



# MASS INTENTIONS

# From the Pastor's Desk



## *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.*

***Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.*

***Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm followed at 6:30 pm by a Eucharistic Prayer Service with Taize Meditation and Benediction.*

*Spend some quiet Advent moments in the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord.*

### **Where would we be without Jesus?**

He was born of a woman so we could be born of God...He humbled himself so we could be lifted up. He became a servant so we could be heirs. He suffered rejection so we could become His Friends. He denied Himself so we could freely receive all things. He fully gave Himself so He could Bless us in every way!

*In response to the Great Gift given to you in Jesus Christ and in honor of Our Savior's birth, would you kindly consider making a financial gift to our parish as a way to honor Christ on His birthday? Thank you for your consideration of this request,*

*Prayers and Best Wishes!*

*Fr. Robert Jasany*



## *Third Sunday of Advent*

### Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am Living & Deceased Members  
of SJN Holy Name Society**

**11:00 am Frank "Jerry" Bloedorn**

### Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**NO MORNING MASS**

### Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am Anthony Laquatra**

### Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

**NO MORNING MASS**

### Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am Shawn McAdams**

### Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am "Health & Blessings"  
The Doan Family**

### Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

**4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish**

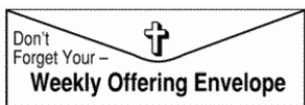
### Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00 am Tony Lasecki  
"Health & Blessings"**

**11:00 am Rudolph & Cecilia Sabatka  
and Albert & Ann Hanzlick**

### Thank you for the following collections:

Sunday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$4085.45
Students	\$8.00
Religious Retirement	\$246.00



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

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**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.

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

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**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

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**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.

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### **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.**

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### **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Name Mass** 9:00 am with meeting to follow

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### **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Cell Holy Hour** 8:30 am

**Rosary Making**

**Communal Penance** 7 :00 pm

**PSR** 6:30 pm

**RCIA** 6:30 pm

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### **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Golden Agers** 11:30 am

**School Early Dismissal** 1:30 pm

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### **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Alanon** 1:00 pm (Rectory basement)

**Pastoral Council** 7:00 pm

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### **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**SJN School Early Dismissal** 12:00 noon

**Christmas Break Begins for School**

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### **FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO**

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

**DOORS OPEN 4:45 pm**



**DECEMBER \$1000 RAFFLE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED DUE TO THE HOLIDAY!!**

**Please be sure to return ALL tickets!!!!**

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!

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### **Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Eucharistic Devotions** 5:00-6:00 pm

**Taize Meditations** 6:30 until closing

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### **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Christmas Decorating in Church**

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas at noon. Anyone interested in helping please call Gillian at the rectory, at extension #20 or just come in and join us.

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



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**Youth Group AKA "YUTE Group"**

**Potluck** 6:00 pm in social hall



### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

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.**

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### **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 & Joe Krol.

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.  
**(Make checks Payable to SJN PTU)**

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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.

**It makes a great Christmas gift!**

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**The Holiday Season is fast approaching.  
Gift Cards are the perfect gift for anyone  
and purchasing them saves time and helps  
avoid the stress and crowds at malls.  
You might want to check out our program.**

Parents of SJN Grade School and Catholic High School Students **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-Us, 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



**December 10<sup>th</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Toian DeMore & Gloria Seneff



### ***Wolverine Night News***

*Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the Wolverine Night drawing.*

### **Congratulations to the following winners!**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize-\$200 Jessica Thornton

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- \$50 Nello Trinetti

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Gloria Ray



*We would also like to thank everyone who supports the CYO Sports programs throughout the year.*

### **Please Note**

The school is still collecting Box Tops for Education, Campbell Labels, pop tabs for the children burn unit, and cancelled stamps for missionaries.

These items can be dropped off at the school or rectory during office hours, or placed in the weekend collection basket.

### **GFS Marketplace**

St. John Nepomucene also participates in the GFS Fun Funds Program. Once enrolled in this FREE program the school can earn as much as a 10% rebate on purchases made at GFS Marketplace, while you receive coupons and specials in the mail. You can fill out a post card and enroll in the program at any GFS Store (Gordon Food Services) GFS Certificates can be purchased through our Certificate Program so you could support the program with proceeds going to our parish or even earn tuition credit.

### **Alumni News**

We want to hear from you!!! An alumni list is being created to strengthen the SJN School community. Former students are asked to keep in touch by contacting Mrs. Armbruster at the school at 216-341-1347 ext 11 or email the parish rectory at [sjnagentile@st-john-nepomucene.org](mailto:sjnagentile@st-john-nepomucene.org)



American Legion Post # 627

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Sponsored by the S.A.L.

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am to 12 noon

3935 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Newburgh Hts.

Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.50 or \$5.00 with picture

### **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](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).

### **Pasta with Santa**

Sponsored by Holy Name & Sacred Heart

held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-5 pm

Tickets \$6.00 Adults

Children \$2.00 (under 12)

### **Gala New Years Eve Party at Karlin Hall**

5302 Fleet Ave.

Tickets \$25

Music by Al Machusik and Paul Stejskal

Breaded Pork Chops, Sweet & Sour Cabbage,

Bread Dumpling, Applesauce, & Dessert

Dinner Reservations- Ron Smotek 216-581-4362

Ticket info-call Joe Kocab 216-883-4760

### **The Padua Adult Experience (PAX)**

Sponsored by Padua Franciscan High School, the Padua Adult Experience is an education series that is open to the public.

**Thursday, January 15, 2009 7-9 pm**

What You Should Know About Financial Planning.

Planning for Different Stages of Life,

Recommended for adult participants of all ages  
Space is limited register at 440-845-2444 ex 106.

Or [rholz@paduafranciscan.com](mailto:rholz@paduafranciscan.com)