

IN THE SPIRIT

December 29, 2013

The Holy Family

Mary,
the Holy Mother
of God
Liturgy 9:00am



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Due to early deadlines over the holidays the financial report will be updated in January.

Merry Christmas!

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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First, I hope you all had a Blessed and Merry Christmas. This Wednesday we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. It is one of our Holy Days in the liturgical year so I know I will see you all at 9:00 am mass on that day!

As I said in last week's article I am continuing to publish the Reconciliation service from December 16th so here is the next section of that. Next week's article will complete that for you all!

Presider: A reading from the Gospel According to Luke

“Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.”

Three times in this message, Jesus used the phrase, “cannot be my disciple.” In other words, Jesus was laying out some absolute requirements for discipleship.

To be a disciple, I must love God more than anyone else!

Reader:

Do I place God first and foremost in my life?

Do I go beyond the minimum of weekly mass and seek God outside of my obligation?

Do I turn my back on the demands of the world when they come in conflict with what God expects of me?

Psalm Response:

Jesus our teacher and our Lord, stooped to wash the feet of his disciples, and he told them, “This is an example; just as I have done, so you must do.”

Presider:

“And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

The greatest barrier to discovering all that God has for us is our preoccupation with self. We have become a self-obsessed society. Jesus' mandate goes against the grain of popular culture. In fact, many in the church today have been advocating that the answer to most of the problems in our society is to build up our self-esteem and feelings of self-worth.

To be a Disciple I must deny myself and take up the Cross

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Cucchi's Corner

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One of my favorite texts to meditate on at this time of year is *In The Bleak Midwinter*. Below are the words to this beautiful song:

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, Whom cherubim, worship night and day,
Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, Whom angels fall before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

These inspiring words, written in 1872 by Christina Rossetti for *Scribner's Monthly* magazine, always put me in a joyful Christmas mood! As we journey once again to that stable in Bethlehem to see the Christ Child, let us recommit ALL that we are and have to the Lord Jesus. Many blessings on you and your family in the New Year!

Rick Cucchi, M.M.

Director of Music Ministries

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!



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

The Feast of the Holy Family emphasizes the meaning of the God with us. it also marks a transition in Luke's gospel. Jesus was twelve years old - a time of transition to adulthood in that culture. Jesus wasn't lost in the Temple; he had to be there, the place which is the heart of wisdom, the place of his father.

As the story is written, the family was on the great yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem. This time Jesus was not a child. He was Bar Mitzvah - a "Son of the Law." Mary and Joseph think Jesus is "lost." They seek frantically for him, finally finding him in the Temple.

When a child on the brink of adulthood breaks into a world beyond what his parents have known or seemed to have know, it's hard on the parents. Suddenly, there is a gap between parent and child.

Parents come to realize that children are not our possessions but rather our companions on the pilgrimage of life. So they have to discover in themselves the wisdom of God to discern, to believe, to restrain, to let go, and to recognize their limitations.

As the story ends, we are left with the assuring thought that when family life is a mutually respectful affair between parents and children, both grow to full maturity .

Today we celebrate the gift of family, the domestic church, the foundation of our society.

Mark the Date!

February 15, 2014

Romancing Marriage
Parish Dinner Dance
for Married Couples

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FAMILY BLESSING

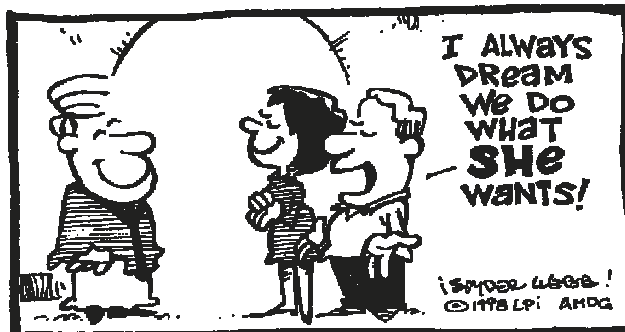
Blessed are You, eternal God,
King of the universe:
You have called us in Jesus to be Your beloved
people,
living good and holy lives in Your sight.

Bless + our family.
Let your Spirit guide our words and deeds,
so that our light may shine before all
and lead all who know us to give You praise.
May our home be filled with the spirit of love,
with the obedience of faith,
and the strength of hope.
Make our lives happy in Your service,
and bring us in Your love to your eternal
home.

Loving God,
we praise Your Name,
and ask this blessing through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HOLY FAMILY



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HOW DID YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH THIS WEEK?



Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Greetings and Salutations,

OOOPS—This was supposed to be included in last week's bulletin—but it is **STILL** the Christmas season!

Part II

In just three days we will celebrate Christmas...

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulder; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Sabrina Queen

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The church usually celebrates the Feast of the Holy family the Sunday following Christmas, venerating Jesus' earthly family. This day also lifts up and encourages our own family circles as we seek to live faithful lives.

Personal story...don't worry I will be brief. This Advent I read from the book “The Promise of Peace” by Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP. In this booklet Sr. recommends all these wonderful things to put into daily practice. She talked about Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Sr. Janet told a story about some Jewish families who make a “Sabbath Box.” A Sabbath box holds all the things you don't need on the Sabbath: wallets, car keys, cell phones, remote control, flash drive, your “to do lists” etc. I recommended to my own family we adopt this practice beginning today. We found a decorative box and will begin our new tradition on this day as we celebrate the Holy Family.

The Religious Education Office will be closed December 30-January 2nd. We will return January 3, 2014. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Sabrina Queen
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Winter Fitness Blitz

Monday, January 13—Monday, March 3

10:00am—11:00am

6 Weeks: \$42. Instructor: Joe Mason

Get fit after all those holiday treats and festivities

Get your exercise regime into high gear!!!

Flyers are available in the Gathering Area





"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

Happy New Year!!

There will be no Middle School or High School Youth Group meetings this week due to the holidays. Both groups will resume in January:

**High School Youth Group
resumes Wednesday, January 8th, 7-9pm**

**Middle School Youth Group
resumes Thursday, January 9th, 7-8:30pm**

Check the youth ministry page at www.stjohnneumann.us for a complete list of dates and announcements for Winter/Spring 2014.

-Chris Leach
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(734) 455-5910 x 20



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

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 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.

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Reader:

Am I so caught up in myself that I do not recognize the needs of others in the world?
 Are my ambitions for the gain of my prowess in my work, school, or other things in secular society?
 Do I ignore calls of service to help others in times of need?
 Do I make excuses for not helping society or do I give freely of myself?

Psalm Response:

Jesus our teacher and our Lord, stooped to wash the feet of his disciples, and he told them, "This is an example; just as I have done, so you must do."

Peace

Fr. Ron Richards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 29
Holy Family
 Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30pm

Monday, December 30
 9:00am Liturgy

Tuesday, December 31
 9:00am Liturgy

Wednesday, January 1
 9:00am Liturgy

Thursday, January 2
 7:30pm Womens AA

Friday, January 3
 8:15am Stations of the Cross
 9:00am Liturgy

Saturday, January 4
 4:30pm Liturgy

Sunday, January 5
Epiphany
 Liturgy: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30



Mass Intentions
 FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 30, 9:00a.m.
 Fred Chevillot (*Jim & Marge Najarian*)
 Ann Kniespeck (*Betty Searls*)

Tuesday, December 31, 9:00 a.m.
 Genevieve Michalowski (*Family*)
 Flora Mejia, Javier Mejia, & Natalie Salazar (*Family*)

Wednesday, January 1, 9:00a.m.
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
 Rita Miller (*Family*)
 Natalie Salazar (*Family*)

Friday, January 3, 9:00 a.m.
 David Baranski (*Family & Friends*)
 Helen Emery (*Linda Morehead*)
 Helen Engels (*Linda Morehead*)
 Richard Lustig (*Joe & Nicky Bonnett*)
 Int Sumar & Christian Salazar (*Family*)
 Souls in Purgatory
 Special Intention

Saturday, January 4, 4:30p.m.
 Dorothy & Al Assenmacher (*Figore & Holmes Families*)
 Madeline Bertram (*Marvin Bertram*)
 William T. Klimek (*Family*)
 Dolores Musson (*SJN Parish Family*)
 Special Intention (*Family*)

Sunday, January 5, 8:30a.m.
 Lawrence Balogh (*Glenn & Terri Moore*)
 Int. Brenda Globke (*Arlene Ladell*)

10:30 a.m.
 Casimir Szymoniak (*Gaylord Smith*)

12:30 p.m.
 Vincent & Loretta Angelo Fiorini (*Florence Family*)
 Elizabeth Grelik (*Family*)



Monday, December 30 1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40	Tuesday, December 31 1 John 2:18-21 Luke 1:67-79	Wed., January 1 Solemnity of Mary Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
Thursday, January 2 1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28	Friday, January 3 1 John 2:29-3:6 John 1:29-34	Saturday, January 4 1 John 3:7-10 John 1:35-42
Epiphany Sunday, January 5 Isaiah 60:1-6		
	Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6	Matthew 2:1-12



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ANNIVERSARIES OF DECEASED PARISHIONERS

December 30 Therese Paul (1998)
 Jean Pomaranski (2000)
 Marlene Faybrick (2000)
 Henry Deochoa (2000)
 Joseph Sneath (2006)

December 31 Joseph R. Violi (1992)
 John Endredy (1997)
 Gordon Handloser (1999)
 Alexander Kmiecik (2005)

January 1 James Pilaske (1998)

January 2 Florentino delaFuente (1984)
 Robert Pierce (1994)
 Jean Marie Waldecker (1997)
 Estelle Bowers (2007)

January 3 Anne Zielinski (1997)
 Donald Behnke (2000)
 Ernest Garner (2001)
 Virginia Kriston (2003)
 Gertrude Witkowski (2004)
 Mary Walsh (2007)

January 4 Catherine Rotarius (1989)
 Dennis Daley (1989)
 Janet LeFranc (1990)
 Ray Sanderson (1996)
 Florence Ayotte (2006)
 Benita Herman (2009)
 Michael Groff (2010)
 Lawrence Nemeth (2012)

January 5 Kerry Granger (1983)
 Victor Dell'Orco (1988)
 Alice Spear (1995)
 James Blanchard (2003)
 Casimir Szymoniak (2013)

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*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 Solodion
*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

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
A1C Paige C. Bauer	Capt. Justin Foley	Capt David McGraw	Maj Jason Schuerger
Sgt. David Beattie	Sgt. Forney	Pvt. Justin Ambrose Mabe	Capt Shannon Schuerger
Col Robert Benning	Sgt Lucas Hankins	PO Shaun Marx	Justin James Sams
Capt James R. Bernthal	Capt Eric Hettinga	Sgt Marc P. Maziarz	LtCol David Sebuck
Capt Geno Berta	Sgt Jessica Hladky	SpF Christian Mejia	Sgt Martin Smith
LCpl Devin A. Boersma	Maj Carrie Howe	Sgt Carson Middlebrook	SPC Matthew Spear
SSgt Eric Brooks	HTFN Richard Hoyer	SPC Denis Montilla	2nd Lt Dennis Speck
LTJG Jennifer Brooks	Sgt Michael Jacobs	SSgt Michael J. Moomaw	Sgt Joseph Spinicchia
Cpl Rebecca Brooks	PFC Daniella C. Jara	Dwayne Naugle	Sara Marie Taylor
LCpl Drew Butler	Maj David Jesurun	PFC Erik Nelsen	E3 John Theisen
LCpl Justin Butler	Sgt Ryan A. Johnson	Maj Brian Nicosia	SPC Shaun G. Towler
PO3 Christopher Bykowski	LtCol Robert Kaminski	Pvt James Oaks	SPC John Edward Watkins
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

Priestly Vocations: December 29, 2013 DISCERNMENT WEEKEND COMING

The Family is the seedbed of vocations. One of the greatest gifts to any Catholic family would be to have one of their children called by God to a special service in the Church as a priest. *"Families are not only the privileged place for human and Christian formation; they can also be 'the primary and most excellent seed-bed of vocations to a life of consecration to the Kingdom of God,' by helping their members to see, precisely within the family, the beauty and the importance of the priesthood..." Pope Benedict* Are we doing all that we can to encourage our sons, grandsons, and nephews to hear and answer that call? ? **Invite them to attend a Discernment Weekend, January 16-19, 2014 or a Day of Discernment with Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, February 15, 2014.** Visit our website for more information: www.detroitpriest.com. Follow us on [Facebook: Office of Priestly Vocations](#) or [Twitter @DetroitPriest](#).

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.



Retrouvaille Weekend Program January 10-12, 2014.

It is a New Year! A time for renewal and the hope of a bright future. Over 5,000 hurting couples have experienced that hope through the Retrouvaille program in the Detroit area. Most couples attend because someone recommended the program or they saw the notice in the parish bulleting. Struggling couples are looking for help and want a lifeline, but do not know where to turn. Retrouvaille can help.

Retrouvaille of Metro Detroit, a Peer Ministry focused on reaching out to hurting couples longing for renewal and hope, announces the January 2014 Weekend Program. The Weekend will be held January 10-12 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

For more information, or to register to attend the Weekend Program, please see our website: www.retrouvaille.info or call [1-800-470-2230](tel:1-800-470-2230).

Retrouvaille of Metro Detroit has six programs scheduled for 2014, each beginning with a weekend on the following dates:

- January 10
- March 7
- May 2
- June 27
- August 15
- October 24