

IN THE SPIRIT

December 15, 2013

Third Sunday of Advent

Communal
Reconciliation
with Individual
Confession
Monday, 7:30pm



THE BLIND REGAIN THEIR SIGHT.

THE LAME WALK.

LEPERS ARE CLEANSED.

THE DEAF HEAR.

THE DEAD ARE RAISED.

**THE POOR HAVE THE GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED
TO THEM.**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS
Week of Dec 7 & 8, 2013

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 15,818.00
Loose Offering	\$ 1,957.00
Sunday Direct Deposit	\$ 2,711.50
Facility Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 613.00
Misc Income (Tuition, Donations, Etc)	\$
<u>2,086.00</u>	
Total Income	\$ 23,215.50
Budgeted Income per week	\$ 26,619.23

YTD Actual Income (7/1/13-12/8/13)	\$ 568,100.29
YTD Budgeted Income (7/1/13-12/8/13)	\$
612,242.29	

No. Sunday Envelopes Issued 2,772

Last week's bulletin reported a **MAJOR** mistake in the reporting of the YTD Budgeted Income showing a profit of \$112,728.24.
The corrected total show a shortfall of \$46,987.14.
The correct information is

YTD Actual Income (7/1/13-12/1/13)	\$ 538,635.92
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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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ello to you all!

First I need to address something to you all about the financial report in last week's bulletin. According to that report, we have a surplus from our weekly collections of \$112,000—that is COMPLETELY wrong. How that got printed in the bulletin I do not know but I wanted to clarify for you. The reality is, to date from July 1, 2013, we have a shortfall of \$47,000.

Note: this value does not include our Christmas collection, which always helps us in our budget, but it is still a significant shortfall even when considering the potential Christmas collection. I really do not enjoy addressing the issue of money, but when this discrepancy was brought to my attention I thought I needed to clarify for you the reality ASAP! So I guess I am asking you to prayerfully consider our financial situation.

Also, as you know we recently did our census of how many people are attending mass on the weekends in our parish. I thought you should know that as compared to 10 years ago, we have approximately 900 fewer people attending mass on the weekends today. If we look at this as to the number of families, that would be 200 plus fewer families.

At our two largest masses, those being the 4:30 on Saturday and the 10:30 on Sunday, we have just fewer than 600 people attending. Our church can seat 1000 people. Therefore, even at our largest attended masses we have a significant number of empty seats. As to the reasons for this I cannot say for sure. What I do know is that attendance at mass is down all throughout the Archdiocese, so this is not something that is unique to St John Neumann. This decrease in the number of people attending mass lends to a bit of the explanation as to why the financial numbers are what they are.

So this weekend my article was all about business. I apologize for that but to close, I hope that your Advent is going well. I also wanted to let you know of something I am planning on doing as we get closer to lent. I am looking at doing an 8 week series on the bible I discovered entitled "A Quick Journey Through the Bible." As the time approaches for this to happen I will be giving you some more details on it. I am sure there is some interest on your part to have me do some instruction in this area.

Peace

Fr Ron Richards



ADULT FAITH FORMATION THANK YOU

Thank you to our Advent Nights of Reflection Speakers.

Men's Night: Fr. Joe Krupp and Women's Night: Mary McKeon.

Both were outstanding. Look for them to return for another inspiring evening.

Many thanks to the prep cooks, the servers, the chefs and the clean-uppers!

Many thanks to those who came. Without you, we would not have been so enriched!



Cucchi's Corner

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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]

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) 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.



January 5th Blood Drive at St. Thomas a'Becket

The holidays bring families and friends together in times of celebration, but for some families dealing with a cancer diagnosis or other major illness, the holidays can be a difficult time.

When you give the gift of life at the January 5th blood drive, you are giving hospital patients a chance to start the New Year.

The hours are 8:30am-2:15pm. Please call Diane at 313-549-7052 or go to www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code ccu to set up an appointment.

GIVE YOURSELF A PRAYERFUL START TO 2014



You are invited to join other parishioners in small groups to explore the Gospel of Matthew. We will use the Little Rock Scripture Study as our resource for this study.

This resource has been around since the early 1970s when a group of Catholic lay people realized their own need and desire for Bible Study from a Catholic perspective.

Why are we choosing to study the Gospel of Matthew? There are many books of Scripture we could choose to study. We have chosen the Book of Matthew because this is the book from which most of the Gospel readings during this Liturgical year will be read.

The study will begin in early February and continue until Easter. Call the Parish Office (734-455-5910) or the Religious Formation Office (734-455-5986) to register.



FAITH WORKS

Gene Kijek

Pope Francis uses an ancient dictum, *ecclesia semper reformanda*, the Church is always in reform, in his recent pastoral exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*:

28. The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if it proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be “the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters”. This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed cluster made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented.

33. Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: “We have always done it this way”. I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities. A proposal of goals without an adequate communal search for the means of achieving them will inevitably prove illusory. I encourage everyone to apply the guidelines found in this document generously and courageously, without inhibitions or fear. The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters, and especially under the leadership of the bishops, in a wise and realistic pastoral discernment.

41. At the same time, today’s vast and rapid cultural changes demand that we constantly seek ways of ex-

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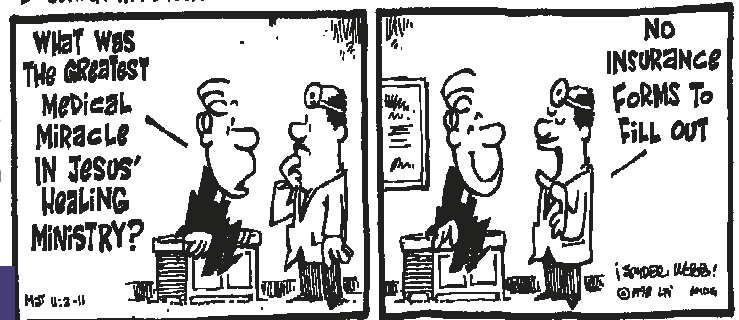
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HOW DID YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH THIS WEEK?

pressing unchanging truths in a language which brings out their abiding newness. “The deposit of the faith is one thing... the way it is expressed is another”. There are times when the faithful, in listening to completely orthodox language, take away something alien to the authentic Gospel of Jesus Christ, because that language is alien to their own way of speaking to and understanding one another. With the holy intent of communicating the truth about God and humanity, we sometimes give them a false god or a human ideal which is not really Christian. In this way, we hold fast to a formulation while failing to convey its substance. This is the greatest danger. Let us never forget that “the expression of truth can take different forms. The renewal of these forms of expression becomes necessary for the sake of transmitting to the people of today the Gospel message in its unchanging meaning”.

43. In her ongoing discernment, the Church can also come to see that certain customs not directly connected to the heart of the Gospel, even some which have deep historical roots, are no longer properly understood and appreciated. Some of these customs may be beautiful, but they no longer serve as means of communicating the Gospel. We should not be afraid to re-examine them. At the same time, the Church has rules or precepts which may have been quite effective in their time, but no longer have the same usefulness for directing and shaping people’s lives. Saint Thomas Aquinas pointed out that the precepts which Christ and the apostles gave to the people of God “are very few”. Citing Saint Augustine, he noted that the precepts subsequently enjoined by the Church should be insisted upon with moderation “so as not to burden the lives of the faithful” and make our religion a form of servitude, whereas “God’s mercy has willed that we should be free”. This warning, issued many centuries ago, is most timely today. It ought to be one of the criteria to be taken into account in considering a the reform of the Church and her preaching which would enable it to reach everyone.

SP SUNDAY IN ADVENT





Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

By: Sabrina Queen at
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Greetings and Salutations,

Well here we are the third Sunday of Advent. In today's Gospel, when John the Baptist's followers come to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah, he tells them that they should just look to **his actions**. He says that the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the Good News proclaimed to them. Jesus had done some of these things, hadn't he? People had been watching him, and they knew what he had been doing. So when Jesus reminded them of these things, they knew that what he was saying was true. When the questioners leave, Jesus takes a moment to speak about John the Baptist. He is the one who prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus proclaims him a great prophet. But then, Jesus says something even more amazing. He says "among those born of woman there has been none greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Hmmmmm... I wonder what Jesus is telling us with these words. I wonder who the people in the kingdom of heaven are. It seems as though Jesus is telling us that even though John the Baptist was really great, we can be greater. That is a great honor, and it is also a great challenge. John lived a holy life. He prayed and fasted, and he challenged people to change their lives and repent of their sins. He preached God's Word. It seems like Jesus is telling us that we are called to do the same, but to do it even better.

Special Request to all Religious Education Families: To ensure the safety of our children, we ask that all students enter and exit the building by the far North doors. This is the entrance closet to the Religious Formation Office or the Mother Teresa entrance. All vehicles must drop off and pick up at this entrance only. We know this may cause some confusion and perhaps even an inconvenience but the safety of our children is our priority. By working together we can continue to have a safe environment here at SJN.

As I conclude I want to send a GINORMOUS THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL TEENS who volunteered to help with childcare this past week for the Advent Nights of Reflection. THANK YOU to Ashlyn McCann, Olivia Smith and Katherine Rodgers. We are so grateful for your help. You ladies are Awesome!

Have a great week everyone!

Peace,
Sabrina Queen

"O Come All Ye Faithful..."

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.

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,
Marshall Grazioli mgraz5@yahoo.com,
Chris Leach cleach@stjohnneumann.us for information regarding the Human Chain.**





"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

Youth Group Christmas Party

The youth group Christmas Party has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th 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

- **Guy and Girl Lock Ins:** Permission slips for the Tri-City Guy and Girl Lock In's are available on the youth ministry website and outside the youth room. The Lock-Ins will take place Jan 24-25 (girls are at St. John Neumann, boys are at St. Genevieve). Please consider attending these amazing events. Permission slips are due Wednesday, Jan 15.
- Holiday Break:** There will not be youth group meetings on December 25 (Christmas Day) or January 1st (New Year's Day). Youth Group will resume after the holiday break on Wednesday, January 8th from 7-9pm.

Middle School Announcements

Middle School Youth Group will not meet on December 26th. Our January meetings will be held on January 9 and 23rd from 7-8:30pm in the youth room.

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

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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, bevpalcyn@hotmail.com or 734-740-3701



BAPTISMS

November 30, 2013

Jacob Allen Wiles
son of Michael and Jessica (Laginess) Wiles

December 1, 2013

Audrey Grace Sullivan
daughter of Paul and Jessica (Borg) Sullivan

A Morning with Dr. Janet Smith

St. John Neumann, St. Thomas A'Becket and Resurrection parishes are jointly organizing a mini-conference with Dr. Janet Smith as featured speaker. It will be held on Saturday, 1/11/2014; from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Dr. Smith will give two talks: "*The Family As A Path to Holiness*", and "*The Sexual Mess We Are In And How We Got Here*". (See the talk descriptions below.) The event is **free of charge** and will be hosted by Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, MI. For more information, call Mary Beth at 734.453.8163 or send a message to respondwithcourage@peoplepc.com.

Dr. Janet Smith holds the Fr. McGivney Chair in Life Ethics and is Professor of Moral Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. An internationally renowned expert and widely published author, she among other things, is consultant to the Vatican's Pontifical Council on the Family. The first 100 arrivals will get a free CD copy of her famous talk: "*Contraception: Why Not?*"

The Family as a Path to Holiness: When people become parents they must grow-up; they must become more generous, selfless, disciplined, etc. Thus, a major purpose of children is to make adults of their parents! This humorous talk, filled with anecdotes about family life, will help parents realize the importance of their vocation and provide some insight into how to do it well.

The Sexual Mess that We Are In and How We Got Here: Unwed pregnancies, abortion, and divorce have become rampant in our society. The accompanying toll of broken hearts is all around us. How did we get here? Dr. Smith will explore the causes of our culture's radically altered understanding of the meaning and purpose of human sexuality, and its discounting of the belief that babies are a beautiful gift from God. She will discuss the church's answer which is a proven enhancer of marital satisfaction and stability.

You May RSVP at www.amorningwithdrsmith.eventbrite.com.

SJN Varsity Boys#1 Win Division Opener!

In search of their fourth straight division title under head coach Mike Marek, the St. John Neumann varsity boys #1 basketball team raced out to a 26-11 first quarter lead and won their league opener 58-31 over St. Raphael. The team was lead by A.J. Neal's 14 points and Ryan Young's 12. Adam Pitcole and Justin Polce added 10 and 7 points in the win. Derek Greening scored 6 and Jack Heinieman chipped in with 4. Other team members who contributed were Aaron Garbarino, Danny Lanava, Matt Breada and Jonathon Michalak. The team is coached by Angelo Lanava, Stat man Nick Aresco and head coach Mike Marek.



On December 7th the St John Neumann JV Boys basketball team started their league schedule with a convincing victory 21 – 9 over St Raphael. The game was close through the first three quarters until the Dragons defensive pressure wore down the visiting St Raphael team and scored 10 unanswered points in the 4th quarter. The Dragons were led by strong rebounding by Grant Caswell and scoring contributions by Mitchel Winnie and Aidan Garbino, who scored 4 points each. In total eight players scored during the game including Michael Mihalic, Jack Vepaziani, Jack Kandah, Adrian Regenski, Joe Locriochio, and Grant Caswell. The victory was a team effort with aggressive defense and rebounding coming from Kenny Lashaway, Damon Hardesty, Sam Doneth, Ben Mattern, and Reid Caswell. The JV Boys Dragons are coached by Brian Naszradi, Doug Bohrer and Tom Doneth.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sunday, December 15
3rd Sunday Of Advent
Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30
Holy Land Gifts

Monday, December 16
9:00am Liturgy
4:30pm Religious Education
6:10pm Religious Education
6:30pm Square Dancing
7:00pm Baptism Prep
7:30pm Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 17
9:00am Liturgy
9:30am Women's Spirituality (Sp)
4:30pm Religious Education
6:10pm Religious Education
6:30pm Kids of the Kingdom

Wednesday, December 18
10:00am Bible Study
6:30pm Rosary/Novena
7:00pm High School Youth Group
7:00pm Catechumens
7:00 pm OA
7:30pm FA
8:00 pm AA

Thursday, December 19
7:00pm Parish Council
7:30am Alzheimers
7:30pm Women's AA

Friday, December 20
8:15am Stations of the Cross
9:00am Liturgy

Saturday, December 21
4:30pm Liturgy

Sunday, December 22
4th Sunday of Advent
Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 16, 9:00a.m.
Int. Ray Coppiellie Family
David Digasbarro (wife & family)
Mary Saliba (Carrie Saliba)
Margaret Spas (Family)
Tuesday, December 17, 9:00 a.m.
Special Intention (Linda Morehead)
Friday, December 20, 9:00 a.m.
Gustavo Cardona (Family)
Rose & Don Groendal (Family)
Int Sumar & Christian Salazar (Family)
Natalie Salazar (Family)
Saturday, December 21, 4:30p.m.
Edmund Gutowski (Bill & Cathy)
Richard Kraus (Family)
Michael & Kathryn Mrocka (Family)
Lucile Schnell (Wednesday lunch friends)
Anthony Sliwka (Family)
Special Intention (Family)
Sunday, December 22, 8:30a.m.
Clarence Doe (Alice Grodus)
John Grodus (Alice Grodus)
Anna Malinowski (Patrick Flanagan)
Pauline Pardy (Carrie Saliba)
Sestine Tomei (Family)
Walter & Bernice Wawrzynowicz (Arlene Ladell)
10:30 a.m.
Bob Lewandowski (Family)
Giuseppe Perri (Domenica Perri & Family)
12:30 p.m.
Int. Carole Montillo Agoncillo (Rene Montilla)
Johanna Malinowski (Pasto Family)
Flor Mejia (Salazar Family)
Javier Mejia (Salazar Family)
Genevieve Michalowski (Family)
Int. Luz Montilla (Rene Montilla)



Monday, December 16
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Matthew 21:23-27

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

Wed., December 18
Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

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

4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 22
Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24



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ANNIVERSARIES OF DECEASED PARISHIONERS

- December 16 Clyde Vann (1997)
Gregory Crawford (2006)
Frances Krist (2007)

- December 17 Janet Perry (1994)
Emil Mucha (1996)
James Meyer (1998)
William Shannon, Sr. (1999)
Thomas Cantin (2008)
Edward Petrosky (2008)

- December 18 Alice Benoit (1990)
Winifred Missero (1997)
Casimira Gromada (2005)

- December `19 Geraldine Stobar (1985)
Nicoletta Zimmerman (2009)

- December 20 Samuel Franzeca (1997)
Adele Kuras (1999)
Irene Bober (2000)

- December 21 Susan Baker (1980)
Rose Groendal (2010)

- December 22 Lester Pitt (1995)
Mary Mojek (2009)



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



*Indicates parishioner



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

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| SSgt Leonard Adams | Pvt Bradley M. Finch | Col. Robert Lukens | Capt Tyrus Scott |
| 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 |
| RDML Kevin Donegan | Pvt Virgil Klein | Maj Jason Redlin | Capt Drew Ziolkowski |
| 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

Bill and Diane Kapelanski

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

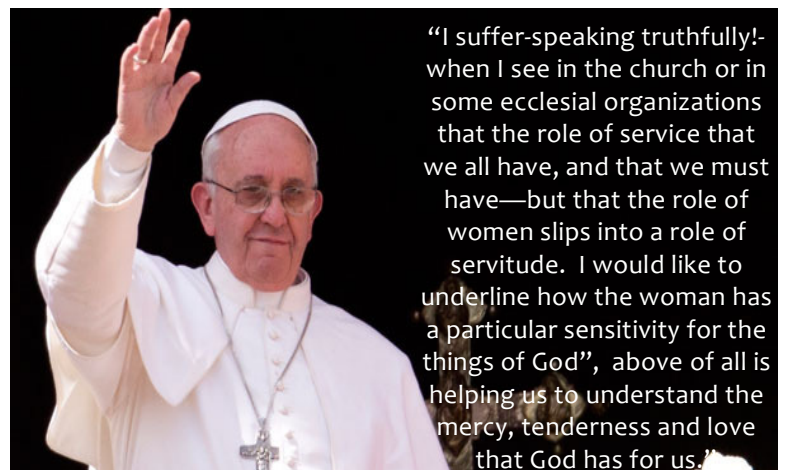
What exactly is Grief Support? It is an opportunity to talk about your loss, to express your grief, ask questions, and support through your grieving process. It is for people who have lost someone in their lives. All are welcome regardless of church affiliation.

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.”

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to thank all SJN parishioners for their support during our second full year of operation. This year SVDP has provided assistance to approximately 455 people totaling \$58,00, and we conducted 133 home visits. Approximately \$34,000, or 60% of our funds, were used for shelter and represents an increase of 95% from the prior year. We prevented evictions and provided temporary shelter to 172 people in this category of assistance. Other major categories of assistance include: Utilities-\$6,435 (82 people); Groceries/Clothing—\$4,492 (139 people); and Furniture/Bedding—\$2,254 (30 people).

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul could not have accomplished these works of charity without your generous support. We want to let you know that your donations are being distributed compassionately, but also efficiently. We look forward to serving the SJN community in the coming year. May God bless us all.

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