

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Dec. 03 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Our Parish Family
<b>Dec. 04 Sun</b>	8:00 a	Augusta Kruger
	10:30 a	Catherine Ziaja
<b>Dec. 06 Tue</b>	8:00 a	Intention of Donor
<b>Dec. 08 Thu</b>	5:45 p	Grover Smith
<b>Dec. 10 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Our Parish Family
<b>Dec. 11 Sun</b>	8:00 a	Catholic War Veterans
	10:30 a	Georgia Hazenfield

**OUR GIFT TO GOD**  
**Fiscal Year 7/1/05 – 6/30/06**

	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Sunday</b>
Collection	\$ 99,787.30	\$ 3,470.00
Electronic Funds	\$ 21,796.00	\$ 1,709.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 3,008.00	\$ 0.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 340.00	\$ 30.00
Poor Fund	\$ 643.71	\$ 110.85

**LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**December 10 - Sat. 5:30 p.m.**

<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Scheufele/Settles/Stephens
<b>Lector</b>	Lower
<b>Hospitality</b>	Curry Family
<b>Servers</b>	A, C & R Brown
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Frank and Rose Beeve

**December 11 – Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	G & C Leach/Werner
<b>Lector</b>	Helling/Kates
<b>Hospitality</b>	B & S Campbell/Parnell
<b>Servers</b>	M. Miller/Palumbo/Faloon
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Jan and Carlo Catalano

**December 11 - Sun. 10:30 a.m.**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Hanke/J & K Heiple
<b>Lector</b>	Hostetler/Jasinski
<b>Hospitality</b>	Biesiada Family
<b>Servers</b>	Murer/Craddock/Oldani
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Frances Tomashavich

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:**

Jennifer and Randy Western / Carla Houser  
**Minister of Care for the week of 12/11 – 12/17 is:**  
 Dennett Hanke

**December 5 – Collection Counting Team 4 – (Deimel, Benson, Egizio, Peters)**

**LOTTERY WINNER\$ Nov. 28 through Dec. 4**

<b>Mon.</b>	# 500	Father Bill
<b>Tue.</b>	# 29	Kathi Best
<b>Wed.</b>	# 449	Cathy Davis
<b>Thu.</b>	# 257	Andrew Maloney
<b>Fri.</b>	# 420	Rita Spannagel (Whitney)
<b>Sat.</b>	# 590	Martha Dehn (Reisinger)
<b>Sun. \$100</b>	# 435	Courtney Coe

**Please pick up your Lottery Winnings!**  
 Benson, Doedtmann, Duesterhaus - 2, Flanagan (Schmit), Gramlich, Heissinger, Jasinski, Steve Jones, Kuhlman - 2, D. Miller, Nordhoff, Oldani - 2, Park, Parnell, Presney, Rousey, Schmit, Scott, Segatto, Wuellner



- Neil Megown** (Laura’s dad)
- Jessica Eck** (parishioner)
- Emma Carlson** (Jack & Cathy’s 1<sup>st</sup> grand child)
- Dan Merriman** (parishioner)
- Tim Schmitz** (parishioner)
- Betty Lloyd** (parishioner)
- Joe Spannagel** (Jill Whitney’s dad)

**This Weeks Daily Readings**

**Sun.** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8  
**Mon.** – Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26  
**Tues.** – Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13; Matthew 18:12-14  
**Wed.** – Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10; Matthew 11:28-30  
**Thurs.** – Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38  
**Fri.** – Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19  
**Sat.** – Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9-13

**Stewardship Message:**  
**Time, Talent & Treasure**

John the Baptist’s call to repentance is echoed in the US bishop’s pastoral letter on stewardship: “Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.”

**Area Penance Services**

Dec. 6 – 7:00pm, St. Joseph’s Church, Springfield  
 Dec. 11 – 2:00pm, St. Aloysius Church, Springfield  
 St. John Vianney, Sherman  
 Dec. 12 – 7:00pm, Blessed Sacrament Church, Spfld.  
 St. Agnes Church, Springfield  
 Christ the King Church, Springfield

**Please remember to remove and keep the liturgy schedule and calendar for December from “The Faithful”, the parish newsletter, upon receipt.**

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

**Sunday - December 4**  
 9:10 a Christian Formation Class  
 11:45 p Hand Chimes & Children's Choir Practice  
 1:30 p SWAT Parents United  
 4:00 p SWAT Christmas Play Practice  
 6:30 p Christmas Around the World Party  
 7:30 p SWAT Sunday Night

**Monday - December 5**  
 9:00 a Collection Counting Team 4 (Deimel, Benson, Egizio, Peters)  
 9:30 a 1<sup>st</sup> Friend's Playgroup

**Tuesday - December 6**  
 6:30 p RCIA  
 6:30 p SWAT Christmas Play Practice

**Wednesday - December 7**  
 4:00 p Christian Formation Class  
 6:30 p Advent Family Program  
 7:00 p Choir Practice

**Thursday - December 8**  
 5:45 p Mass –  
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Friday - December 9**  
 5:00 p Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday - December 10**  
 11:00 a 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

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 9:10 a Christian Formation Class  
 11:45 p Hand Chimes & Children's Choir Practice  
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**Position Opening  
 Director of Christian Formation**

Suburban Parish of 450 young families is looking for a creative, enthusiastic person to direct a family-oriented Religious Education Program and ongoing education of catechists. College degree and experience in teaching and/or religious education preferred.  
 Salary & Benefits negotiable.

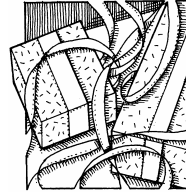
Mail resume and references to:  
 Christian Formation Committee  
 Church of St. Jude  
 633 S. Walnut St.  
 Rochester, IL 62563  
 217/498-9197  
 FAX 217/498-7180

**The deadline for articles for the January 2006 newsletter is December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Advertiser of the Week**

**Rochester State Bank**  
 132 North John, Rochester  
 498-7111

Please patronize our bulletin sponsors and thank them for their support.



**Friend's Program**

Thank you to all that adopted a "Friend" last weekend. We still have more opportunities for those of you that were traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday. We have 7 food baskets, 5 girls and 19 boys left to adopt. All of the Springfield Terrace residents have been taken! The next two weekends (Dec 10/11 and 17/18) at all of the masses, someone will be in the parish center to receive the returned gifts. All gifts must be returned no later than December 18th.



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Thursday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Day of Obligation  
 Mass at 5:45pm**

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**MINISTRY SIGN UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

*Ready or not – the holidays are upon us. As in the past, we are asking our 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:

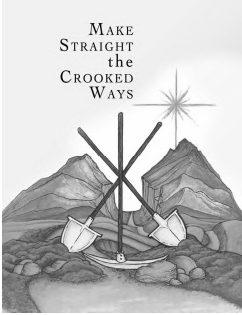
Saturday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve  
 6:00 pm 10:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
 9:00 am

Saturday Dec 31 New Year's Eve  
 5:30 pm

Sunday, Jan 1st  
 8:00 am 10:30 am

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



Here at St. Jude, we strive to always serve the needs of those who have less than we have. During Advent it is our custom to make a special effort to bring non-perishable food items with us to Mass. During the Presentation of the Gifts, we are invited to bring our gifts of food forward and place them in the baskets in front of the Altar. Please help us feed the less fortunate this Holiday Season.

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### Religious Retirement Fund

Next weekend is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Religious institutes must provide for their own retirement costs, separate from diocesan financial structures. There are almost 39,000 religious who are past age 70. The average Social Security benefit for religious men and women is approximately 1/3 that is paid to the average beneficiary. Your generous contributions help to meet the needs of these men and women who have so generously given of themselves.



**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation**  
**Saturday, Dec. 10**  
**11:00 am**

**Come and celebrate...**

**Christmas 'Around the World'**  
**This Sunday**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Parish Center**



Activities for all ages!

### Advent Family Program

**Next Wednesday, Dec. 7**  
**6:30 pm**



Featuring an art interpretation experience with our own 'artist in residence' Jeff Garland for adults. Prayer, games, movies, crafts for kids. All are encouraged to come and reflect on our Catholic Advent traditions!

**St. John's Hospital – Third Age Living** is a senior adult ministry which promotes health education and community volunteer services for local seniors. The following are the upcoming events for seniors 55 and older.

- Dec. 6 10AM Caregiver Interfaith Volunteer orientation to assist seniors, including transportation to doctors offices.
- Dec. 7 10 – 11AM, "Oh my aching Feet", Dr. Marla Wilson D.P.M.
- Dec. 13 1 – 2:30PM, Care N Share – Support group for friends and relatives caring for an older adult.
- Dec. 14 1 - 4PM, Ask the Pharmacist – Medication Review

Call 544-6464, ext 47756 to register for above sessions.

- Dec. 6 10 – 11AM Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage, Beth Monnat, Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland, Inc. at the **Rochester Public Library**



### Women's Tea

Mark your calendars now for the next meeting of the women's afternoon tea. It is scheduled for Wednesday December 14 from 1 to 3 PM at the parish center. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**New York! New York!** An adult trip to New York on June 6-9, 2006 is being planned through the Sacred Heart Griffin Music Department. Discover first hand the sites and history of the Big Apple. There will be an information meeting on December 7, 2005 at 7pm in the Choral Room in Dominican Hall, 1200 West Washington, Springfield.

**Sacred Heart Griffin's** annual Christmas Show, "*The Gift Goes On!*" will be performed on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in Dominican Hall, 1200 W. Washington, Springfield. All seats are reserved Call 787-1595 to purchase tickets.

**Serviam Club of Ursuline Academy** presents its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Dinner for Senior Citizens on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2pm - 5pm in the Ursuline Academy Student Center (Cafeteria). The Ursuline Madrigals will provide entertainment at 2pm and 3pm. The dinner is free to senior citizens, but seating is limited. Call 523-5169 by Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> to make reservations.