

# IN THE SPIRIT

December 8, 2013

Second Sunday of Advent

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF MARY**

Dec. 9 Liturgies  
9:00am, 7:30pm

**FEAST OF  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Bi-Lingual Liturgy  
7:00pm



A voice crying out in the desert,

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths!”

## ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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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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**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**  
**Week of Dec 1 & Dec 2, 2013**


Sunday Envelopes	\$ 12,384.07
Loose Offering	\$ 2,256.00
Sunday Direct Deposit	\$ 9,105.00
Facility Maintenance	\$ 485.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 160.00
Misc Income (Tuition, Donations, Etc)	\$ 1,807.50
Christmas	\$ 6,715.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 32,912.57</b>
Budgeted Income per week	\$ 26,619.23
YTD Actual Income (7/1/13- 12/1/13)	\$ 538,635.92
YTD Budgeted Income (7/1/13-12/1/13)	\$ 425,907.68

No. Sunday Envelopes Issued	2,772
No. Sunday Envelopes Used	583
No. Sunday Direct Deposits	148

On-line giving is now available. Visit our website or contact Jan Jacobs, Bookkeeper at [janjacobs.email@gmail.com](mailto:janjacobs.email@gmail.com) 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](mailto: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 to you all!

So we have just finished the first week of Advent and about two weeks ago our Holy Father put out an exhortation entitled *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). This exhortation is quite long, 84 printed pages, I am slowly going through and hopefully will have it completed and somewhat comprehended by the end of Advent.

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As you know we had our women's and men's evenings of reflections, though I write this article prior to them taking place, I am sure you all enjoyed. I just want to send out a personal thanks to the Adult Faith Formation committee for putting these two events on!

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A reminder to you all of TWO MAJOR EVENTS this week! Monday is the celebration of the Immaculate Conception. The date for this feast is actually December 8, however that is a Sunday. As a result the feast day has been transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a Holy Day of obligation, so I should see all of you at mass that day. The mass times are at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

The second event is December 12<sup>th</sup> which is the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the America's. This celebration will begin at 7:00 pm that evening. I hope you all can come. There will be a reception following in Assembly Hall!

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Lastly I put a charge to the daily mass crowd for Advent and I ask you to do the same. As we know this time should be about prayer and seeing Christ in our daily life, not getting to the store to go shopping. So I am asking all of you as a parish, at the end of your day, each day, reflect on where you saw Christ throughout the day and make a list. Come Christmas Day, give yourself a gift and review that list to see how much Christ was in your life throughout this time. That my friends is the real gift you will receive on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December!

Peace

Fr Ron Richards

To the Parishioners of St. John Neumann Church

From: SVDP at Saints Simon and Jude Church

*"Ask and you shall receive"*

We asked if the community of St. John Neumann could help us with a great need we have for warm coats for the families we serve. The response was, to say the least, overwhelming! Thanks to all of you, we are now able to offer a warm coat to those in need.

Also, we would like to thank the members of your parish – the Neumann's Needlers"- who made scarves and hats for our parishioners. What a beautiful job they did.

So, please know that there are many people who are grateful for your gift of warmth.

God bless you all,

St. Vincent de Paul – Sts. Simon and Jude Church



## Cucchi's Corner

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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

# Chapel concert



A community-wide presentation of  
**HANDEL'S MESSIAH**



**Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013, 3 p.m.**

Motherhouse Chapel  
610 West Elm Ave., Monroe

Adults \$10 Students, Seniors \$7

Pre-sale tickets for the concert will be available at the IHM Motherhouse (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.), at 734-241-3660, or at the door the afternoon of the performance.



Sponsored by Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, La-Z-Boy Inc., KC Integrated Services, and Floral City Beverage

### Children invited to join "Kids of the Kingdom" - Children's Choir

Children in grades 2 through 8 are welcome to join us. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30, November thru March. Members will 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](mailto:sborke@wowway.com)) or  
Cheryl Boliard ([cboliard@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



“We Need A Little Christmas, Right This Very Minute...”

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 just over 1500 wish tags adorning our Jesse Trees, everyone’s thoughtfulness and generosity is so much appreciated.

**Remember to return your purchased gifts by Sunday, December 8.** (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 15 after the 10:30 Mass. Every gracious hand makes this load much lighter.

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 the Parish office,  
Marivi Latham [marividel@comcast.net](mailto:marividel@comcast.net),  
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Chris Leach [cleach@stjohnneumann.us](mailto:cleach@stjohnneumann.us)  
for information regarding the Human Chain.



# 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 is a time of hope and expectation that what God has promised will come to complete fulfillment. On November 24 Pope Francis gave to the Church an apostolic exhortation, **THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL**, which provides a contemporary vision of our journey of Faith. I'll provide some excerpts for your reflection

1. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.

2. The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ.

3. I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace". How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Christ, who told us to forgive one another "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22) has given us his example: he has forgiven us seventy times seven. Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unflin-

ing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards!

9. Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us, and any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others. As it expands, goodness takes root and develops. If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good. In this sense, several sayings of Saint Paul will not surprise us: "The love of Christ urges us on" (2 Cor 5:14); "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16).

10. The Gospel offers us the chance to live life on a higher plane, but with no less intensity: "Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others". When the Church summons Christians to take up the task of evangelization, she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfillment. For "here we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others. This is certainly what mission means". Consequently, an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! Let us recover and deepen our enthusiasm, that "delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow... And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first received the joy of Christ".

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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## Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

By: Sabrina Queen at [squeen@stjohnneumann.us](mailto:squeen@stjohnneumann.us)

Greetings and Salutations,

In today's Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist. The role of John the Baptist was to shake people up and get their hearts and minds ready for Jesus. John dresses in odd clothes, eats weird food, and says strange things like, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Lots of people probably took one look at him and decided that his words could not possibly matter. Yet, those who did listen were invited to turn their lives around, let go of their sin and their expectations and get ready for God to do something new with their lives. In this season of Advent, pray that you will listen to God's voice, even in the most unexpected places, allowing God to light the dark places in your life and give you a fresh start.

Our second graders will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this coming Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers.

Have a great week everyone and remember... the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

Blessings of Peace,  
Sabrina Queen

\*... Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at St. Kieran...\*

Do you have a plan for your marriage? God has a plan for your marriage to be filled with happiness! Attend the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on January 31 - February 2 at St. Kieran in Shelby Township. Return to the comfort of your home each night. Check online for other Weekends available. To register or for more information, contact Rick & Miriam Mikulak at 888-322-9963 or online at [wwme-detroit.org](http://wwme-detroit.org).

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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.

If you would prefer to receive bulletin announcements at another email, want to be removed from our list, or have any questions, please contact: WWME Detroit Area Leaders Mark & Cindy Zapinski at [ [markcinwwme@wowway.com](mailto:markcinwwme@wowway.com) ]



"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

If you have ever wondered what 23,000 Catholic High School Students would look like, I took this picture at NCYC last week. Thanks to all of you who supported us with prayers, it was a phenomenal experience!



### Youth Group Christmas Party

The youth group Christmas Party has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. Keeping with tradition we would like to invite all program alumni to join us for this wonderful evening! We also ask that all attendees consider bringing a \$5 donation with them to support our brothers and sisters in the Philippines! Contact the youth ministry office if you have any questions!

### High School Announcements

- Youth Group meets this Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. Our topic is "All the Small Things". We hope to see you there!
- CYO's RAINBOW Conference forms are due this Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm. You will not want to miss this Advent meeting!

Additional announcements can be found on the youth ministry page at [www.stjohnneumann.us](http://www.stjohnneumann.us).

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(734) 455-5910 x 20



<https://www.facebook.com/SJNyouthgroup>



## Yoga

Being offered at St. John Neumann.

Walk-in rate \$10 per class

10:30AM - 11:30AM

TUESDAYS

December 17, 2013

January 7, 2014

January 14, 2014



### Neumann's Needlers

Last month we contributed hand-knitted and hand-crocheted items to several organizations: hats to St Joe's chemotherapy treatment center; dishcloths to SJN kitchen, hats and scarves to First Step; baby blankets and hats to UM Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; and hats and scarves to the coat drive sponsored by the SJN St Vincent de Paul group. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make these donations possible. We meet next on January 14 and January 28, 2014, 7:30 - 9 PM. Questions? Contact Bev Polcyn, [bevpolcyn@hotmail.com](mailto:bevpolcyn@hotmail.com) or 734-740-3701



### Walking In New Life

Please remember in your prayers this week the soul of:

Juan Gomez

Frances Hadley



### Thank You

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

Juan Gomez

Frances Hadley



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](mailto:cbucks@sbcglobal.net).



### FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AT G. SUBU'S,

All widowed men and women are invited to join us for a New Year's Eve Dinner at G. Subu's (Leather Bottle), 20300 Farmington Rd. (1 block S. of 8 Mile) from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. December 31<sup>st</sup>. Family Style Dinner served at 7:00 p.m., live music and dancing until 10:00 pm. Cost is \$32 which includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity. Cash bar. Your advance check is your reservation. No walk-ins allowed. For mailing address and further information call Carol at 313-562-3080, or Mary Anne at 313-565-5749. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information, please visit our website [www.widowedfriends.org](http://www.widowedfriends.org).



## Chapel concert

### John Tyner Chorale

Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

Motherhouse Chapel

610 West Elm Ave., Monroe

Free-will offering



The John Tyner Chorale will present a festival of Lessons and Carols modeled after the Christmas Eve service that has taken place in Cambridge Cathedral in England since 1918. The service will include scripture readings by various pastors from the Monroe area and carols performed by the congregation and others by the Tyner Chorale. These types of services have been used widely around the world and have become traditions of the Christmas season.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**Sunday, December 8**  
**12nd Sunday Of Advent**  
 Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30  
 Holy Land Gifts

**Monday, December 9**  
 9:00am Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass  
 4:30pm Religious Education  
 6:10pm Religious Education  
 6:30pm Square Dancing  
 7:00pm Women's Spirituality  
 7:30pm Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass

**Tuesday, December 10**  
 9:00am Liturgy  
 4:30pm Religious Education  
 6:10pm Religious Education  
 6:30pm Kids of the Kingdom  
 7:00pm Vocation Committee Meeting  
 7:30pm Neumann's Needlers

**Wednesday, December 11**  
 10:00am Bible Study  
 6:30pm Rosary/Novena  
 7:00pm High School Youth Group  
 7:00 pm OA  
 7:30pm FA  
 8:00 pm AA

**Thursday, December 12**  
 6:00pm Sacramental Prep Make-up  
 7:00pm Christian Service Meeting  
 7:30pm Women's AA

**Friday, December 13**  
 8:15am Stations of the Cross  
 9:00am Liturgy

**Saturday, December 14**  
 11:00am 1st Reconciliation  
 4:30pm Liturgy

**Sunday, December 15**  
 Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30



**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 9, 9:00a.m.**  
 Int. Ray Coppiellie Family  
 Janet Milton (Phil Burns)  
 Elizabeth Rizak (Family)  
 Casimir Szymoniak (Gaylord Smith)

**Tuesday, December 10, 9:00 a.m.**  
 Velma Adams (Betty Searls)  
 Margaret Sutherland (Brenda Guenther)  
 Special Intention (Linda Morehead)

**Friday, December 13, 9:00 a.m.**  
 Gustavo Cardona (Family)  
 Int Sumar & Christian Saazar (Family)  
 Veronica Stofcheck-4th Anniv. (Monteen Stafiej Family)  
 All Souls

**Saturday, December 14, 4:30p.m.**  
 Anne Brock (Family)  
 Velda Hahn (Marie Chencinski)  
 Michael Mrocka (Family)  
 Lucile Schnell (Franke Family)  
 Special Intention (Family)

**Sunday, December 15, 8:30a.m.**  
 Clarence Doe (Carrie Saliba)  
 Anna Malinowski (Patrick Flanagan)  
 Walter Serwonski (Family)

**10:30 a.m.**  
 James Frawley (Wife, Barbara & Family)  
 Emily Sobczak (Bob & Mary Ann Victor)

**12:30 p.m.**  
 Int. Carole Montillo Agoncillo (Rene Montilla)  
 Int. Luz Montilla (Rene Montilla)  
 Kelly Wade Nichols (Family)



<b>Monday, December 9</b> Immaculate Conception Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38	<b>Tuesday, December 10</b> Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14	<b>Wed., December 11</b> Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30
<b>Thursday, December 12</b> Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27	<b>Friday, December 13</b> Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31	<b>Saturday, December 14</b> Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26 Matthew 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8
<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Sunday, December 15</b> Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11



**ANNIVERSARIES OF DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

- December 9 Mary Terese McAninch (1994)  
Michael Zeleji (2004)
- December 10 Anna Hansen (1978)  
Joseph VanWynsberghe (1989)  
Aurelia Broggi (2006)
- December 11
- December 12 Beverly Vergari (1988)  
Cecil Robitaille (2003)  
Charles Baldwin (2010)  
Helen Bigos (2012)
- 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 Suess (1978)  
William Alff (1992)  
Walter Hajec (2005)



**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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| *Susan Aho                 | *Jill Murinas            |
| *Richard Bargowski         | *Mary Murray             |
| Jennifer Bargowski-VanHorn | *Robert Naumoff          |
| Kirsten Bramlett           | *John Neault             |
| *Clemens Bykowski          | Dan O'Brien              |
| *Ian Carolan               | Justin Paffenroth        |
| Jerry Chismar              | *Rita Polek              |
| *Rick Cigile               | Craig Prebish            |
| *Sonia Culver              | *John Predmesky          |
| Ginny Cummins              | William Premin           |
| *Elvira Darolfi            | Dan Prichard             |
| *Mario David               | *Benny Rembisz           |
| *Donald Dennington         | Joshua Thomas Retherford |
| *Pat Dennington            | *Marti Ruedger           |
| Urbano Domingo             | Kay Ruth                 |
| *Diane Flowers             | *Raymond Rzepecki, Jr.   |
| Andrew Gianelli            | Cheri Sasena             |
| Patricia Goonis            | Delmar Schindler         |
| *Veronica Granowicz        | Valerie Sedlar           |
| Gerald Grzeskowiak         | *Pat Shankie             |
| Krystal Guzman             | Lillianna Shull          |
| Linda Harms                | Walter Skynar            |
| *Patricia Hill             | Beverly Smith            |
| *Rebecca Horton            | *Patricia Solodun        |
| *Dawn Johnson              | *Monteen Stafiej         |
| *Brittany Kipfmiller       | *Walter Stang            |
| Jodi Klucevik              | Susan Tonak              |
| Lisa Kozakowski            | *Ralph Tonak             |
| Tammi Lang                 | Nicholas Womac           |
| John Lewis                 | William Womac            |
| *Ellen Lindner             | Cindy Woods Gerth        |
| Jesse Lindlbauer           | *Peter Young             |
| Frank Luedtke              | Hilde Zajac              |
| Jeremy Mains               | *Ron Ziemba              |
| Norm Mientkiewicz          | *Charlotte Zub           |
| Lindsay Miller             |                          |
| *Dennis Mullally           |                          |



\*Indicates parishioner



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

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| Capt. David Anderson     | Capt Erin Jensen Foley       | E2 Shawn Lyons               | SPC Guy Schlachter      |
| LtCol Dave Bares         | Capt. Justin Foley           | Capt David McGraw            | Maj Jason Schuerger     |
| A1C Paige C. Bauer       | Sgt. Forney                  | Pvt. Justin Ambrose Mabe     | Capt Shannon Schuerger  |
| Sgt. David Beattie       | Sgt Lucas Hankins            | PO Shaun Marx                | Justin James Sams       |
| Col Robert Benning       | Capt Eric Hettinga           | Sgt Marc P. Maziarz          | LtCol David Sebuck      |
| Capt James R. Bernthal   | Sgt Jessica Hladky           | SpF Christian Mejia          | Sgt Martin Smith        |
| Capt Geno Berta          | Maj Carrie Howe              | Sgt Carson Middlebrook       | SPC Matthew Spear       |
| LCpl Devin A. Boersma    | HTFN Richard Hoyer           | SPC Denis Montilla           | 2nd Lt Dennis Speck     |
| SSgt Eric Brooks         | Sgt Michael Jacobs           | SSgt Michael J. Moomaw       | Sgt Joseph Spinicchia   |
| LTJG Jennifer Brooks     | PFC Daniella C. Jara         | Dwayne Naugle                | Sara Marie Taylor       |
| Cpl Rebecca Brooks       | Maj David Jesurun            | PFC Erik Nelsen              | E3 John Theisen         |
| LCpl Drew Butler         | Sgt Ryan A. Johnson          | Maj Brian Nicosia            | SPC Shaun G. Towler     |
| LCpl Justin Butler       | LtCol Robert Kaminski        | Pvt James Oaks               | SPC John Edward Watkins |
| PO3 Christopher Bykowski | LtCmdr Sherry Kaminski       | Carl Park, SFC               | Sgt Christopher Wiacek  |
| SSgt Kevin Carney        | Capt Jeff Kelly              | Sgt Alex A. Polka            | 1st Lt Amanda Witt      |
| E3 Toni Colon            | Capt Kristin Yampaglia Kelly | SGM Joseph A. Polka          | Sgt Alex White          |
| Capt Sean Conlen         | LCpl Anthony Kennard         | Sgt Michael Potrzebowski     | SSgt Robert L. Woods    |
| Sgt James A. Cooper      | Col David Kennedy            | Capt Mark Rausch             | 2nd Lt. Daniel M. York  |
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| E2 Joseph Dziuban        | 1st Lt Roman Kocherovsky     | Sgt Christopher M. Rudzinski | Cmdr John F. Zrembski   |
| E2 Mark Dziuban          | Capt Natalie Ann Korona      | Lt Col Michael C. Rudzinski  |                         |
| Ens. Matthew English     | Pvt Anthony Lanzon           | 2nd Lt Dan Russo             |                         |

## 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 diaconate, 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**

**Paul and Janice Schmidt**

**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**

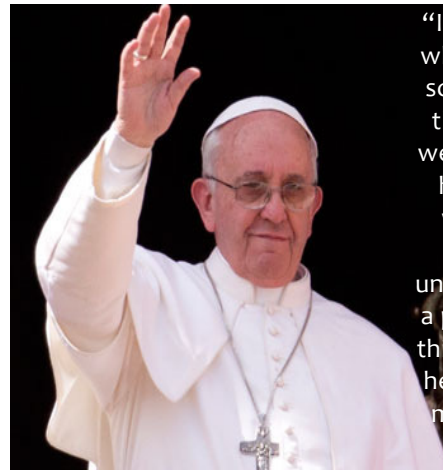
What exactly is Grief Support? It is an opportunity to talk about your loss, to express your grief, ask questions, and support through your grieving process. It is for people who have lost someone in their lives. All are welcome regardless of church affiliation.

**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.



“I suffer-speaking truthfully!-when I see in the church or in some ecclesial organizations that the role of service that we all have, and that we must have—but that the role of women slips into a role of servitude. I would like to underline how the woman has a particular sensitivity for the things of God”, above of all is helping us to understand the mercy, tenderness and love that God has for us.”

### THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS!

The St. John Neumann Varsity boys #1 basketball team went 3-0 in route to capturing the St. Pius Thanksgiving tournament championship. The team opened up tournament play with a 40-8 victory over St. Joseph and followed that with a semi final victory over St. Sebastian 47-12. In the championship game, tournament MVP A. J. Neal poured in 20 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals to lead SJN to 45-38 victory over perennial westside power St. Michael's. Ryan Young chipped in with 10 points. Jonathon Michalak scored 7 and Danny Lanava and Adam Pitcole played huge roles in the win. Other team members include Matt Breda, Aaron Garbarino, Derek Greening, Jack Heinieman and Justin Polce. The team is coached by Angelo Lanava, stat man Nick Aresco and head coach Mike Marek.

