



MASS INTENTIONS

From the Pastor's Desk



Sunday, December 7th

2nd Sunday of Advent



9:00 am Mary & Ray Thomas,
Barbara Fleshman & Mary Jo Morchak
11:00 am Paul & Dolores Valachovic

Monday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception

8:30 am John Dzuricko
7:00 pm Deceased Members of the
Voland & Rakoczy Families

Tuesday, December 9th

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday, December 10th

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Thursday, December 11th

8:30 am Sick & Needy of SJN
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Friday, December 12th

8:30 am Wilma Vitigoj

Saturday, December 13th

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, December 14th

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of SJN Holy Name Society
11:00 am Frank "Jerry" Bloedorn

Thank you for the following collections:

Sunday, November 30th \$3553.49

Students \$2.55

Thanksgiving Day for St. Vincent de Paul

\$1118.00

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

Advent calls us to watch and wait for the Coming of Our Lord. We recall that first coming at Christmas and we look to His second coming in Glory. Advent places us between the already and the not yet, and invites us to open the doors of our hearts to Christ so Christ can again be born in us at Christmas.

Please plan to take advantage of the following opportunities as we go on this Advent journey together.

Sunday, December 7th at our 9:00 am Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Election for our Confirmation students.

Monday, December 8th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is also the Patronal Feast of our country. Everyone is required to attend mass which will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Saturday, December 13th will be our Christmas Lighting at 5:00 pm, which will take place in our Parish Garden on the corner of Fleet and Independence Road.

Monday, December 15th at 7:00 pm we will celebrate a Communal Penance Service in our church. Extra confessors will be available to hear confessions. Why not invite family, relatives, or friends who may not be practicing the Catholic Faith to attend this service with you. After all, the best gift we can receive and give is the gift of a relationship with our Savior.

Prayers and Best Wishes!

Fr. Jasany

Rosary – Rosary is held at 8:00 AM on weekdays when morning Masses are celebrated.

Baptisms – The 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism.

Weddings – Parishioners are to contact the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment.

Sick Calls – Please notify the rectory office to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized. Call the parish office or our Pastoral Minister, Heidi Madsen

Godparent and Sponsor Certificate – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be **registered** and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. If you attend mass, but are not registered, please contact our parish office so that you can be registered here.

Baptism Class

Before you baptize your child, parish and diocesan policy require you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. The next class will be held at St. John Nepomucene Parish, on **January 4, 2009** at 12:30 pm. Please call 641-8444 to register.

There are NO classes scheduled for December.

Sunday, December 7th

Rite of Election for Confirmandi 9:00 am
Confirmation Meeting 10:00 am (social hall)

Altar & Rosary Candy Sale after all Masses

Altar & Rosary Christmas Party 12:30 pm
Reservations were required.

(Doors open after 11:00 am Mass)

Youth Group Meeting 12 noon –2 pm (convent)
New Members Welcome!!!

Monday, December 8th

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation.

NO RCIA

PSR 6:30-Class/7:00 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 9th

Finance Council 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 10th

Santa Secret Shop for SJN Students

Thursday, December 11th

Santa Secret Shop for SJN Students

Alanon 1:00 pm (Rectory basement)

PTU Meeting 6:30 pm -Christmas Play presented by the 2nd & 3rd Grade students at 7:30 pm

Friday, December 12th

SJN School Hot Lunch & Christmas Party

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Early Birds 6:45 pm Regular Games 7:00 pm

DOORS OPEN 4:45 pm

Saturday, December 13th

PTU Lunch with Santa 11:30 am-2:00 pm

Christmas Lighting following 4:00 pm Mass



Retirement Fund for Religious National Appeal December 13th & 14th

The Catholic Church assists the financial need of elderly religious through the national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Please be generous in this appeal.

Envelopes have been provided in your monthly packet.



The parishioners of St. John Nepomucene invite everyone in the Slavic Village area to our Community Christmas Tree Lighting, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 5:00 p.m.

The event will be held in the Garden at St. John Nepomucene on the corner of Fleet Avenue and Independence Road.

In addition to the lighting of the tree and the manger, the event will feature singing by the pupils of St. John's elementary school and free refreshments in the parish social hall. Everyone is invited to ring in the holiday season.



PRAY FOR . . .

The sick or hospitalized that through our prayers they will receive comfort and strength remembering; Dolores Ruff, Mildred Pytel, Ronald Rasoletti, & Char Zebrowski.

**Show your support for SJN Parish & School
Purchase a magnet for your car or refrigerator.
Cost- \$7.50 or 2 for \$12.00**

All proceeds go to the St. John PTU to support student activities throughout the year!
Magnets can be purchased at the rectory during office hours or call

Kelly Sikora 216-262-2629- PTU President
Steve Gercak 216-402-1501-PTU 2nd Vice Pres.
(Make checks Payable to SJN PTU)



**Don't
Forget!**

Altar & Rosary Society Members
Annual Membership dues of \$5.00 for 2009 are due. Membership dues can be placed in the Sunday offertory collection to the attention of Marlene or dropped off at the rectory. Please make **checks payable to Altar & Rosary Society.**

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

Thank you,
Marlene



Buy a Book

St. John Nepomucene Parish is participating in the **2009 Enjoy the City Fundraiser.**

The Cost of a book is \$20 and is available at the rectory. Enjoy The City coupon books feature thousands of dollars in savings at many of the area's most popular places



**Church
Cleaning**

December 10th thru 23rd
Toian DeMore & Gloria Seneff



Christmas Decorating in Church

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 21st at noon. Anyone interested in helping please call Gillian at the rectory, at extension #20. Students this is an enjoyable way to earn service hours, and an opportunity for everyone to use their Time, Talent & Treasure.

Please consider helping out.

Thanks,
Gillian



Just to let you know

\$1000 Raffle Tickets

Some of the tickets were printed with an incorrect year reading December 26th 2009 instead of 2008.

We are aware of this and they are for the December 2008 Raffle.

Congratulations!!

Winners of the November \$1000 Raffle

\$1000 Winner- David Olenski

\$100 Ticket Seller- D. Olenski

\$10 Consolation Winners- Dorothy Eppick, Lois Walkowiak, Judy Pemberton, John & Roberta Fortuna, Mary Fisher.

The next drawing will be December 19th, 2008. The Raffle has been moved up a week due to the Holidays.

A book of raffle tickets is \$5.00 with all proceeds going to our grade school. Anyone interested in receiving or selling a book(s) of tickets is asked to call the rectory at 641-8444.

We are in need of book purchasers & sellers!

Catholic Charities

The monthly Appeal statement Catholic Charities pledges are mailed around the last week of each month. It is important that these pledges are paid so we will reach our goal. Please be sure to make your pledge payment prior to the 15th of the month so you will receive credit for it on your statement for next month.

Would you like to earn money while you shop?

Certificates make great gifts!! With Christmas around the corner you might want to check out this program!!!.

Parents of SJN Grade School and Catholic High School students can do just that by participating in our Certificate Program.

Did you know you earn \$20 tuition credit for every \$1000 purchased?

Certificates may be purchased by anyone; parents, aunts, grandparents, neighbors, work associates, etc., and credited to you.

Parishioners may also support the program with proceeds going to our parish.

Call the rectory at 641-8444 for more information.

Certificates Available

\$100.00 Certificates- Acme Market, Giant Eagle, Kohl's, Dave's, Heinens, J.C. Penney (Kohl's & J.C. Penney certificate may be used to pay on charge accounts)

\$50.00 Certificates-Honey Baked Hams, Home Depot, Lowes

\$25.00 Certificates-Applebee's, Acme Market Giant Eagle, Heinen's, Dave's, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, K-Mart, Sears, Shell, Speedway, Marathon, BP, Macys, T.J. Maxx, CVS Pharmacy, Drug Mart, Walgreen's, Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic, Dillards, Bed Bath & Beyond, Dick's Sporting Goods, Longhorn, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Damons, Toys/Kids/Babies-R-U's, GFS (Gordon Foods Services), Office Max, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays

\$20.00 Certificates-Bath & Body, Pat Catans,

\$10.00 Certificates-Arbys, Bakers Square, Malley's Candy, Macys, Bob Evans, Blockbuster Video, Borders Books, Waldenbooks, Cracker Barrel, Panera Bread, Toys-R-Us, Starbucks, Wendy's

\$15.00 Certificate- Subway

\$5.00 Certificates-Burger King, KFC, Mr. Hero, Mr. Chicken

Congratulations to the following SJN Students who have achieved Honors in High School!

St. Peter Chanel
Celena Higginbottom
Hanna Irish



The Catholic Cemeteries Bereavement Ministry invites you to spend some special time sharing your grief. A bereavement support group session will be held every Third Sunday of the Month at 3:00 pm at

Holy Cross (216-267-2850)

All Saints (330-467-7951).

Please call for more information.

Advent Retreat

The Jesuit Retreat House is offering opportunities for rest and reflection during Advent. For more information on Retreats call 440-884-9300 or At www.jrh-cleveland.org.

Pasta with Santa

Sponsored by Holy Name & Sacred Heart held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall Sunday, December 21st from 1-5 pm
Tickets \$6.00 Adults
Children \$2.00 (under 12)

First Annual Slavic Village Holiday Bash

Held at Polish American Cultural Center Thursday, December 11th at 7 pm
\$11 per person (\$10 if you arrive in red or green)
There will be hearty winter buffet, dancing, door prizes, cash bar, and a holiday sing-along.

Magnificat High School

Center for Performing Arts.

Christmas Instrumental Concert

Thursday, December 11th at 7:30 pm

Christmas Choral Concert

Thursday, December 18th at 7:30 pm
Admission/Parking Free