

Mass Intentions

Dec 2 Sat	5:30 p	Frank Lower
Dec 3 Sun	8:00 a	Peter Orlandini
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Dec 4 Mon	8:00 a	All Souls Intention
Dec 5 Tues	8:00 a	Living & Deceased
		Members of the Parish
Dec 6 Wed	8:00 a	All Souls Intention
	7:00 p	Confirmation Students
Dec 7 Thur	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
Dec 8 Fri	6:45 a	Merle Spalding
	5:45 p	Grover Smith
Dec 9 Sat	5:30 p	Brian Heissingner
Dec 10 Sun	8:00 a	Catholic War Veterans
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

OUR GIFT TO GOD

Fiscal Year 7/1/06 – 6/30/07

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$ 103,144.19	\$ 4,413.60
Electronic Funds	\$ 22,110.00	\$ 1,657.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 7,792.00	\$ 70.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 138.00
Poor Funds	\$ 1,121.67	\$ 78.25

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

**Liturgists for Confirmation
December 6th - 7:00pm**

Eucharistic Ministers	Tomashavich/Owens Jasinski/J Heiple
Lectors	Barrie Blough/S. Murer
Hospitality	
Servers	Laabs/R Brown Palumbo/M & M Eifert
Mass Coordinator	Sue Roth

**Liturgists for
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

December 8th - 6:45am

Eucharistic Ministers	Tomashavich/ DeGroot/V Walker
Lectors	
Hospitality	
Servers	Al Laabs
Mass Coordinator	Frances Tomashavich

December 8th – 5:45pm

Eucharistic Ministers	Roth/Lower/Hostetler
Lectors	Deimel/ Egizio
Hospitality	
Servers	
Mass Coordinator	Monica Lower

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

December 9 – Sat. 5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers	Settles/Czapar/Egizio
Lector	LoCascio/Kenworth
Hospitality	McDermott Family
Servers	L Settles/ D & M Western
Minister of Care	Frances Tomashavich
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Blasko

December 10 – Sun. 8:00 a.m

Eucharistic Ministers	G & C Leach/Brown
Lector	Miller/Nelson
Hospitality	Steve & Debbie Decker
Servers	R & E McMinn Justin Merriman
Mass Coordinator	Conni & Wayne Hutchinson

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

Eucharistic Ministers	Owens/Van Dyke Jasinski
Lector	Hostetler/Garcia
Hospitality	Biesiada Family
Servers	Warren/Ziegler Jessie Foster
Minister of Care	Emma Van Dyke
Mass Coordinator	Emma Van Dyke

Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders – Dec. 10th
Brenda Will and Deona Kuntzman

This Weeks Daily Readings

Sun. Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1 Thessalonians 3:12-42; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Mon. – Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Matthew 8:5-11
Tues. – Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Luke 10:21-24
Wed. – Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37
Thurs. – Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27;
Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri. – Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Sat. – Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-6;
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR...

Paul Langheim (Jo Ann Price's dad)
Dean Schulte (Dennett Hanke's brother)
Ed Breitung (parishioner)
Bill Sinkus (parishioner)
Jim Kates (parishioner)
Jim Bryant (friend of the parish)
Judy Kunz (parishioner)
Catrina Wagner (Barb & Greg McCulley's daughter)
Frank Beeve (parishioner)
Clarence Calvert (Jerry Calvert's dad)
Mary Callahan (parishioners)

!!Happenings this Week!!

Sunday -	December 3
8:00 a	Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers
9:10 a	PSR Classes
10:30 a	Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers
6:30 p	SWAT Sunday Night
Monday -	December 4
9:00 a	Collection Counting Team 4 (Deimel, Benson, Egizio, Peters)
Tuesday -	December 5
6:30 p	Art & Environment (Decorate for Confirmation)
6:45 p	RCIA
7:00 p	K - C Meeting
Wednesday -	December 6
7:00 p	Confirmation
Thursday -	December 7
4:30 p	Children's Choir Practice
6:30 p	Art and Environment (Decorate for Feast of the Immaculate Conception)
Friday -	December 8
6:45 a	Mass – Immaculate Conception
5:45 p	Mass – Immaculate Conception
Saturday -	December 9
7:00 p	Community Care (Salvation Army – Bell Ringing/Caroling)
Sunday -	December 10
9:10 a	PSR Classes

LOTTERY WINNER\$ Nov. 27 through Dec. 3

Mon.	# 48	Bowen Family
Tue.	# 141	Chris Egan
Wed.	# 433	Kathy Smith
Thu.	# 254	Mary R. King
Fri.	# 90	Deb Coe
Sat.	# 277	Stan Lease
Sun. \$100	# 192	Gunter Family

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Austin - 2, C. Bartolozzi, Bedore, Blasko, Cordery, Day, Devaney-2, Doedtman, Duesterhaus, Egan, K. Foster, Gramlich, Gray, Harris - 2, Heissinger, Howard - 2, Hutchinson, Kimberlin, Roland, Voll

Church Dusters for the week of December 4th are the Fox and Segatto families.

Stewardship Message: Time, Talent & Treasure

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “Lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

Christian Formation Classes

There will be **no** class this Wednesday because of our Confirmation Dinner & Liturgy. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers. We'll see you next week!

A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS



**Confirmation
December 6
7:00pm**

**Feast of the
Immaculate
Conception Mass
December 8
6:45am
5:45pm**

**Advent Penance
Service
December 14
6:00pm**

This Community will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00pm. Please keep those young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

Advertiser of the Week

Rochester Family Chiropractic
Certified in Acupuncture

Dana K. Oliver, D.C.
128 N. John St., Ste. A
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Picture give-away

Over the past few years, we've collected a lot of photos of people engaged in all sorts of parish life activities such as confirmation, VBS, parish parties, etc. Thanks to the efficiency of pictures discs, we believe its time to share these photos with you. Over the next few weeks, a box with pictures (separated as best we can by event or date) will be in the parish center for you to look through. Feel free to take any of these photos for your family album.

Community Care: One Family's View

On Sunday, November 19th, Serge, Liz, Alex and Molly Murer visited the St. Joseph's Nursing home as part of their Community Care commitment. Liz Murer called the next day to share what a powerful and enjoyable experience they had. Thankfully, Liz took the time to write and put it this way: *"To say that our visit to St. Joseph's Home was the highlight of our weekend would be an understatement. We went with the intent to brighten the afternoon of a few residents. Instead, they brightened our day. We spent the drive home sharing various stories, causing both laughter and compassion. Our kids can't wait to go back. It makes us realize that we need to do more in the community."* Your family can still help! You can get in touch with the organization of your choice by visiting our website www.rochesterstjude.com and click on Commissions, Social Justice and then Community Care.

Deaf Community, Parents, and Friends! **December 10, 2006**

Mass in American Sign Language
with Father Leo Enlow

Illinois School for the Deaf
Horner Hall North

1:30 p.m. Mass

Christmas Play by Students and Pizza Party Afterwards
Please RSVP no later than December 5, 2006 to
Christine Lansaw at clansaw76@hotmail.com

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering High School Catholic female seniors, the opportunity to apply for the one of three \$1,000 scholarships. There are applications, which are due by March 1, 2007, on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church.

Serviam Club of Ursuline Academy will hold its 8th Annual Holiday Dinner for senior citizens on Sunday, December 10th from 2pm to 5pm in the Ursuline Academy Student Center (cafeteria). This dinner is free to senior citizens, but seating is limited. Call 523-5169 by December 7th to make reservations.

A pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Rome is scheduled for March 19 – 30, 2007. Tour cost is \$2,530, which includes airfare from Chicago, 1st class hotels, breakfast and dinners daily, tours and admission fees. Informational brochures can be found on the bulletin board.

St. John's Hospital – Third Age Living is offering on Dec. 5th from 10 – 11AM a program on "Organ Donation" at the Rochester Library. This event is free for seniors 55 and older.



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. 23rd
5:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 24th
9:00 am

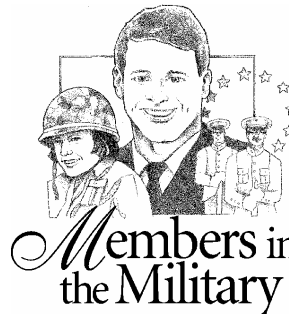
Sunday, Dec 24th Christmas Eve
6:00 pm 10:00 pm

Monday, Dec 25th Christmas Day
9:00 am

Saturday, Dec 30th
5:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 31st New Year's Eve
8:00 am 10:30 am

Monday, Jan 1st
9:00 am



We have recently been informed that Kyle Blumhorst will be going to Iraq. Please keep Kyle and all the men and women serving in the military in your prayers.

Do you know of someone who is ill, either in the hospital or at home, having surgery, that needs a visit from Father or wants to receive the Eucharist while they are unable to attend Mass. Please feel free to fill out this form and drop it into the collection basket or contact the parish office at 498-9524.

Name: _____

Are they at Home _____ Hospital _____

Home Address: _____

Hospital and Room #: _____

Sacred Heart Griffin Placement Test for 8th Grade Students will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 8:30am until 11:30am. Students should enter through the circle drive at 1200 W. Washington and bring two #2 pencils and the \$10.00 testing fee. Pre-registration is not necessary and calculators are not allowed. Information on tuition, financial aid and scholarships will be available for parents from 8:30am to 9:30am. For more information, call the SHG office at 787-1595.

Sacred Heart Griffin will present their annual Christmas Show, "A Manger of My Heart" on Saturday, December 9th at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 10th at 5:00pm. Both performances will be in Dominion Hall, 1200 W. Washington. Call 787-1595 to purchase tickets and reserve your seat.

Ursuline Academy will hold its placement test on Saturday, December 9th from 8:30am to 11:30am. Registration begins at 8:00am. Participants will enter Ursuline Academy through the 6th Street entrance. Students are required to bring a \$10.00 testing fee, two # 2 pencils, an eraser and a non-programmable calculator. For more information please contact Kim O'Connell at Ursuline Academy at 217-523-5169.

The Saint John Vianney Women's Society will hold their 7th annual cookie walk on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00am to noon at the St. John Vianney Activity Center, located at 902 St. John Drive, Sherman.



Did you miss your appointment? Or just didn't have time to make one? Photo appointments are over, but you can still be included in the directory! If you have a family picture that you would like to have published in the new photo directory, please submit it by December 15th. If your picture was taken by a professional photographer, we will need permission to use it in the directory.

Remember, Dec. 15th is the deadline!

Remember those who are less fortunate



Gifts and food baskets for the "Friends" program can be returned starting next weekend either before or after all masses.

Frequently Asked Questions About Deacons

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Who is a Deacon? - A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or "orders," of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

What are these "various ministries" of the Deacon? - All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity, but bishops, presbyters and deacons exercise these functions in various ways. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are **leaders** in identifying the needs of others, then marshalling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only **WHAT** a deacon does, but **WHO** a deacon is, that is important.

Why do some deacons become priests? - For many years ordained ministers "ascended" from one office to another, culminating in ordination to the presbyterate, or priesthood. The Second Vatican Council (1962 - 1965), however, authorized the restoration of the diaconate as a **PERMANENT** order of ministry. So, while students for the priesthood are still ordained deacons prior to their ordination as priests, there are more than 13,000 deacons in the United States alone who minister in this Order permanently. There is no difference in the sacramental sign or the functions between these so-called "transitional" and "permanent deacons."

May married men be ordained deacons? - Yes. The Second Vatican Council decreed that the diaconate, when it was restored as a permanent order in the hierarchy, could be opened to "mature married men," later clarified to mean men over the age of 35. This is in keeping with the ancient tradition of the Church, in which married men were ordained into ministry. Also in keeping with ancient practice is the expectation that while a married man may be ordained, an ordained man, if his wife should die, may not marry again without special permission.

Is a Deacon ordained for the Parish or the Diocese? - Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister under the immediate supervision of the pastor. However, this assignment may be changed at the request of the deacon or the initiative of the bishop.

For information on becoming a permanent deacon for the diocese, please contact Monsignor David S. Lantz at Christ the King Parish, 1930 Barberrry Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704. Telephone: 217-546-3527 or email dlantz@dio.org