

**FROM THE PASTORAL STAFF**

**You better watch out!**

As I think about the coming of Christmas, I am reminded of a story, which I could not find in a book so I'll try and tell it from memory.

Before I share the story, I will share my thoughts of Christmas in general. I am slowly realizing that Christmas is not one day, but a series of epiphanies or manifestations of the coming of Jesus through sights, sounds and mostly other people. One of these encounters may actually touch you or be more meaningful than Christmas Day itself. A flickering candle, a display, a picture or Christmas card, a concert or song, a dinner, a party, a phone call may each be God's way of connecting us to Christmas and each other. If we (including me!!) are not careful, we could miss it.

And now the story:

Three businessmen were running through an airport on a Friday afternoon to catch a plane to be with their families that evening. In their haste, one knocked over a basket of apples a young woman was selling. They continued on their way. The last man looked back and could not continue on his way knowing he and his friends had spilled the apples. The man returned to help the lady pick up the apples knowing he would miss his flight. As he bent down, he realized she was blind. He apologized for what he and his friends had done and paid for the damaged apples. The girl turned to him and asked "Are you Jesus?"

**You better watch out or you could miss it!**

.....Rev. Mr. Tom deHaas

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hosp.—Wed. Dec. 15 .....Kukula  
 Grande Pointe—Sun. Dec. 19 ..... Chinchar—Rupp  
 Counter—Sun., Sun. Dec. 19 ..... "A" Team

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY** **Lucy, virgin, martyr** **Dec. 13**  
 Reading Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27  
 8:15 a.m. Colette Needs  
 7:00 p.m. John Mauric

**TUESDAY** **John of the Cross, priest, doc.** **Dec. 14**  
 Reading Zep 3; 1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32  
 8:15 a.m. Ann Evanetich  
 7:00 p.m. Jack Hoover

**WEDNESDAY** **Advent Weekday** **Dec. 15**  
 Reading Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23  
 8:15 a.m. Rose Burrello  
 7:00 p.m. Joseph & Eva Sova

**THURSDAY** **Advent Weekday** **Dec. 16**  
 Reading Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30  
 8:15 a.m. Lucy Niro  
 7:00 p.m. John Mauric

**FRIDAY** **Late Advent Weekday** **Dec. 17**  
 Reading Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
 8:15 a.m. Flora Flender  
 7:00 p.m. All Souls

**SATURDAY** **Late Advent Weekday** **Dec. 18**  
 Reading Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
 8:15 a.m. Fred Melocik  
 5:00 p.m. Dorothy Zoul

**SUNDAY** **Fourth Sunday of Advent** **Dec. 19**  
 Reading is:7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24  
 8:00 a.m. Victor Kmetich  
 9:45 a.m. Jarm & Tomarac Families  
 11:45 a.m. Leo Burrello  
 7:00 p.m. Emma Grk

**Congratulations** to our newly baptized & parents in November, omitted from last weeks bulletin in error, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Shea ..... Christopher Charles

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 18-19, 2004**

MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	MANNA
5:00	H. Baldini / N. Baldini S. Lonchar / J. Monger	K. Sullivan	M. Anders	M. Monger / F. Nalepka R. O'Donnell	R. Budziak S. Rutti	Manna Certificates Are Available in the
8:00		D. Meyers	S. Moores	M. Zalar / T. Melfi S. Organiscak	T. Henry S. Henry	Rectory office during Regular business hours
9:45	M. Musk / L. Peters H. Williams / T. Davisson	K. Gamber	D. Wagner	E. Edelman / R. Volk / R. Plavac R. Somich / S. Murphy M. Wagner / M. Campbell / M. Cox	E. Doering C. Jasinski	Monday—Thursday 8:15 am—7:45 pm
11:45	R. Manning / A. Molnar K. Musarra / D. Greaves	T. Burrello	T. Hlabse	M. Dodd / L. Fatica J. Conway	T. Triskett J. Durr	Friday 8:15 am—5:30 pm Saturday 9:0 am - 5:00 pm
7:00	J. Boellner M. Chinchar	D. Iacobucci	N. Anzlovar	A. Rodriguez / F. Buda J. Kukula / M. Luboski	J. Kern J. Rodriguez	Sunday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

**FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**PSR FOR GRADES 7-8** will meet on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Parents are invited to the Prayer experience at 8:00 pm in the Church.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION:**  
Our next session is Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the School Hall. All students enrolled in the program are expected to attend. A reminder: if you have not yet turned in your Sponsor Selection Form, please bring it with you on Wednesday.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER**

A great time was had by all! Thanks go out to all who donated their time to help at this event and to the many people and companies who donated prizes for the raffle

**NEW HYMNALS ARE HERE**

You don't have to be a great singer or musician to contribute to our worship program. You can "sponsor" one of our new hymnals for just \$20.00. For each \$20.00 donation, one hymnal will get a bookplate that reads, "Given as a gift by \_\_\_ in the name of \_\_\_." If every parishioner sponsors one hymnal, it will cover the entire cost of purchasing the new books. Additional money raised will go toward resources for our choir and musicians. Special donation envelopes will be available starting next weekend. You can call or stop at the Rectory for more information!



**ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

I am a person. Therefore, I am a gift! And I have been created to be a gift to others! Am I willing to be given by the Father to others?... a person for others! Do others have to be content with the wrappings...never permitted to enjoy the gift? Every meeting of persons is an exchange of gifts. But a gift without a giver is not a gift: it is a thing devoid of relationship. Friendship is a relationship between persons who see themselves as they truly are: gifts of the Father to each other for others...brothers and sisters. Persons are gifts received and gifts given...like the Son of God!

**COLLECTIONS**

Sunday Envelopes—Dec. 5 ..... \$11,820.00  
48 Children's Envelopes..... \$40.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

**Special Collection-December 2004**  
St. Mary Seminary ..... Dec. 5  
Retirement for the Religious ..... Dec. 12

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**First Annual St. Felicitas  
Christmas Concert!!!**  
Please mark your calendar for  
**Sunday, December 19th**  
From 3:00—4:00 pm

**PARISH NEWS**

**MARKET DAY:** Remember, Market Day pick up is on Monday, December 13, from 6:00-7:00pm in the school gym. Call Regina 440-585-2146 or Denise 440-944-4643 with any questions.

**St. Felicitas Junior Girl Scout Troop #681** will be having a **craft table at Monday's Market Day pick up from 6-7 pm.** We have a variety of wreaths, ornaments, magnets, cookie mixes, and much more. **Please** support our troop while you find a great gift exchange item or decoration. **Prices are reduced to sell out!** Thank you for your support.

**"ON THE HILL SENIORS"** — In place of our usual meeting on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Christmas Party at Alexanders Restaurant. Our next trip will be to **"Casino Seneca Niagra" & Light Display** in New York. Call Marge and Al Mierke @ 440-944-8787 for more information or to sign up. ..Frank Somrack, Pres.

The Annual **St. Felicitas Reverse Raffle** plans are in the works. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 5, 2005.** This year's fun event will be at the Manor Party Center in Euclid. Tickets will be sold at the school office for \$60 (includes one dinner and a main board number). Additional dinner tickets will be \$40. More details will follow after the holidays. Don't miss out on this great night. Get you table together now!

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Mary Floria, Concetta Brozak, Joan Neubert, Anna Scaletta, Theresa Szolek, Leslie Grano, Phyllis Freeh, Sally Hansen, Mary Presnell, Jerry Petrofes, Lovre Dzolic, Joe Osborne, Andrew Jarm, Dolores Anderson, George Sheldon, Connie Klinko, Estelle Bousquet, Helen Kinkopf, June Feldkamp, Helen Kramer, Burton Emig, Lisa Morek, Catherine Yert, Robert and Mary Zanagra.

RAFFLE WINNER

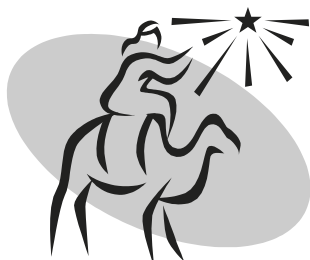
Congratulations to John & Jody Widmann, of Richmond Hts., winners of the Dec. 5th PTU Weekly Raffle. The Widmann's were also the seller winners

SHARING GRIEF

The Catholic Cemeteries Bereavement Ministry invites you to spend some special time sharing your grief. A bereavement support group session will be held each month at the cemeteries listed below. You don't need to spend your Sunday afternoon alone—please come and share on Sun. Dec. 19th @ 3:00pm. WEST—Holy Cross Cemetery (Brookpark Rd. in Cleveland) and Calvary Cemetery (No. Ridge Rd. in Lorain) SOUTH—All Saints Cemetery (W. Highland Rd. in Northfield) and Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron) EAST—All Souls Cemetery (Chardon Rd. in Chardon)

COME, LORD JESUS, COME!

Coping with Grief and Loss: An Advent Program will be held at Christ The King Church (Noble Rd. in East Cleveland) on Thursday, December 16th from 1-2:45pm. Many tender hearts begin to experience the absence of a special loved one or other significant losses. Come and meet others and share common experience to companion one another as Jesus' love has often comforted you before.



FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Any Junior and Senior High School girls that would like to play CYO High School basketball for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, please contact Denny McGarry at 440-975-9612.

A Weekend for Divorced, Separated & Widowed

The next BEGINNING EXPERIENCE Weekend will be held on February 11th-13th, at St. Joseph Christian Life Center in Cleveland. This weekend is for those that are divorced, separated or widowed who wish to let go of the painful past and create a more peace-filled future. Presented by people who have "been there", and offer their support.

Call Irene 33-706-1512 or Frank 440-473-0457 or Joan 216-671-0077 for more information.

March for Life! January 22, 2005 marks the 32nd Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision, which legalized abortion on demand in the United States. St. Gregory the Great Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life to witness on behalf of unborn babies and lobby our representatives in Congress. The bus will leave St. Gregory's at 6:45am on January 23rd and return on January 24th about midnight. The group will also be attending the "Mass in Thanksgiving for Life" at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception the evening of January 23rd. Deadline for reservations is January 3, 2005. Hotel accommodations will be at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C. Please call Rita Krebs at 216-291-0842 for more information and reservations.

SESA's CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at St. Paschal Baylon (Wilson Mills Rd. in Highland Hts.) on Saturday, December 18 from 7-10pm. Cost is \$10 per person or \$9 if you bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for the Christ the King food pantry. Cost includes Hors d'oeuvres, Beverages and Holiday Music. Party is open to All Singles and SESA alumni. Dress is casual. We will have Door prizes and Raffle. Tickets will be sold at the door. Everyone is encouraged to bring a wrapped, unisex, anonymous gift priced between \$5 and \$10 but this is optional. For more information about the SESA, call 216-556-3662 or visit our website www.sesanews.com.