

IN THE SPIRIT

December 22, 2013

Fourth Sunday of Advent

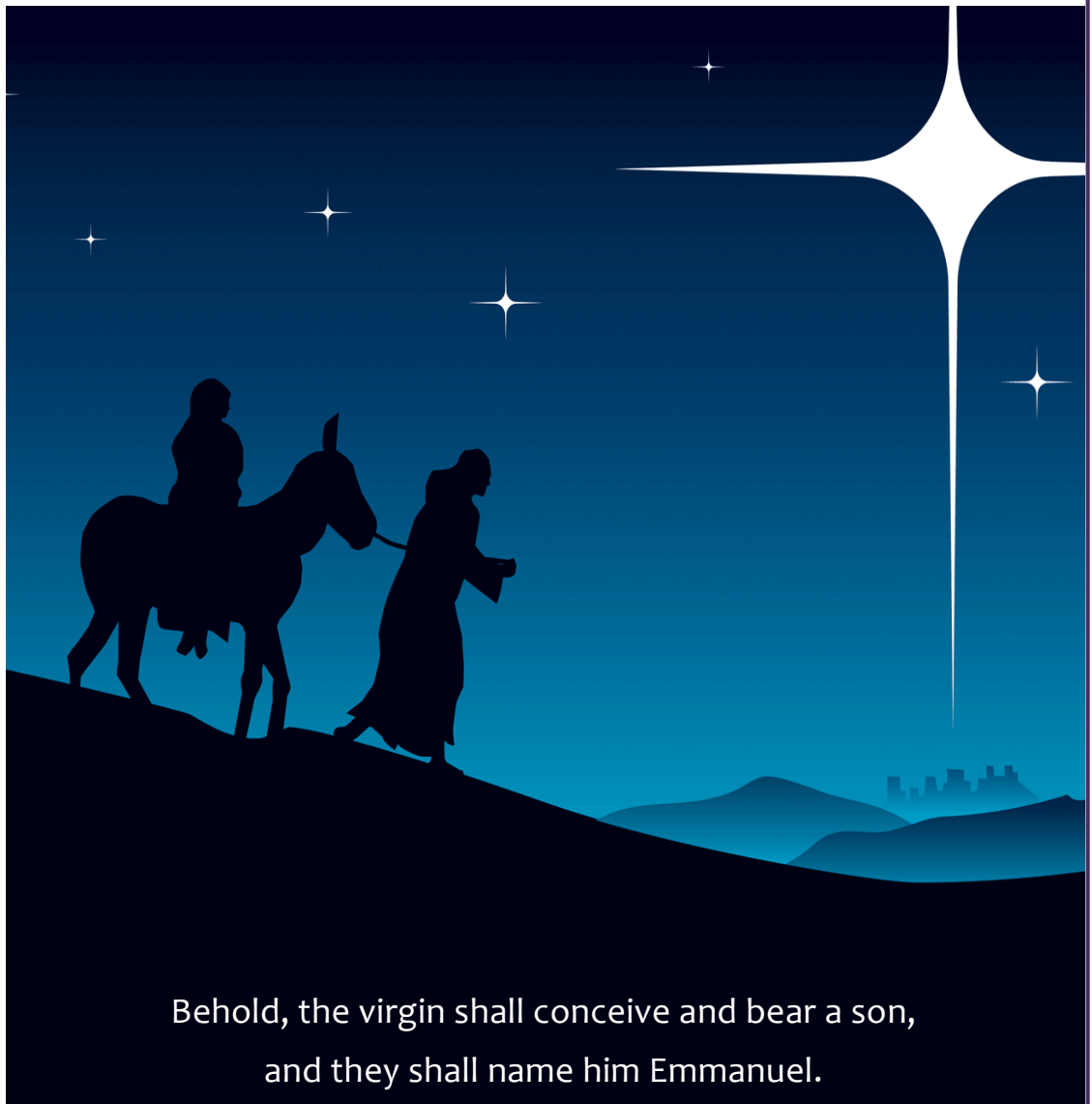
CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Dec. 24

4:00, 6:00, 9:00pm

Dec. 25

8:30, 10:30am,
12:30pm



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS
Week of Dec 14 & 15, 2013

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 11,940.28
Loose Offering	\$ 1,618.00
Sunday Direct Deposit	\$ 2,474.00
Facility Maintenance	\$ 496.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 60.00
Misc Income (Tuition, Donations, Etc)	\$ 731.00
Total Income	\$ 17,319.28
Budgeted Income per week	\$ 26,619.23

YTD Actual Income (7/1/13- 12/15/13) \$
 590,979.57

YTD Budgeted Income (7/1/13-12/15/13) \$
 638,861.52

No. Sunday Envelopes Issued 2,772

On-line giving is now available. Visit our website or contact Jan Jacobs, Bookkeeper at janjacobs.email@gmail.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.



Hello All!

IT'S MY OPINION AND I HAVE ONE!

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This past Monday we had our Lenten reconciliation service. The theme for the service was Discipleship, more importantly *Intentional Discipleship*. After the service a couple of people remarked how much they enjoyed the theme. And one of the priests in attendance stated that as he himself reflected on the theme. It would have been great if we could have had 10 minutes or so between each section to absorb the meaning. So I have decided to do a couple of things, I think over the next few weeks I am going to place sections of this in my article, along with posting the program on the website. I do hope that this can lead to some provoking thought in your heart. So I ask you to simply look at this and pray and reflect all week on each section that I post.

While every disciple is a believer, not every believer is a disciple.

Many people, when they hear the term disciple, they believe it refers to the early followers of Christ. We know that they were a praying, worshipping, loving, giving, and evangelizing group of men and women who refused to keep the truth of the gospel to themselves. Yet, God still desires disciples today, ordinary people like you and me whom God can use to do extraordinary things.

The Christian experience of the believers in the first-century church may seem radical to many in the church today. But to those early believers, it was normal Christianity. And these men and women empowered and motivated by the Holy Spirit turned their world upside down for the sake of Christ. In short, they were truly intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

Today's reconciliation service is meant to be a reflection on whether or not we are intentional disciples of Christ. And if not where are we with our relationship/discipleship of Christ.

Are We Intentional Disciples?

If so our Christian walk will be challenging and exciting, and you will have a sense of purpose and direction. But if your Christian experience is dull, unfulfilling, and boring at times, you need to examine the statements Jesus made concerning what it means to be a disciple.

A disciple is a learner, a pupil, one who comes to be taught

When it comes to a personal discipleship, Jesus is more interested in quality over quantity.

I will continue this with the next article and I will see most of you PLUS either Tuesday, (Christmas Eve) or Wednesday (Christmas Day)

Oh by the way a HUGE thank you to you all, St Vincent DePaul, told me that even though the number of people at mass was down last weekend due the weather and the roads, the amount donated in the Top Hat's, was one of the largest weekend donations they received, THANK YOU FOR BEING SO GENEROUS!

Peace

Fr. Ron Richards



Cucchi's Corner

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The Psalm Response we sang this weekend came out of our green *Gather* hymnals-#34 *We Long to see Your Face* by Kevin Keil. This Psalm goes so well with the scriptures at this time of the year since we are focusing in on end time themes.

O God this is the people that longs to see your face.
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All the earth is yours, O God, the world and those who dwell on it.
You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who can ascend your mountain, God? Or who may stand in this holy place?
Those whose hands are sinless, hearts are clean, and desire not the vanity of earth.

They shall receive your blessing, God, their Savior shall reward them.
Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks your face, of God of Jacob.

Here is some information about the composer:

Kevin Keil brings over 40 years of musical experience to his love of sacred music. He is a prolific composer of instrumental and vocal pieces. Kevin has been composing nearly as long as he has been involved in church music, and finds much of his inspiration growing out of the needs of his church music programs. He believes in taking the very best of our musical heritage and blending it with a contemporary style that makes the music new again.

Kevin received a bachelor's degree in music from Cleveland State University and a master's in church music and liturgy from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. Before moving to Texas, he was an organist, pianist, guitarist, cantor and music director in Cleveland area Catholic churches for 30 years. He has been director of music ministries at St. Francis Catholic Church in Grapevine, Texas, since June 2000.

BAPTISMS

December 15, 2013

Ryan Alan Callies
son of Gary and Sheri (Lambert) Callies

Eisley Marie Carravallah
daughter of Ben and Kara (Graziano) Carravallah

Kizhaya Myra Fernandes
daughter of Gerald and Aroha (Rodrigues) Fernandes

Luke Daniel Timmerman
son of Nicholas and Kelli (Harvey) Timmerman



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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

Christmas Wafers (opłatek) are available this week in the Gathering Area. Originating in Eastern Europe, these communion-like wafers are shared among family members and friends during the Christmas season (traditionally before the Christmas Vigil dinner).

The simple ceremony begins with the reading of the gospel, Luke 2:1-14.

The leader then says: At this feast, we share the joy of heaven. We rejoice with the Holy Family of Bethlehem. Having sighted the first star, we gather at this table to hear glad tidings of comfort and joy. Summoned to the festival we break bread and share the holy wafer. The breaking of this bread brings with it a promise of reconciliation and peace. As we share it with each other, we are bound to forgive each other all the wrongs we have done

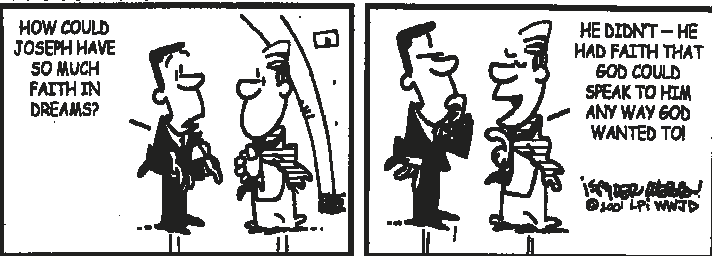


in the past, and never return to them. Through forgiveness the Lord is born in our family, as Bethlehem, "the house of bread," happens once again among us. For this reason the holy wafer is called the "bread of love." Glory to God in Highest Heaven!

ALL: PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH!

Before the Opłatek is shared, the head of the household traditionally extends Christmas wishes and remembers those who are not able to be present. A mention may be made of family members who have departed during the year. Remembering those with whom the vigil dinner was celebrated in the past also summons them to share the festival. It is customary for the eldest person to initiate the sharing of the wafer. All share the holy wafer exchanging [greetings and joyful wishes](#) for the coming year.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Pope Francis ended his latest publication, **The Joy of the Gospel**, with a prayer to Mary - very appropriate as we conclude Advent this week.

*Mary, Virgin and Mother,
you who, moved by the Holy Spirit,
welcomed the word of life
in the depths of your humble faith:
as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One,
help us to say our own "yes"
to the urgent call, as pressing as ever,
to proclaim the good news of Jesus.*

*Filled with Christ's presence,
you brought joy to John the Baptist,
making him exult in the womb of his mother.
Brimming over with joy,
you sang of the great things done by God.
Standing at the foot of the cross
with unyielding faith,
you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection,
and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit
so that the evangelizing Church might be born.*

*Obtain for us now a new ardor born of the resurrection,
that we may bring to all the Gospel of life
which triumphs over death.
Give us a holy courage to seek new paths,²¹
that the gift of unfading beauty
may reach every man and woman.
Virgin of listening and contemplation,
Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast,
pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are,
that she may never be closed in on herself
or lose her passion for establishing God's kingdom.*

*Star of the new evangelization,
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, ardent and generous faith,
justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel
may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world.
Mother of the living Gospel,
wellspring of happiness for God's little ones,
pray for us.
Amen. Alleluia!*

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HOW DID YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH THIS WEEK?



Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

By: Sabrina Queen at
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Greetings and Salutations,

Today my article will be in two parts. Part I is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Here is a quick thought for reflection on today's Gospel...In the Christmas gifts that I am making, purchasing, or contributing to, how am I reflecting to others that Jesus, Our Emmanuel, is the main cause for the celebration?

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who experienced Christ's love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past Saturday.

Isabelle Ahme	Sofia Gonzalez	Kate Reising
Kaitlin Allen	Nicholas Gozdor	Ella Rentz
Nicholas Amalraj	Joshua Granowicz	Leo Roscini
Trinity Amalraj	Isaiah Gutierrez	Maya Safadi
Alyssa Anderson	Elizabeth Gutkowski	Jacob Skavery
Chinechelum Anwunah	Diego Hernandez-Ramirez	Jack Smith
Chisom Anwunah	Brianna Hodge	Elise Sydlowski
Rachel Apley	Adrianna Johnson	Michael Theisen
Madelyn Bajorek	Lauren Kudla	Colin Tomaszycski
Aaron Basel	Alyssa Lagumen	Caroline Valdes
Alexandrea Blackburn	Lena LaJoy	Benjamin Van Horn
Marissa Camporesi	Chase Lewis	Emily Ward
James Carter	Hailey Malbon	Audrey Watson
Raymond Concha	Carly McClain	Anthony Yono
Kendra Conely	Mason Monahan	Mackenzie Young
Christian Culhane	Michael Nicholas	
Ava Demchinski	Emma Niszcak	
Maeve Dennie	Ryan Pablo	
Libbie Fluharty	Conor Przybylo	
Sydney Frey	David Puchalt	
Jillian Gerus	Connor Rayha	



"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



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.



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.

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 31st. 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](tel:313-562-3080), or Mary Anne at [313-565-5749](tel: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.

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 8th
at 7:00pm.

We will be discussing :*The Last Song*"
by Nicholas Sparks.

All are welcome!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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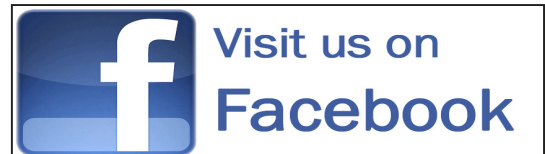
Sunday, December 22
4th Sunday Of Advent
Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30pm
Monday, December 23
9:00am Liturgy
6:30pm Square Dancing
Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
4:00pm Liturgy
6:00pm Liturgy
9:00pm Liturgy
Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day
8:30am Liturgy
10:30am Liturgy
12:30pm Liturgy
Thursday, December 26
Closed
Friday, December 27
8:15am Stations of the Cross
9:00am Liturgy
Saturday, December 28
4:30pm Liturgy
Sunday, December 29
Holy Family
Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30



Monday, December 23, 9:00a.m.
Gilbert D. Crysler (Wife, Joyce)
Maureen Fegan (Glenn Shannon)
Tuesday, December 24, 9:00 a.m.
Mae Kniespeck (Betty Searls)
Friday, December 27, 9:00 a.m.
Gustavo Cardona (Family)
Edward Kromer -13th Anniv. (Family)
Int. of Andrew Manuel (Family)
Int. of Christian Manuel (Family)
Int Sumar & Christian Salazar (Family)
Int. of Silva Family (Family)
Lucile Wilemon—1st Anniv. (Family)
Special Intention (Linda Morehead)
Saturday, December 28, 4:30p.m.
Lottie Basiaga (Family)
Jordan Black (Roger & Linda Meese)
Joseph Douglas (Carrie Saliba)
Int. Sharon Grenier (Lucille Grenier)
Bernice White (Carrie Saliba)
Special Intention (Family)
Sunday, December 29, 8:30a.m.
Helen Warchol (Jesy Camilleri)
10:30 a.m.
Richard T. Gorecki (Millie & Frank Macek)
Stella Rys (Majszak Family)
Joseph & Catherine Sobczak (Bob & Mary Ann Victor)
12:30 p.m.
Int. Carole Montillo Agoncillo (Rene Montilla)
Int. Luz Montilla (Rene Montilla)
Jerry Pfile (SJN Parish Family)



Monday, December 23 Malachi 3:1-4,23-24
Luke 1:57-66
Tuesday, December 24 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
Luke 1:67-79
Wed., December 25 Nativity of the Lord
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18
Thursday, December 26 Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22
Friday, December 27 1 John 1:1-4
John 20:1a,2-8
Saturday, December 28 1 John 1:5—2:2
Matthew 2:13-18
Holy Family
Sunday, December 29
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



ANNIVERSARIES OF DECEASED PARISHIONERS

- December 23 Joseph Siergiej (1988)
Dolores Marcis (2009)
- December 24 Stella Bloch (1991)
Marvell Radtke (2008)
- December 25 Catherine Slegler (1989)
Richard Kurkowski (1997)
Americo (Henry) Capaldi (1999)
Theresa Wilson (2007)
Florence Lenart (2009)
- December 26 Brandon Spencer (1989)
Mildred Perlongo (1992)
Bernice Heaney (1997)
Louise Lukowski (2004)
Clara D’Aiuto (2005)
- December 27 Laurie Ann Keiffer (1984)
Lucille Miklaszewski (1987)
Mary Collrin (2008)
Sestina Tomei (2011)
- December 28 James Rice (1980)
Julia Bartus (1980)
Mary M. Stephens (1980)
Dorothy M. Butzin (1982)
Loretta Lieberman (1995)
Katherine Thomas (2009)
- December 29 Leslie Luther (1985)
Bernard Zajac (2010)



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 | *Patrick Rzepecki |
| *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 |
| *Ellen Lindner | William Womac |
| Jesse Lindlbauer | Cindy Woods Gerth |
| Frank Luedtke | *Peter Young |
| Jeremy Mains | Hilde Zajac |
| Norm Mientkiewicz | *Ron Ziemba |
| Lindsay Miller | *Charlotte Zub |
| *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 | A1C Amanda Fields | Pvt Anthony Lanzon | 2nd Lt Dan Russo |
| Capt. David Anderson | Pvt Bradley M. Finch | Col. Robert Lukens | Capt Tyrus Scott |
| LtCol Dave Bares | Capt Erin Jensen Foley | E2 Shawn Lyons | SPC Guy Schlachter |
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| Sgt. David Beattie | Sgt. Forney | Pvt. Justin Ambrose Mabe | Capt Shannon Schuerger |
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| Capt James R. Bernthal | Capt Eric Hettinga | Sgt Marc P. Maziarz | LtCol David Sebeck |
| Capt Geno Berta | Sgt Jessica Hladky | SpF Christian Mejia | Sgt Martin Smith |
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| SSgt Kevin Carney | LtCmdr Sherry Kaminski | Carl Park, SFC | Sgt Christopher Wiacek |
| E3 Toni Colon | Capt Jeff Kelly | Sgt Alex A. Polka | 1st Lt Amanda Witt |
| Capt Sean Conlen | Capt Kristin Yampaglia Kelly | SGM Joseph A. Polka | Sgt Alex White |
| Sgt James A. Cooper | LCpl Anthony Kennard | Sgt Michael Potrzebowski | SSgt Robert L. Woods |
| RDML Kevin Donegan | Col David Kennedy | Capt Mark Rausch | 2nd Lt. Daniel M. York |
| E2 Joseph Dziuban | Pvt Virgil Klein | Maj Jason Redlin | Capt Drew Ziolkowski |
| E2 Mark Dziuban | 1st Lt Roman Kocherovsky | Sgt Christopher M. Rudzinski | Cmdr John F. Zrembski |
| Ens. Matthew English | Capt Natalie Ann Korona | Lt Col Michael C. Rudzinski | |

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

The Maycock-Williams Family

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

Varsity Boys #1 Win Again!

The St. John Neumann Varsity boys #1 basketball team cruised to their second straight division win by beating St. Robert Bellermino 52-29. The team raced out to a 25-14 halftime lead and increased it's lead to 20 points, three minutes into the 3rd quarter. All starters were pulled at this point and the second five went on to seal the victory. Leading the scoring was A. J. Neal with 22 points and Ryan Young with 9. Justin Polce added 8 points, while Aaron Garbarino chipped in with 7. Danny Lanava grabbed 6 rebounds and Jonathan Michalak scored 5 points. The team is now 2-0 in division play. Other key team members are Derek Greening, Adam Pitcole, Jack Heineman and Matt Breda. The team is coached by Angelo Lanava, stat man Nick Aresco and head coach Mike Marek.



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.



"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!"

Thank you for your kindness and overwhelming generosity to the Jesse Tree this blessed season. The giving spirit of the St. John Neumann family is boundless to be sure.

Thanks to those who participated in the Human Chain this past Sunday, as they moved a mountain of gifts with eager strength!

The families of St. Christine/Christ the King Parish, Salvation Army of Plymouth Canton, Archdiocese of Detroit - AIDS Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul-SJN Chapter, St. Vincent DePaul Justice Initiative, First Step, St. Aloysius, St. Peter and Paul Warming Center, Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank, St. Hedwig Parish, and St. John Neumann have received your packages and will celebrate this Christmas morning with many smiles and tender hearts. All of this because of you.

Our great many thanks to all of you who have contributed in any way to the many pieces of the puzzle to make this year a very giving year.

Merry Christmas !

"Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.."

1 Chronicles 29:9