

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Dec 25 Sat</b>	9:00 a	Our Parish Family
<b>Dec 26 Sun</b>	9:00 a	Al Mavis
<b>Dec 28 Tue</b>	8:00 a	<b>No</b> Weekday Mass
<b>Dec 30 Thu</b>	8:00 a	<b>No</b> Weekday Mass
<b>Dec 31 Fri</b>	5:30 p	Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Jan 1 Sat</b>	9:00 a	Tony & Margaret Seitz
<b>Jan 2 Sun</b>	8:00 a	Albert Palumbo
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

**LITURGISTS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 31, JANUARY 1 AND JANUARY 2 ARE LISTED ON THE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE SACRISTY**

**This Weeks Daily Readings**

**Sun.** – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23  
**Mon.** – 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1-8  
**Tues.** – 1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-5, 7-8; Matthew 2:13-18  
**Wed.** – 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 5-6; Luke 2:22-35  
**Thurs.** – 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40  
**Fri.** – 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13; John 1:1-18  
**Sat.** – Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

**!!!Happenings This Week!!!**

**Sunday - December 26**  
 9:10 a **NO** Christian Formation Classes  
 7:30 p **NO** SWAT  
**Wednesday- December 29**  
 3:45 p **NO** Christian Formation Classes  
**Thursday - December 30**  
 7:00 p Choir Practice  
**Friday - December 31**  
 5:30 p New Year's Eve Mass  
**Saturday - January 1**  
 9:00 a New Year's Day Mass  
 7:00 p Jr. High Lock-in  
**Sunday - January 2**  
 9:10 a Christian Formation Classes  
 7:30 p **No** SWAT

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closing at noon on December 31st.

**Record of Giving**

**Fiscal Year 7/1/04 – 6/30/05**

	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Sunday</b>
Collection	\$128,758.91	\$ 4,402.00
Electronic Funds	\$ 18,129.00	\$ 2,264.00
Weekly Budget	\$159,050.00	\$ 6,362.00
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$ -12,162.09</b>	<b>\$ +304.00</b>
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 3,460.00	\$ 0.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 190.00	\$ 30.00
Poor Account	\$ 1,159.05	\$ 121.00

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!



- 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 Cooney** (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)
- Doug Hembrough** (Theresa Oldani's friend)
- Hunter Frakes** (Theresa Oldani's cousin)
- Debbie Schmidt** (Connie Leach's sister)

Beginning with next week's bulletin, individuals will be listed in the *Please Pray For* section for a month. At the end of the month the name will be removed unless the parish office is contacted with a request that the name be left on the list.

**LOTTERY WINNER\$ Dec. 20 through Dec. 26**

- Mon.** Mary Ann Egizio
- Tue.** Stephanie Howard
- Wed.** Al Urbanckas
- Thu.** Jim Kelly
- Fri.** Chris Ley
- Sat. \$100** Janet Heissingner (Cooney)
- Sun. \$35** Michael Carlisle



## THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN

Do you have questions about becoming a member of the Catholic Church? The RCIA team will begin a series of Inquiry sessions in February. For more information, please contact Father Bill or Sue Roth (498-9817)

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**THANK YOU**

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*Thanks so much to all the women and men who helped decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas. Because of you – our Church is*

**BEAUTIFUL**



To Sue Roth for putting together the Worship Aids for Advent and Christmas.

To Mike Glick, Sherry and Dan Frachey and the choir members

for the beautiful music during the holiday season and throughout the year.

To all who volunteered as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, servers and hospitality. Without your help our liturgy would not be so wonderful.



**The Faith in Action Committee**

***“Show me your empty hands and your full heart.”***

**Thank you to our wonderful, hard-working volunteers for the successful St. John’s Breadline dinner!** St. Jude’s Parish and the Christmas spirit were well represented on December 19 by Steve, Lorene, Seth and Kristin Warren; Michelle and Ryan Green; Lenna DeGroot; Gary, Connie and Lindsey Leach; Dennis, Sue, Stacey and Benjamin Hankins; Bryan, Cathy, Taylor and Sabrina Martindale; and Bob, LuAnn, Megan and Marissa Eifert. We cooked and served dinner for more than 400 people on a very chilly day. For those who would like to put your Catholic faith in action and help in the future, we are planning to do this again in March 2005. We’ll post the date in the bulletin. Happy Holidays!

## E-MAIL MESSAGE BOARD

The following e-mail message was received on Sunday, December 19, 2004.

Dear Father Bill:

My name is Katie Leinum and I was looking at the church bulletin and noticed that Jesus was not on under “Birthday and Anniversaries.” Is Jesus a member of our church? I think it might hurt Jesus feelings if we don’t put his name in the bulletin. Could you please put his name on the list next Sunday? I would greatly appreciate this.

Thank You,  
Katie Leinum  
10 years old  
Member of St. Jude’s

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Dear Katie:

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We have added Jesus to this weeks Birthday list as you requested. Feel free to contact me anytime you have suggestions or comments about anything happening here at St. Jude’s.

Father Bill



### JR. HIGH LOCK-IN

Don’t forget!!! There’s information on the SWAT Board. Form’s due by **December 29.**

### High School Apologetics Seminar

“Apologetics” – giving a reasoned explanation for your faith. A Catholic apologist charitably explains and defends Catholic doctrine using Scripture, history, and common sense. We will be taking a few topics and studying them from both a Catholic and Protestant perspective in order to better understand and defend our Faith.

**Saturday, January 8; 10:00-Noon.**  
**Sign up on the Board.**



## CHRISTMAS

As I type these words, I hope that the weather service will promise us a traditional Midwestern Christmas where:

“Tree tops glisten  
And children listen  
To hear the sleigh bells  
In the snow.”

Just outside my window, however, three small birds huddle on a branch, feathers puffed up against a cold drizzle. They suggest the bleakness of the first Christmas when a little family huddled together, far from home, grateful for the warmth of their animal companions. They remind us of American soldiers patrolling the dangerous cities of Iraq and the menacing mountains of Afghanistan, surrounded by frustrated populations and committed terrorists. They remind us how powerless we can feel in spite of our military power.

There was beauty in Bethlehem but it was in the hearts of Mary and Joseph, in their love for one another and for the child that God had given them. Our imaginations have translated that love into the “Silent Night” that little children around the world find so alluring. Jesus told us: “Unless you become as little children, you will not understand the kingdom of God.” His words, intended to awaken the child in all of us, are indispensable at this time of the year. For the story we recite each Christmas is very old. We need young hearts and a child’s soaring imagination to make it fresh and new, to make it our own.

Then we will know the magic of that enchanted night when the Son of God came among us -- a visitor from another dimension. He came not from a distant star in a far-flung galaxy but from a different realm of being. He crossed the boundaries of the eternal, the horizon of the infinite to join us on this small blue planet as it spins through dark space. “The King of Kings, the Lord of Lords” has made his long promised appearance -- as a newborn baby!

We greet him as little children would -- with lilting imagination and boundless expectation. He has come among us to engage all the enemies of the human -- hunger and poverty, hatred, violence and death. We follow him, confident that victory is already his. When we have run the race, we trust that this Savior of ours will lead us through death to eternal life in the Kingdom of his Father.

A Blessed Christmas to You All!

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Happy Birthday

JESUS, Tracy Flentge, David Lacy, Dan Thompson, Lauren Althoff, Maria Kerwin, Ben Romang, Michelle Carlisle, Emily Carlson, Vincent Eller, Diane

Jarog, Diane Miller, Lori Bartolozzi, Shawn Doane, Kenneth McCue, Kelle Sandercock, Catherine Hendrickson, Betty Lloyd, Peggy Senger, Jennifer Stock, Frederick Streb, Mike Broglin, Leo Crawford, Wendy Follin, Carol Foltz

#### Happy Anniversary

Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski; John & Mary fox, Carrie & Joe Ross, Charles & Deona Kuntzman; Vince & Diana Sternitzke



To the parishioners from the staff of the Church of St. Jude. May you have a blessed New Year.

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR  
*Androgogy*