

Mass Intentions

Dec 18 Sat	5:30 p	James R Walsh
Dec 19 Sun	8:00 a	John Brandis
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Dec 21 Tue	8:00 a	Intention of Donor
Dec 23 Thu	8:00 a	No Weekday Mass
Dec 24 Fri	6:00 p	Parishioners' Intentions
	10:00p	Father Bill's Intentions
Dec 25 Sat	9:00 a	Our Parish Family
Dec 26 Sun	9:00 a	Al Mavis

LITURGISTS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 24, DECEMBER 25 AND DECEMBER 26 ARE LISTED ON THE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE SACRISTY

This Weeks Daily Readings

Sun. – Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24
Mon. – Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38
Tues. – Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45
Wed. – 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8; Luke 1:46-56
Thurs. – Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Luke 1:57-66
Fri. – Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96:1 -13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
Sat. – Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sun., Dec. 19th – Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 2 P.M.
 Tues., Dec. 21st – Christ the King, Springfield at 7 P.M

LOTTERY WINNERS\$

Mon. Margaret Devaney
Tue. Carole (Downey)
Wed. Mike Maloney
Thu. L. Essig
Fri. Brandee Toliver
Sat. John McWard
\$35 Sun. Judy Bedore

Lottery Checks are in the Sacristy

Atkinson, Carrigan, Chepulic, Conboy, C Davis -2, DeVaney - 2, Flanage (Schmit), Friedman, Green, Grubb - 2, Heissinger - 2, Helling, Hostick, P. Jones, Kelly, Leach, Londrigan, Park - 2, Petit, Schmit -2, Segatto, Settles -2, T. Smith, Sutker, Vanover

Record of Giving

Fiscal Year 7/1/04 – 6/30/05

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$124,356.91	\$ 4,843.00
Electronic Funds	\$ 15,865.00	\$ 0.00
Weekly Budget	\$152,688.00	\$ 6,362.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -12,466.09	\$ -1,519.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 3,460.00	\$ 150.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 160.00	\$ 0.00
Poor Account	\$ 1,038.05	\$ 71.14

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. Bur obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!



Lee Johnson (Kevin's dad)
Jean Roth (Ray's mom)
Tim Morrisey (parishioner)
Rose Beeve (parishioner)
Alice Watters (parishioner)
Cora Messmore (parishioner)
Wendy Follin (parishioner)

Joan Mavis (parishioner)
Becky Heinig (Joan Sirek's mom)
Anne Aplington (Beth Yong's sister-in-law)
Frances Eck (Sprinkel Family)
Virginia McCulley (Greg's mom)
Barb Drewes (Linda's sister-in-law)
Dave Drewes (Jerry's brother)
Nancy Hepperly (Teri Runions mother)
Ed Kittka (Carol Gadert's brother-in-law)
Bob Cookey (parishioner)
Lorraine Blasko (Kathy's mom)
Angela Pace (Lucy Breitung's mom)
Dolores Gorackowski (Ruth Helling's mom)
Marge Frese (Barb Scheufele's mom)
Ron LaMontagne (parishioner)
Don Schulte (Dennett Hanke's dad)

THANK YOU!
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Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who donated the new lighted nativity in the yard beside the church. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Reminder to all Knights of Columbus members that the deadline to return the Vocation Raffle Tickets and money to Jerry Calvert is December 24th.

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closing at noon on December 24th and will remain closed until Tuesday, December 28th at 8:30 a.m.

!!!Happenings This Week!!!

Sunday - December 19
 7:00 a Faith in Action
 9:10 a No Christian Formation Classes
 11:30 a Art and Environment – Christmas decorating
 SWAT
 7:30 p SWAT

Monday - December 20
 9:30 a First Friend's Playgroup

Tuesday - December 21
 6:00 p SWAT Core Team

Wednesday - December 22
 3:45 p No Christian Formation Classes
 5:00 p No Children's Hand Chimes
 6:30 p Art and Environment – Christmas decorating

Thursday - December 23
 7:00 p Choir Practice

Friday - December 24
 6:00 p Christmas Eve Mass
 10:00 p Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday - December 25
 9:00 a Christmas Day Mass

Sunday - December 26
 9:00 a Mass
 9:10 a No Christian Formation Classes
 7:30 p No SWAT



Happy Birthday

Ryan Flint, Larry Kaiser, Michelle Palumbo, Karen Ramsey, Whitney Robinson, Diane Gand, Patrick Londrigan, Danielle Jacob, Court

Doane, Dane Sickinger, Jacob Western, Ryan Green, Tina Kersting, Justin Oxencis, Bill Sinkus, George Schultz

Happy Anniversary

Eric & Anne Judy; Richard & Judy Sprinkel



MINISTRY SIGN UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We are still in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers and Hospitality Ministers to sign-up to serve at the Mass (or Masses) they will be attending during the holiday season. In the sacristy, we have sign-up sheets for:

Friday, Dec 24 th	Christmas Eve	6:00 pm	10:00 pm
Saturday, Dec 25 th	Christmas Day	9:00 am	
Sunday Dec 26		9:00 am	
Friday Dec 31	New Year's Eve	5:30 pm	
Saturday, Jan 1 st		9:00 am	
Sunday, Jan 2 nd		8:00 am	10:00 am

Please stop by the sacristy and sign-up for the Christmas Liturgy at which you would like to serve.



To Kelley Stephens for organizing the Christmas Friends Program for the second year and to all those who participated in any way to make the holiday season a happier and joyous time for those less fortunate.

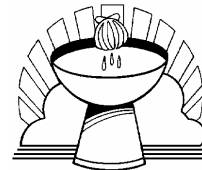


This past week, the St. Jude parish community had the joy of welcoming

Benjamin Charles Drendel

into the family of Catholic Christians through the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please keep this child, his Parents and his Godparents in your prayers.



The children's hand chimes choir will perform prior to the 6:00 pm Mass and the adult choir will honor the congregation with musical selections prior to the 10:00 pm Mass.

Children's Home

The Catholic Children's Home in Alton has provided care for thousands of children who have been abused, labeled "unmanageable" or simply have no place to call home since 1879. To show your support for the Home please donate using the special envelope found in your monthly packet.

"Advent is a short season, yet it covers a long distance. It is the road of a soul from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It seems such a short distance, as we are accustomed to thinking of distances. Yet it is a road into infinity, into eternity. It has a beginning, but no end. In truth, Advent is *the road of the spiritual life* which all of us must start if we do not want to miss the way."

Catherine Doherty, "The Meaning of Advent," *Donkey Bells*

*"It is in giving that
we receive..."*



Ye shall find the babe
wrapped in swaddling
clothes, lying in a manger.
Luke 2:12

An enormous "THANK YOU" to
the parents and students of
the 6th gr. Wednesday
Christian Formation class!

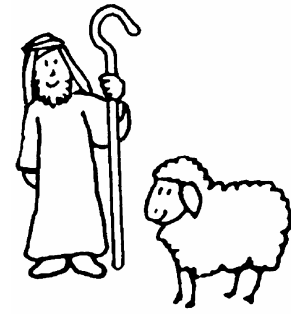
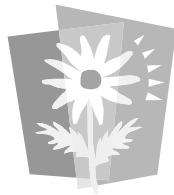
With your generosity we took
the students to the mall where they
thoughtfully chose one boy and one
girl from the "Tree of Wishes" whom
they thought was in most need. With
some of their own money and their
families donations they were able to
shop for and give each child coats,
hats, gloves, shirts, pants, PJ's and a
couple of fun items.

We are immensely proud of how they
conducted themselves and how
thoughtfully they chose their items.
The lesson of economics was put to
the test! They truly delighted in the
spirit of giving and the true
meaning of the Season!

Special thanks to the parents who
were able to rearrange their
schedules in order to help
chaperone! It is a pleasure to spend
time with you and your children!

Janet McMinn and Jason Heiple

Thanks to ALL of those who
gave of their time and talent
in preparation for First
Reconciliation. The children
truly appreciate all of your
efforts!



First Reconciliation Saturday, December 11, 2004

Makynzie Ashbaugh
Collin Biesiada
Connor Brewer
Courtney Chapman
Logan Doane
Joshua Drendel
Austin Flentge
Michael Gleason
Lukas Gragert
Dallas Greer
Olivia Howard
Morgan Huntley
Nicole Jackson
Haley Limper
Dylan Londrigan
Gabrielle Lynn
Christopher Merriman
Sydney Owen
Andrew Suzewits
Olivia Waters
Megan Western

*Jesus said,...there is more joy in heaven
because of one sinner who turns to God
than over ninety-nine good people
who don't need to.*

Luke 15:1-7

MEMORY AND IMAGINATION

Memories are the imaginative recreation of past experiences. They are also experiences in their own right -- sometimes very powerful ones. Memories can leave us joyful and exhilarated. They can also leave us angry and vengeful, shaken or depressed. They carry a carload of emotions both positive and negative. Jewish memories of the Samaritans carried a lot of bitter baggage accumulated over centuries. Jesus told his story of the Good Samaritan to heal those memories. His parable replaced the image of the Ugly Samaritan with that of the Good Samaritan. Recent research validates his strategy. It also provides us with some valuable insights into how our memories work. They may be useful in healing our own painful memories.

Recalling past experiences we tend to view positive and negative memories in very different ways. When recalling happy or successful moments in our lives, we do so from some little distance. It is as though we were playgoers sitting in the audience watching the memory unfold on a stage in front of us. Our experience of painful memories is quite different. When we recall moments of embarrassment or failure, we do not see them taking place at a distance. To the contrary we are center stage playing the lead role. We make totally our own the regret, grief or guilt conjured by the memory.

This painful experience need not be totally negative. Embracing a scalding memory may energize us to a salutary decision. If we have been the object of violence, ridicule or jest, we may vow never to subject another person to the pain that we felt.

Even when we have made that choice, however, the pain of the memory may persist. Here two strategies suggest themselves. One is to reverse the way we look at positive and negative memories. We can train ourselves to fully embrace the first while striving for some objective distance from the second. How do we achieve that distance?

Psychologist Carl Jung hinted that we might envision Christ playing our role in the painful experience. See him on the stage of our memory suffering the violence, grief or embarrassment that makes the memory so painful to us. Then let us comfort him. If we can minister to Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters, asked Jung, why can we not do as much for him suffering within us?

The author of *Androgogy* is Father George Dyer, S.T.D. Formerly the academic dean of Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary and Pastor of Saint Patrick's Parish, Wadsworth, Illinois, he is also the author of *The Catholic Educator* and *The Three Minute Theologian*.



Interested in Joining?

Are you new to the area and interested in joining our parish or have questions about our parish? Please feel free to fill out the form below and drop it into the collection basket or place it on the counter in the sacristy and someone will contact you.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

INTERESTED IN JOINING PARISH: _____

QUESTION: _____

Military Personnel



Remember Those
in the Military

The parish office has been made aware of the following names and addresses of those persons serving in the military overseas. If you have a son, daughter, wife or husband serving overseas let the office know and we will include their names and addresses in future bulletins.

Hannah Godar
745 EA Loadmaster Section
APO AE 09309

Timothy Morrissey
515th CSB
1544 Trans (Maint)
APO AE 09342

Cpt. Richard Helling
U. S. Army
Cmr 426, Box 186
APO AE 09613-0186

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