

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Dec. 15 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Brian Heissingert†
<b>Dec. 16 Sun</b>	8:00 a	John Brandis †
	10:30 a	Our parish Family
<b>Dec. 17 Mon</b>	8:00 a	Ed and Myrtle Goddard †
<b>Dec. 18 Tues</b>	6:45 a	Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
<b>Dec. 19 Wed</b>	8:00 a	Father Robert Wright †
<b>Dec. 20 Thur</b>	6:45 a	Our Parish Family
<b>Dec. 21 Fri</b>	8:00 a	Eugene Thomas †
<b>Dec. 22 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Ed Breitung †
<b>Dec. 23 Sun</b>	8:00 a	Peter Orlandini †
	10:30 a	Our parish Family

**LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**December 22 – Sat. 5:30 p.m.**  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Tomashavich/Deacon Tom/  
**1 needed**  
**Lector** Jerry Jasinski  
**Hospitality** Paula and Joe Jones  
**Servers** Austin Flentge/  
**2 more needed**  
**Mass Coordinator** Frances Tomashavich

**December 23– Sun. 8:00 a.m**  
**Eucharistic Ministers** G & C Leach/Deacon Tom  
**Lector** DeGroot/Calvert  
**Hospitality** Barb Reid/Palumbo Family  
**Servers** **3 needed**  
**Mass Coordinator** Beth and Richard Yong

**December 23- Sun. 10:30 a.m.**  
**Eucharistic Ministers** V Walker/Deacon Tom/  
**1 more needed**  
**Lector** Deimel/Kerley  
**Hospitality** **needed**  
**Servers** **3 needed**  
**Mass Coordinator** Vicki Walker

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

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God, John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?



Steven and Renee Vilatte and their children, Dominic (6) and Noelle (4) – 113 Basswood, Springfield.



Please pray for Mary M. Thompson, mother of parishioner Mike Thompson. Mrs. Thompson passed away on Wednesday this week.

**OUR GIFT TO GOD  
Fiscal Year 7/1/07 – 6/30/08**

	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Sunday</b>
Collection	\$118,133.71	\$ 4,487.35
Electronic Funds	\$ 23,849.00	\$ 0.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 8,258.00	\$ 269.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,268.00	\$ 0.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,321.55	\$ 6.80

**Children’s Stewardship Offering to God**

Helped mom and dad clean up the toy room; helped my mom cook and bake  
 I gave a man in need a Christmas gift.  
 Holding the door for people  
 I gave up my drink for my sister because there was no more left.  
 I gave in to my sister so she could listen to the CD she wanted.  
 I helped a friend get her coat on because she has a broken elbow.

**December 17, 2007 – Collection Counting Team 2**  
Foster, Spurlock, Waters

**LOTTERY WINNER\$ Dec 10 through 16**

<b>Mon.</b>	# 133	St. Jude’s (Janet Foster)
<b>Tue.</b>	# 115	Chris Egan
<b>Wed.</b>	# 361	Donald Vanover
<b>Thu.</b>	# 526	Josephine Catteau (Van Dyke)
<b>Fri.</b>	# 492	David Waters
<b>Sat.</b>	# 199	Maude Kenworth
<b>Sun. \$35</b>	# 191	Bob Jemison

**Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!**  
 Beals, Bolinger, Brinkman, Bruzan, Carel, Chepulis, Bob Davis, Duban, Egan, Flanagan (Schmit), Fox, Hagerman, Heissingert, Jones -2, Keen, Kuntzman, D Miller, Otten, Streb, D Waters, Watts, Wuellner-3



**Wayne Hutchinson** (parishioner)  
**Deb King** (parishioner)  
**Callahan Family** (parishioners)  
**Ken Kjar** (Nancy Atkinson’s father)  
**Catherine Hendrickson** (parishioner)  
**Mary Beth Vetter** (Teri Dambacher’s sister)  
 Praying for... **Katie Verdeyen** (Donna Day’s aunt)  
**Ruth McClintock** (Roger McClintock’s mom)  
**Kent Owen** (Jim Owen’s brother)  
**Bill White** (Kelly Conlon’s father)  
**Michelle Napier** (Carol and Dave Foltz’s daughter)  
**Frank Mertz** (Carol Foltz’s dad)  
**Maude Kenworth** (parishioner)  
**Ruth Helling** (parishioner)  
**Charlotte McKee** (Joan Mavis’ sister)

## Happenings this Week!!

<b>Sunday -</b>	<b>December 16</b>
	Christmas Friends Drop off after mass
<b>9:10 a</b>	PSR Classes
<b>10:30 p</b>	Children's Liturgy of the Word
<b>11:30 p</b>	High School Elective Class
<b>6:00 p</b>	Advent Program
<b>Monday -</b>	<b>December 17</b>
<b>9:00 a</b>	Collection Counting Team 2(Foster, Spurlock, Waters)
<b>Tuesday -</b>	<b>December 18</b>
<b>6:30 p</b>	Advent Evening Prayer
<b>6:45 p</b>	RCIA
<b>7:00 p</b>	K – C Meeting
<b>Wednesday -</b>	<b>December 19</b>
<b>5:30 p</b>	Children's Choir
<b>6:30 p</b>	PSR Classes
<b>7:30 p</b>	Adult choir Practice
<b>Thursday -</b>	<b>December 20</b>
<b>7:00 p</b>	Advent Reconciliation
<b>Friday -</b>	<b>December 21</b>
<b>8:30 a</b>	Deliver Friends gifts to St. Pat's
<b>4:30 p</b>	High School Caroling
<b>5:00 p</b>	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>7:00 p</b>	Salvation Army Red Kettle – JC Penney
<b>Sunday -</b>	<b>December 23</b>
<b>11:30 p</b>	Art & Environment – Decorate for Christmas

### AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Dec. 16 - 2:00 pm	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 16 - 2:00 pm	St. Francis Cabrini
Dec. 16 - 4:30 pm	St. James, Riverton
Dec. 18 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
Dec. 20 - 7:00 pm	St. Jude



### Youth Caroling Night

The junior-high and high school youth of St. Jude are invited to share their musical talents for a night of Christmas Caroling on **Friday, Dec. 21st**. We'll meet at the parish center at **4:30pm**,

perform at Wyndcrest Assisted Living Facility at **5:30pm**, and go caroling at neighborhood homes. Hot beverages, food and a Christmas movie will follow to end the evening. Bring your instruments, voices, and Santa hats.

### St. Jude Annual Youth Christmas Program

The St. Jude Children's Choir and high-school youth musicians will present their Christmas program "Some Children See Him" on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the parish center. The highlight of the evening will be a musical tribute to the movie "The Polar Express".

## Final Walking the Talk outing this Sunday

There is still room for 2 or 3 individuals who would like to visit the Mission Outreach Center on the grounds of the Franciscan Convent and help package up hospital supplies that will be shipped to overseas missions. Start with lunch over at the parish center following the 10:30 a.m. mass and head over with the group at noon. They will be returning at approximately 2:45 p.m. Permission slips are available at the parish center.

# RCIA



**How can I become Catholic?  
What does it mean to be Catholic?  
Why do Catholics do that?  
Do Catholics really believe that?**

**Would you like to ask some questions without being pressured into "joining"? Someone from the RCIA team is always available to talk with anyone interested in inquiring about the Catholic Church. For more information please contact Father Dean or Sue Roth (498-9817).**

**You can never be too late!!**

### RECONCILIATION/PENANCE SERVICE

7:00 pm Thursday, December 20, is our parish Advent/Christmas Penance Service. As St. John the Baptist declares during these Sundays of Advent, "Prepare the Way of the Lord," let us prepare our souls for the glory of Christ to dwell within us by sharing in the Sacrament of Penance: The Rite of Reconciliation. Fathers Meehling, Janoski, Hunter and Willenborg will join our Pastor in administering God's healing and merciful love through this Sacrament.

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER in Honor of Our Lady of Grace.** The Knights of Columbus Council 9640 is sponsoring Evening Prayer of the Church 6:30 pm Tuesday, December 18. It will be held in St. Jude Church prior to the monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to participate. The traveling icon of our Lady of Grace will be our focal point as we prepare to celebrate God's gift of Jesus to the world through our Blessed Mother in the feast of Christmas.



To Mike Carlisle and Jeanette Waters for preparing and serving the wonderful soups and sandwiches last Thursday for the Feast of St. Nicholas. A fun time was had by all in attendance.

Would you like to visit with **Maude Kenworth**? John needs to run an errand once in a while and is reluctant to leave Maude alone, since she just got home for the hospital. If you would like to visit for an hour or so, please call John at 498-8992.

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### Servers Needed

We are in need of youth 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above to be servers, assisting Father Dean and Deacon Tom, at Mass. We currently have for the 10:30am only 9 youth volunteering for this ministry. The 5:30pm and 8:00am Masses have 13 each. Training will be provided. If interested please talk to Father Dean, Deacon Tom, Seth Warren (high school student who trains the servers) or call the parish office.

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### This Weeks Daily Readings

**Sun.** – Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**Mon.** – Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17

**Tues.** – Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25

**Wed.** – Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25

**Thurs.** – Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38

**Fri.** – Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45

**Sat.** – 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8; Luke 1:46-56

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### Advertiser of the Week

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### “Friends” Christmas Gifts

All “**Friends**” gifts are to be dropped off this weekend at the Parish Center before or after any of the weekend masses. Gifts and food baskets may also be dropped off at the Parish Office anytime during office hours. We will be delivering the gifts on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your generosity and true Christmas Spirit!

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**Thank You** to everyone who purchased a poinsettia last weekend. The funds raised for the mission trip, from this sale, totaled \$378.08

## Dominicans Opening Doors to Women Interested in Exploring Religious Life

Three days of discovery are planned for Catholic women interested in religious life during a *Come and See* weekend at Sacred Heart Convent, the motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois. This event provides women with an opportunity to experience the prayer and community life that is characteristic of Springfield Dominican living, as well as time for private prayer and interaction with the sisters.

“When Jesus’ first followers asked him where he lived, he said to them, ‘come and see,’” Vocation Director Sister Lori Kirchman said. “We extend the same invitation. We invite young women to come and see what it could mean for them to give their lives in service to God and God’s people as Springfield Dominican sisters.”

The event, which is free of charge for single Catholic women ages 18-35, begins at 7 p.m. on Friday January 4th and ends at noon on Sunday, January 6th, 2008. To register for *Come and See*, visit [www.springfieldop.org](http://www.springfieldop.org) or call Sister Lori at 787-0481. The deadline for registration is December 31st.

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### Catholic Children’s Home in Alton

Since 1879 Catholic Children’s Home has provided care for thousands of children in need. These children have been abused, labeled “unmanageable” by their schools or simply have had no place to call home. The Catholic Children’s Home continues its 128 year legacy of love and care through the generous support of parishioners throughout the diocese. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly packet to help this worthy cause.

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**Church Dusters** for the week of December 17th is the Potter family

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### Prayers Needed

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 or just needs prayers. Please feel free to fill out this form and drop it into the collection basket or hand it to one of the Hospitality Members.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are they at Home \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital and Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

Visit \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharist \_\_\_\_\_ Prayers \_\_\_\_\_



### Telling the Christmas Story

These words are all part of the Christmas story. First, find them in the puzzle below. Circle them. You may find them → ← ↙ ↘ ↗ ↖ ↑ ↓. There will be 12 letters that remain uncircled. Write them in the order found on the lines below. You will find a special Christmas message! Then use the words from the list to tell the story to someone!

- joy
- hay
- men
- inn
- wise
- Lord
- star
- baby
- king
- east
- Mary
- gold
- angel
- taxes
- Jesus
- sheep
- myrrh
- three
- manger
- Savior
- donkey
- Caesar
- Joseph
- birthday
- Messiah
- shepherds
- frankincense
- Bethlehem
- Augustus

B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	P	S	M	A	R	Y
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T	J	O	Y	E	H	E	T	S	A	E	S	E	M	N
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“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Answer: Peace on Earth

#### Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's Gospel, the name of Joseph's father was \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 1:16)

Joseph was told to call his son Jesus. The name Jesus is the Greek form of the name Joshua which means God saves. What was Jesus to save his people from? \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 1:21)

Joseph was a carpenter in Nazareth. What was the name of the area in which Nazareth was located? Was it Samaria, Galilee or Judea? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:26)

## PAPER BAG LUMINARIAS

Lead your family and friends to your house this holiday with luminarias celebrating Jesus' birth.

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Pencil
- Brown paper lunch bags
- Hole punch, tack or pushpin
- Sand
- Votive candles or tea lights

### WHAT YOU DO:

- 1 Draw a simple picture, word or symbol of Jesus' birth on the bag; for example, a star, a manger, a heart, a lamb, a wise man or the word "JOY."
- 2 Using a hole punch or pushpin, punch holes along the drawing, leaving a little space between each hole. Punch all the way through both sides of the bag so you end up with the same design on both sides when the bag is opened. When using a pin, place a piece of cardboard under the bag or work on carpet so nothing gets damaged.
- 3 Open the bag and fill each luminaria with about two inches of sand. Then sink a votive candle or tea light in the center of the sand.
- 4 Place the luminarias along a walk, patio or porch. Have an adult light the candles.