



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 6th

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am John, Clara & Paul Vavrek

11:00 am George & Frances Regets

Monday, December 7th

4:00 pm Evelyn & Lawrence Nemecek

Tuesday, December 8th

8:30 am Frank Traska

7:00 pm Dorothy Kara



Wednesday, December 9th

NO MORNING MASS

Thursday, December 10th

*8:30 am Living & Deceased Members
of Ceska Sin Karlin*

Friday, December 11th

8:30 am Dorothy Hudson

“SJN Altar Society”

Saturday, December 12th

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, December 13th

9:00 am Toni Rose

11:00 am Anthony Laquatra

Thank you for the following collections:

Sunday, November 29th \$3403.40

Students \$ 7.50

St. Vincent DePaul \$281.00

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

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.

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 on **January 3, 2010** at Sacred Heart Parish at 12:30 pm. Call 341-2828 to register.

There are no classes scheduled for December.

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.

Pre -Cana Program for couples anticipating the Sacrament of Marriage will be held at the Jesuit Retreat House on **January 17, 2010 at 12:45 pm**. This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Call 440-884-9300 to register.

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

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

Sunday, Dec 6th

A&R Meeting & Christmas Party 12:30 pm
(by Reservation Only)

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious face rising costs. Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000.

Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to this collection.

Monday, December 7th

Varsity Boys Basketball Practice 4-6 pm
Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 4 pm
RCIA 6:30 pm
PSR 6:30-8pm

Tuesday, December 8th Immaculate Conception

Rosary Making 9am
Varsity Girls Basketball Practice 7-9 pm

Wednesday, December 9th

Boys Basketball Practice 4-6 pm
Practice for 9 am Choir 7 pm (Church)

Thursday, December 10th

PTU Meeting & 2nd/3rd Grade Christmas Play
6:30 pm

Friday, December 11th

BINGO

Early Birds 6:45 pm Regular Games 7:00 pm
DOORS OPEN 4:45 pm

Saturday, December 12th

World Apostolate Annual Advent Retreat at
Incarnate Word

Market Day Pick-up 10:30-11:30 pm
A&R Candy Sale after 4 pm Mass
Christmas Lighting following 4 pm Mass

Sunday, December 13th

Holy Name 9am Mass meeting to follow
A&R Candy Sale after all masses



The sick or hospitalized that
through our prayers they will

receive comfort and strength remembering:
Bishop Roger Gries, Ray McDermott,
Adam Griffin, Elsie Miller, Kasie Podojil
Carolyn Nowak, George DeMore, Dorothy Malec
and Tom Arunski.

**May our loved ones who have died rest in eternal
happiness in heaven remembering Joe Krol.**

Second Sunday of Advent



*John went throughout the whole region of the
Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins. - Lk 3:3*

Many of us begin and end our days by watching the weather forecast. When we do, we learn if we will need sunglasses or an umbrella. We must be ready for any circumstance. A prediction of rain brings mixed reactions; we are glad for the refreshment it will bring to the grass and flowers, but we grimace at the thought of dashing between the drops to stay dry. If the forecast is good, we greet the day with a bit more joy and anticipation.

"Make a straight path!" The prophet Isaiah foretold of a messenger that would announce the coming of the Lord. John the Baptist was that messenger. To all who would listen, he preached of confession of sins, and baptized with water those who asked for forgiveness. And still he promised that all who would continue to ask for forgiveness and believe in Jesus Christ would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that our baptism is but the beginning of our journey of faith. "Preparation for baptism leads only to the threshold of new life. Baptism is the source of that new life in Christ from which the entire Christian life springs forth." (CCC, 1254) As John the Baptist forecast the coming of Jesus Christ, this Advent season let us renew our baptismal promise. Let us ask for forgiveness of our sins, and seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Congratulations!



Winners of the November \$1000 Raffle

\$1000 Winner- Rita Traska

\$100 Ticket Seller- R. Traska

\$10 Consolation Winners- Jean Fortuna, Terri Weiss, Betty Clark, Bryan Petkoff, Tom Krzywda

The next drawing will be December 18, 2009.

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!



Sanctuary Guild Volunteer

December 9th thru December 22nd

Dolores Dobransky, Dorothy Gromovsky
And Toni Suchy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tetelestai

Tetelestai is coming to St. John Nepomucene Parish in March 2010.

Tetelestai is a contemporary musical portrayal of the last week in Jesus' life. The production vividly portrays His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, His trial and resurrection performed by the Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries.

As one of the 2010 host parishes, St. John's will be responsible for a number of activities leading up to and during our weekend. We will be looking for volunteers to help with various committees such as Publicity, Ushers, Reception and Outreach that will assist in making this a prayerful Lenten event. There are sign-up sheets for this event at the church doors. Please consider helping us welcome the Tetelestai community of visitors into our community.

Chinese Auction

It is time again for the SJN Chinese Auction!

It will be held Saturday, May 1, 2010.

This is one of our biggest **Parish** fundraisers, held every 2 years. We appreciate input from everyone. If you have a vendor, own or know a business willing to donate please let me know, so we can add them to our mailing. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 dollars.

Volunteers are needed to help with soliciting donations and with mailings. This can be done from home. We will need someone for advertisement, which involves distributing flyers.

If you are interested, have questions or ideas please contact Kathy Bartoszek @ 440 526 6824 or 216 288 2115 or at kathy_bartoszek@ameritech.net

Entertainment 2010 Books

Our Parish in conjunction with Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is selling the Entertainment 2010 Greater Cleveland Edition Entertainment Books. The cost of a book is \$30.

These Books Make GREAT Birthday, Anniversary or Christmas gifts for your family or friends that love to go out and are difficult to buy for.

Limited amount of Books are available at our rectory.



St. John Nepomucene Parish is participating in the **2010 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.

Wendy's Jr. Frosty Coupon Gift Cards

Cost \$1.00 (good until 11/30/2010)

Card may be used as often as you like.

Receive one FREE Jr. Frosty Dairy Dessert with any purchase on each visit to Wendy's

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT St. John's School

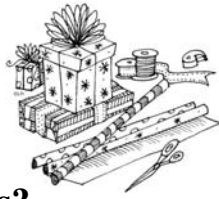
Cards are available at the School or Rectory.

They make great stocking stuffers!

Catholic Charities

The monthly statements for the Appeal pledges are mailed around the last week of each month. It is important these pledges are paid so our parish will reach and hopefully exceed 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 monthly statement.

Interested in joining St John Nepomucene Parish? Registration forms are available on the back table in church or please feel free to call the rectory office



**Need Christmas gift ideas?
Don't want to shop the Malls?**

Look into the SJN Certificate Program and see what is available. Proceeds from this program support our parish.

Certificates Available

\$100.00 Certificates- Acme Market, Giant Eagle, Kohl's, Dave's, Heinens, J.C. Penney (Kohl's 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

Chuppa's Market Place & Amazon.com gift cards plus other cards available by **special order**.

Please call the rectory office for more information.



**The following SJN Alumni and Parishioners
have achieved Honors in High School**

Trinity High School

Priscilla Flores

Padua Franciscan High School

Amanda Guberinic

Sarah Novak

Lindsey Rusnov

David Zupkovich

Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union

The Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union located at 3167 Fulton Rd in Lins Omni Square will be having a visit from Santa on Friday, December 11th from 2:30-4:00 pm. Please feel free to have your children come for a visit.

The **Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union** is offering a great Christmas Loan Special. Now thru January 31, 2010, qualified applicants may get an unsecured loan with a maximum of \$3000 at a rate of 8.99% APR for a 12 month term. Standard loan terms and conditions apply. OCFCU can discontinue program without notice. Call 216-663-6800 ex 269 for information.

Catholic Emerging Leaders Program

Catholic Charities Health and human Services has introduced a transformation leadership development program called **Catholic Emerging Leaders (CEL)**. Through CEL you will:

Meet top leaders of Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Cleveland.

Learn about the inner workings of Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Cleveland.

Develop your leadership skills and knowledge.

Join with fellow team members on a Catholic Action Project (CAP) to contribute to the community.

Please visit www.CatholicEmergingLeaders.com for more information. There is time to be part of the 2010 Class.