory.

The LORD withholds no good thing from those who walk without reproach.

13O LORD of hosts, blessed the man who trusts in you!

Throughout my 30 years as a Catholic Music Minister, I have always enjoyed reflecting on this chapter from the book of psalms. I wonder if we really yearn and pine for Sunday Liturgy in God's House? I remember J. Glenn Murray saying "How could anyone think Mass is boring?" For you, is attending Mass as exciting as seeing a movie? ... or going to Cedar Point or Disneyland? It should be MORE exciting than anything we do in this life. It is AWESOME to think that we are meeting the author & finisher of our life when we attend liturgy. Think about that next time you step through the doors of the church.

<u>Children invited to join "Kids of the Kingdom" - Children's Choir</u>

Children in grades 2 through 8 are welcome to join us. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30, November thru March. This year, we will participate in the SJN Christmas Concert, 7pm, December 7. Members will also lead music at Christmas Eve 4pm Mass and bi-monthly 12:30pm Mass. "All Are Welcome"! Please register on-line to-

Sharlene Borke (sborke@wowway.com) or Cheryl Boliard (cboliard@hotmail.com)

REMINDER REGARDING PRAYER LIST REQUESTS

So many of our friends and family are currently afflicted with ongoing, serious illnesses. Because of the number of requests, we must limit the reading of a specific name to three weeks. At that time, names can be placed



indefinitely in the bulletin for prayer requests. Of course, if there is a significant change in the condition of someone, we can put them back on the verbal list again for a couple weeks. We ask that you please honor this policy in fairness to all who have requested our prayers. Thank you.

"It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas..."

Two beautifully adorned Jesse Trees are gracing the gathering area! Thank you to all who joined in fellowship to make the gift tags this past Tuesday. What a warm way to spend the chilly evening.

The Jesse Tree comes to life with the work of many hands.

This year your kindness will touch the lives of those within the following agencies: St. Christine's Church/ Christ the King Parish, Salvation Army of Plymouth/Canton, Arch Diocese of Detroit AIDS Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul at St. John Neumann, St. Vincent DePaul Justice Initiative, First Step, St. Aloysius, St. Peter and Paul Warming Center, Plymouth Canton Schools Clothing Bank, St. Hedwig, and our own parish of St. John Neumann.

Often times when we think about giving a gift, we think about toys and clothes and other items that we can wrap in pretty paper. You will note that many of the wishes this year are for gift cards to stores such as Target, Meijer, Kmart, Walmart and Kroger. With your kindness, please keep in mind that these families so appreciate the opportunity to shop for their own families for Christmas. Receiving a gift card allows them the independence to do just that. The gift cards allow moms and dads to feel that they are providing for their own children the things that will make them smile this Christmas. These feelings are

in fact the true gift that you give. So whether it is a baby doll, a toy truck, a winter coat or a gift card, know that your generosity is changing a life.

Please consider the families, who are not unlike our own families, and take a tag or two. Please remember to return your gifts by December 8. (wrapped gifts should have tags securely taped to the outside of the package)

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the parish office or contact Marivi Latham at: marividel@comcast.net.



SAVE THE DATE!

MAKE LENT 2014 SPECIAL!
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OTHER PARISHIONERS



Call the Parish Office to reserve your spot: 455-5910.



FAITH WORKS

Gene Kijek

ADVENT- Waiting in line can be one of two experiences. See if you identify with the examples below:

First Example: Waiting in Dread

You're standing in line at the post office or the grocery store, waiting for your turn. You're tapping your foot and keep looking at your watch. You don't want to be in this line. Before long, you begin to think, "Oh, I can't wait for this to be over!" Often times, the other people in line with you feel the same way! No one speaks to anyone else. Clearly few are enjoying the experience; the impatience or irritability you feel might even be visible on your face. Such an experience of waiting in line can seem isolating, almost lonely.

Second Example: Waiting in Excitement

Now think about the times when you waited in line at an amusement park, to buy tickets to see your favorite baseball team, or to hear your favorite band. In these instances, the waiting is much different. People are excited and you might even be talking to some of them about the ride you're getting ready to experience, the sports team that you love, or the band you're about to hear.

This second example is the kind of waiting we are called to in Advent.

Waiting in Joyful Hope

At Mass, after praying the Lord's Prayer, we hear ". . . as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This prayer reminds us that during Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of the hope that God promises us as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas.

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FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY Liturgy - Dec. 9 @ 9:00am and 7:00pm

Dec. 7 - CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7:00pm

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

Dec. 16- COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION
WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION
7:30pm

15T SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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* Advent To Do List *

- Not reacting to situations—instead we want to think about things and how we want to respond
- Putting limits on ourselves, especially those things that keep us from doing the more important things
 - Creating routines for ourselves, including for personal prayer, Mass, and service to grow closer to Jesus
 - Read one of the gospels
 OR prepare the Sunday Gospel (usccb.org)



Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

By: Sabrina Queen at squeen@stjohnneumann.us

Greetings and Salutations,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the church year. This is the time when we prepare for the coming of the Messiah, the one who is anointed with the Holy Spirit of God. Today we light the first candle on our Advent wreath. The four candles on the wreath help us count the four Sundays in Advent as we journey towards Christmas. In today's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples about his sudden appearance sometime in the future when he will bring all who have loved God to heaven. Stay Awake, Be Ready! Have you experienced times of sudden change? Did you talk about this with God and others?

This week in our Formation sessions we will celebrate the upcoming day of St. Nicholas. Students will be asked to place one of their shoes out in the hallway of their classroom; St. Nick might sneak by with a special treat for our students. Who remembers the story?

Wednesday, December 4th, is our third and final Reconciliation Prep. Father Ron will be our special guest to go over the questions submitted by the candidates at our previous session regarding the sacrament. I am so proud of this class. They have grown in their love for Jesus since our first meeting.

Saturday, December 14th, the students will celebrate their first Reconciliation at 11:00am. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

I would like to send a shout out of thanks to our Children's Liturgy of the Word Coordinator Linda Kalisz and our team of Catechists and Assistants who work so hard to bring the Word of God to our little ones. Thank you for your dedication and love of this Ministry. You are true examples of the light of Christ.

Have a great week everyone... be kind to one another.

Blessings of hope,

Sabrina

... THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE...

Let a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend help your love grow in your marriage/holy orders. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged. For more information or to apply contact Rick and Miriam Mikulak

Did you know that couples who attend a WWME Weekend:

- Experience only a 2% divorce rate
- Live the true meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage
- Become more involved in their church
- Renew the Church through discipleship with other couples
- Support and appreciate their parish and their parish priests

All couples are welcome on a WWME weekend regardless of ability to donate. 88-322-9963 or email [detwwme@gmail.com]. Make your reservation now!

"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. "

Our love and enthusiasm for God will help us to achieve this mission in everyday life."

YOUTH MINISTRY WITH CHRIS LEACH

We hope that everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving Break! We are ready to start another busy month of programs!

Attention Alumni!!!

The youth group Christmas Party has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th from 7-9pm. We hope that you can join us for the evening! To receive updates about this and other alumni events, make sure to visit http://sinyouth.weebly.com and click "Connect" to join the Alumni Mailing list!

High School Announcements

• Youth Group starts up again this Wednesday, December 4th from 7-9pm. Our topic is Advent and Mary, don't miss it! After School Crew also begins again on Wednesday!

CYO's RAINBOW Conference forms are due Sunday, December 8th. They ABSOLUTELY CANNOT be accepted late due to Catholic Youth Organization deadlines and the need to make hotel accommodations early. This year's keynote speakers are Jackie Francois and Cooper Ray, and over 2,000 high school students from the Archdiocese of Detroit are expected to attend. Check out the forms on the youth ministry website or outside of the youth room for more information.

Middle School Announcements

• Our next middle school youth group meeting will be Thursday, December 12th from 7-8:30pm. You will not want to miss this Advent meeting!

Advent Service Blitz permission slips are due no later than December 3rd. The event itself is Friday,

December 13th and will take place at St. Colette's in Livonia. ASB is a marathon evening of service projects supporting local charitable groups.

Additional announcements can be found on the youth ministry page at www.stjohnneumann.us.

-Chris Leach cleach@stjohnneumann.us (734) 455-5910 x 20



Yoga

Being offered at St. John Neumann. 6 classes \$42 Walk-in rate \$10 per class 10:30AM - 11:30AM

TUESDAYS
November 26, 2013
December 3, 2013
December 10, 2013
December 17, 2013
January 7, 2014
January 14, 2014



Register at the 1st class

YOUNG AT HEART

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 5th AT 12:30Ppm and will be located at Karls Cabin in Plymouth. We will also be hosting our annual Christmas gift exchange for those who are interested in participating. We welcome new members at any time. For further information, please call Mary at 734-981-1274



On the Road with Young at Heart

Join us as we venture overnight to Firekeepers and Four Winds Casinos.

Our bus will depart on Monday, December 2nd at 8:00am from St. John Neumann. The low price of \$109.00 per person (double occupancy) includes: Round trip transportation, \$100 in casino incentives; hotel stay at Fairfield Inn with hot breakfast.

To reserve your spot call Jim or Mary ann Stager at 734-459-2565.

Flyers are available in the Gathering Area.



Homebound Ministers are available to bring the Body of Christ to those parishioners who are unable to attend weekly services due to extended illness or immobility. To request this service, contact the Parish Office or send an email to cbucks@sbcglobal.net.





Walking In New Life

Please remember in your prayers this week the soul of:

Margaret Sutherland



Thank You

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

Margaret Sutherland





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 1 1st Sunday Of Advent

Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30

Monday, December 2

9:00am Liturgy

4:30pm **Religious Education Religious Education** 6:10pm Square Dancing 6:30pm Women's Spirituality 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 3

9:00am Liturgy

Religious Education 4:30pm 6:10pm **Religious Education** 6:30pm Kids of the Kingdom

Wednesday, December 4

10:00am Bible Study

Men's Advent Evening 6:00pm **Reconciliation Prep** 6:00pm Rosary/Novena 6:30pm

High School Youth Group 7:00pm

OA 7:00 pm FA 7:30pm AA 8:00 pm Thursday, December 5

Women's Advent Evening 6:00pm

Women's AA 7:30pm

Friday, December 6

8:15am Stations of the Cross

9:00am Liturgy Saturday, December 7 Liturgy 4:30pm

Christmas Concert 7:00pm

Sunday, December 8

Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30



Monday, December 2

Tuesday, December 3 Wed., December 4 Isaiah 4:2-6 Isaiah 11:1-10 Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 8:5-11 Luke 10:21-24 Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5

Isaiah 26:1-6

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6

Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31 Saturday, December 7

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26 Matthew 9:35---10:1,5a,6-8

2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12



| Monday, December 2, 9:00a.m.

Int. Ray Coppiellie Family

Lee Greenberg (Betty Searls)

Faye Hunt (Ron & Rosamary Ziemba)

Rosemary Kasunic (Ron & Rosemary Ziemba)

Tuesday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.

Nicole Hardesty (Brenda Guenther)

Elizabeth Rizak (Family)

I John & Charlotte Snow (Family) Int. Ralph Tonak (Brenda Guenther) Special Intention (Linda Morehead)

Friday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.

I Gustavo Cardona (Family)

Jane Karasin (Joe Karasin)

Int. Sumor & Christian Salazar (Family) Casimir Szymoniak (Gaylord Smith)

Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 7, 4:30p.m.

Kenneth Birecki (SJN Parish Family)

Joan Chmielewski (Family) Margaret Chmielewski (Family) Walter Chmielewski (Family)

Mary Dobija (Family) I Clarence Lindner (Family)

Lucille Schnell (Matheny Family) Special Intention (Family)

Sunday, December 8, 8:30a.m.

Santana & Cauchi Families (Santana Family) Clarence Doe (Dave & Laverne Andreolli)

Peter & Stella Jaros (Jaros Family) Joseph Murinas (Tony Murinas)

June White (Dave & Laverne Andreolli)

10:30 a.m.

Frank Bellino (Mary Bellino)

I Mary McKenna (Richard Panko Family)

Natalie Salazar (Family)

Fr. Wygoski (Bob & Mary Ann Victor)

I 12:30 p.m.

Int. Carole Montillo Agoncillo (Rene Montilla)

Nicole Hardesty (SJN Parish Family)

Stanley Malka (Family)

Int. Luz Montilla (Rene Montilla)

Victoria Valla (Family)



ANNIVERSARIES OF DECEASED PARISHIONERS

December 2 Beulah Szpak (1992)

December 3 Palmer Kroh (1989)

John Kraska (1994) Glenn Konefke (2001) Michael McGregor (2004)

December 4 Dale Duthie (1999)

Joan Hodder (2000)

December 5 Leonard A. Pulinski (1986)

Richard Gerhard (1989) Oswald DeWitte (1993) Carl Space (1998) Andrew Piontek (2003) Mary Strasser (2009) Clara Kalvenas (2011)

December 6 John Hahn (1992)

Brian Lacki (2011)

December 7 Henry George (1981)

Edward Snycer (1987) William Eaton (1991) Dorothy Wojcik (1994) Francis R. Hlavin (1995) Maureen Garvey (2000)

December 8 Sophie Matauch (1991)

Frances Catozzi (2004)



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Susan Aho

*Richard Bargowski

Jennifer Bargowski-VanHorn

Kirsten Bramlett
*Ian Carolan
Jerry Chismar
*Rick Cigile
*Sonia Culver
Ginny Cummins

*Elvira Darolfi *Mario David

*Donald Dennington

*Pat Dennington

Urbano Domingo

*Diane Flowers
Andrew Gianelli
Patricia Goonis
Gerald Grzeskowiak

Krystal Guzman Linda Harms *Patricia Hill

*Rebecca Horton *Dawn Johnson

*Brittany Kipfmiller
Jodi Klucevik

Lisa Kozakowski Tammi Lang John Lewis

*Ellen Lindner
Jesse Lindlbauer
Frank Luedtke

Jeremy Mains *Joyce Michaud Norm Mientkiewicz

Lindsay Miller *Dennis Mullally

*Jill Murinas

*Mary Murray
*Robert Naumoff
*John Neault
Dan O'Brien
Justin Paffenroth

*Rita Polek Craig Prebish *John Predmesky William Premin Dan Prichard

Joshua Thomas Retherford

*Marti Ruedger Kay Ruth

*Raymond Rzepecki, Jr.

Cheri Sasena Delmar Schindler Valerie Sedlar *Pat Shankie Lillianna Shull Walter Skynar **Beverly Smith** *Patricia Solodon *Monteen Stafiej *Walter Stang Susan Tonak *Ralph Tonak Nicholas Womac William Womac Cindy Woods Gerth *Peter Young Hilde Zajac *Ron Ziemba

*Indicates parishioner

*Charlotte Zub



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

SSgt Leonard Adams Capt, David 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 Drew Butler 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 Sgt. Forney Sgt Lucas Hankins Capt Eric Hettinga Sgt Jessica Hladky Maj Carrie Howe HTFN Richard Hoyer Sgt Michael Jacobs PFC Daniella C. Jara 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 Capt David McGraw Pvt. Justin Ambrose Mabe PO 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 Sgt Alex A. Polka SGM Joseph A. Polka Sgt Michael Potrzebowski Capt Mark Rausch Maj Jason Redlin

Sgt Christopher M. Rudzinski

Lt Col Michael C. Rudzinski

2nd Lt Dan Russo

Capt Tyrus Scott SPC Guy Schlachter Maj Jason Schuerger Capt Shannon Schuerger 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 SPC John Edward Watkins 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

Vocations Chalice

A Program of Awareness and Prayer for Vocations

The Vocations Chalice is a tangible way of increasing awareness of vocations to the priesthood, the permanent deaconate, and the consecrated life. Images create attitudes, and attitudes lead to actions. Children will be asking questions and more people will be talking about vocations, and the priesthood, in particular.



St. John Neumann Parish gratefully acknowledges

Chuck and Nancy Lang

For hosting the Chalice and Praying for Vocations this past week in their home!

To sign up to host the Vocations Chalice, please email your request to:

Vocations@StJohnNeumann.us

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.

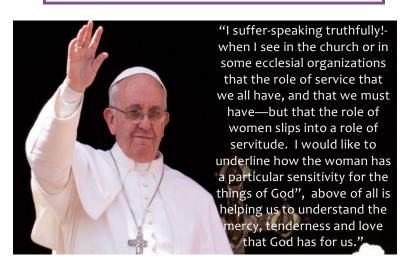
FOR AN APPOINTMENT:

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.





Advent Nights of Reflection

Guy's Night Out

Grab your best bud, your neighbor, your whole softball team... and mosey on down to SJN Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 6pm for some chili and a great talk by Fr. Joe Krupp. Fr. Joe, graduate of U of M, is a former comedy writer who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lansing, 1998. Embracing his inner "Spartan" he is the Director of Campus Ministry at Michigan State University, a regular on Catholic TV and monthly writer for "Faith Magazine". Fr. Joe is a frequent speaker at "Men's Night Outs". Please RSVP attendance & childcare if needed, St. John Neumann Church, 455-5910

Girl's Night Out

Bring your daughter, your mom, best friend come celebrate 6pm on Thursday, Dec. 5, with Mary McKeon, our speaker for the evening. Be our guest and leave the cooking to us at the "SJN Chili Feast". Mary, a graduate of Marquette University, has been an inner city school teacher, worked for the United States Senate in Washington, DC, worked in adult and religious education, youth ministry, and currently is a commissioned intern of Manresa's Ignatian Spirituality Program and trained spiritual director. She will accompany us as we ponder "Journeying with Mary". Please RSVP attendance & childcare if needed, St. John Neumann Church, 455-5910

Both events are free and presented by the St. John Neumann Adult Faith Formation Committee