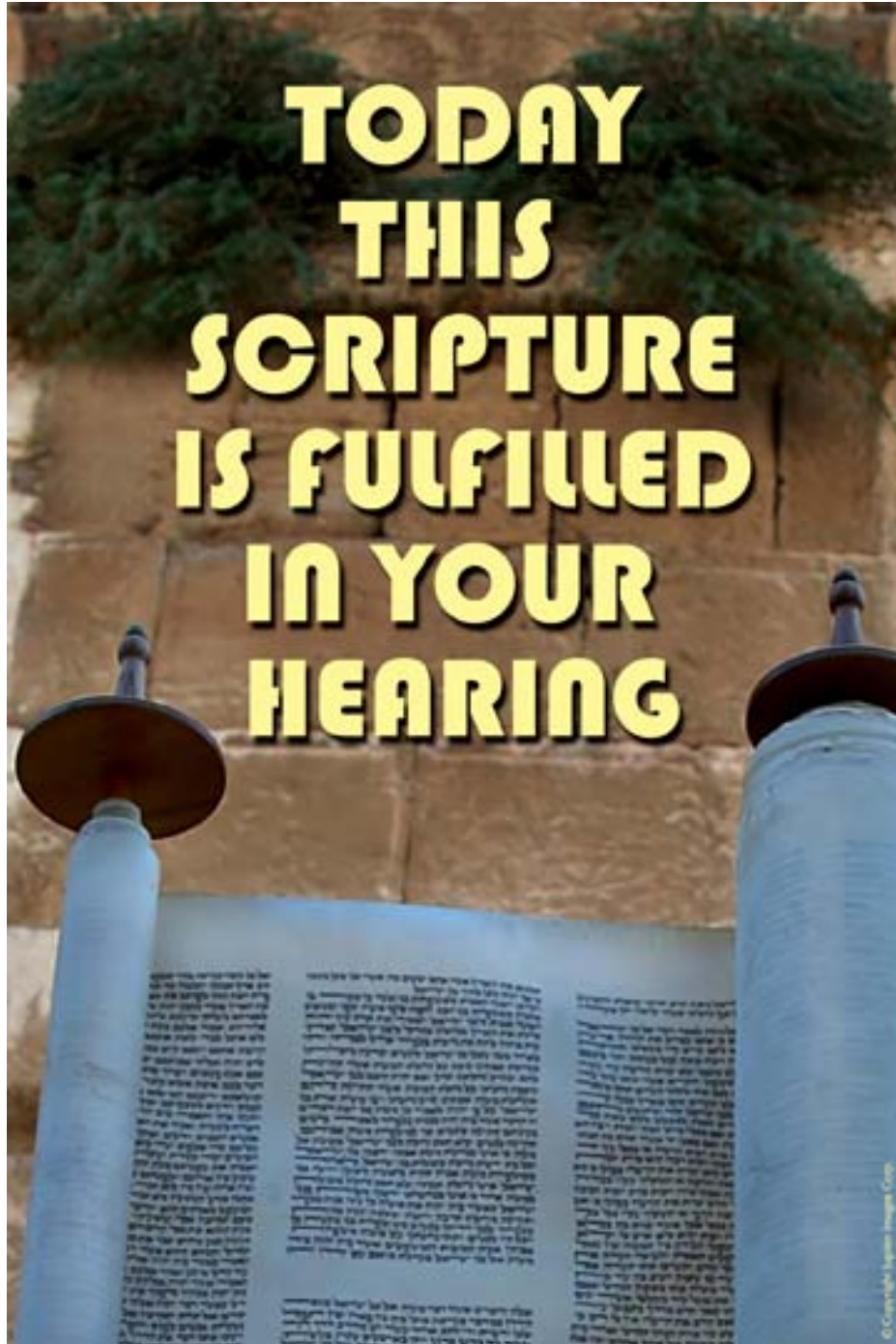
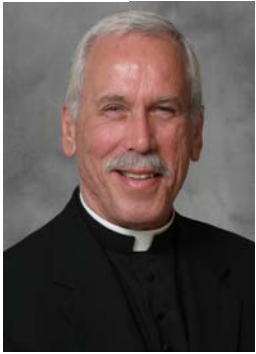




January 24, 2010
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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Reflections From the Pastor

*He read out of the Book from daybreak to midday,
in the presence of the men and women...
and all the people listened attentively to the Torah.
- Nehemiah 8:4*

I am always fascinated by this text. Think about we Catholics listening from dawn to noon to the proclaiming of the Scriptures. Oh, yes, while we may give lip worship to the Bible as the Word of God, I suspect few of us could quiet ourselves very long to listen to the Word. Think of how many think nothing of walking in late during the reading of the Word and how many walk up to receive the Word made flesh at the Eucharist and march out without so much as taking a moment in prayer to say *thank you, Lord!*

For our Jewish brothers and sisters *Torah* is everything. It is not simply a set of sacred scrolls. It is the very Word of God and it is in *listening* to that Word that one experiences a true communion with God. Remember the Lord telling the prophet Ezekiel to eat the scroll, the holy Torah. And the prophet who did so in obedience found it sweet to the taste (Eucharist).

Last week I spoke of the *Anawim*, the faithful remnant of the Chosen People of Israel. After years of living in exile in Babylon, many of the Chosen Ones no longer spoke or understood the language of the Torah. As a result many no longer lived by the *covenant* made with Abraham and renewed with Moses. Judaism is very much a religion of the Book, meaning that apart from the Book, Israel ceases to be. For the Jews everything that gives meaning to their existence rests upon Israel living in communion with the Book, the Word of God.

When the Hebrews return from Babylon, they faced a crisis. Returning was not simply a matter of returning to the land, but it also was a matter of knowing that holy Word that gave them the land (*covenant – Abraham – Promised Land*). Thanks to the *Anawim* the Word continued to be spoken to God's People.

Recognizing that many Jews no longer spoke Hebrew, the priests, Ezra and Nehemiah, began to form *synagogues (Qahal)* where the people could gather and those educated in the Torah, Pharisees and Scribes (Rabbis), would both proclaim the Scriptures (in Hebrew) and explain the Scriptures in Aramaic (homily). In the *Gospel of Luke* (4) one sees Jesus serving as the rabbi at the synagogue service.

It is worth noting that to this day the Torah or Hebrew Scriptures are never proclaimed in the vernacular. All good and pious Jews take seriously the need to learn Hebrew. It is the language of Hebrew that for them is the language of God.

Perhaps to us some of this seems a bit much, but I think we Catholics should be hesitant in dismissing the Jewish approach to the Scriptures. We too are a *People of the Book!* The holy *Koran* of Islam speaks respectfully of Jews and Christians as the *People of the Book*. Having recently concluded the season of Christmas, one is reminded that the feast of Christmas is the feast of the *Word Incarnate*. That Word who is Jesus tells us that He is the fulfillment of the *Law* and the *Prophets* (Torah). As Matthew in his gospel makes clear Jesus is more than the "second Moses", Moses being the giver of the Law. Jesus is the Law, the holy Torah made flesh.

- Fr. Bill Conway



Adult Faith Formation

A RETURN ENGAGEMENT:

Please save the date

Chari Rosales, currently Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Thomas the Apostle, will once again be the speaker and facilitator of our evening. Chari spoke and facilitated our evening on THE CREED in late October, and was enthusiastically received. Chari has taught Scripture and Church History for 26 years. We welcome her back to present:

*Light, Joy & Hope – The Vision of
Vatican II for the Catholic Church
in the Modern World*

After setting the stage with a brief overview of the people and events leading up to Vatican II, this evening will focus on two of the Council's major works – "Lumen Gentium", the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, and "Gaudium et Spes", the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. Both documents present the Church's self-understanding of its organization and role, and the rights and responsibilities of the baptized. They are calls to discipleship and mission.

This evening will be held at the Parish Center at 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 9th. *Don't miss this opportunity!*

EVERYTHING IS GRACE

A book discussion in the parish is about to begin! Starting February 14th, participants will meet every other Sunday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to explore contemporary Catholic literature. Our first selection is *Everything is Grace: The Life and Way of Therese of Lisieux* by Joseph F. Schmidt, FSC.

To join the discussion, please register with Tracy O'Brien at Divine Savior, 630-969-1532 ext. 21. You can purchase *Everything is Grace* from the parish at the discounted price of \$14. (Checks should be made payable to Divine Savior Parish.)

PLEASE NOTE: You don't need to read the entire book before our first meeting. We intend to discuss *Everything is Grace* over four sessions, making the reading load light – about 80 pages every two weeks.



Committee Needed

Thirty-five of our wonderful high school students will be presented to Bishop Siegel for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday, January 30th, at 2:00 p.m. These young men and women have worked very hard these past months to get to this stage. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they finalize their readiness to take this very important step in their lives!

As a reminder, there is a rehearsal for the ceremony this Friday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All Confirmation students and sponsors are to attend. If a sponsor cannot make this practice, it is necessary that a parent or other adult be there to take the place of the sponsor and to hear the information provided.

Please contact Mark Hoffmeyer at the Religious Education Office if you have any questions regarding the practice or ceremony.

The Divine Savior Finance and Administration Council in seeking to form a Building and Grounds Committee to act as advisors to our Parish Staff as well as the Council and Fr. Bill. This committee would be comprised of people familiar with the building trades, skilled trades people, facilities and maintenance management and contractors. etc.

If you would be willing to donate a few hours a month to “walk” the buildings and grounds and help make recommendations and assist with the prioritizing of projects, please contact Sue Hartig (sue@divinesavior.net or 630-969-1532 ext. 23).

Our facilities are aging and all the needed repairs cannot financially be accomplished at once.

Please note, we are not seeking people to do the work only to advise on what needs to be done and the time involved.

If you have any questions, please see Sue or Fr. Bill.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.
*Jesus said to them, “Today this Scripture passage
is fulfilled in your hearing.”* — Lk 4:18b-19, 21

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB



The first official meeting of the Divine Savior Senior Social Club was held on Monday, January 11. The meeting was hosted by Arlene Richert. It was “game day.” Some of our seniors brought their own games, but many games were provided by Arlene. Over 40 people attended and many different games were played. Everyone had a wonderful time!

If you are a senior, know a senior, or even want to invite a senior to come, our next gathering is February 8 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Parish Center. The meeting will be hosted by Jack and Pat Cantlin, and it will be a “movie and popcorn” theme. We hope you can attend. It will be a wonderful afternoon, so bring your sweetie to the movie for Valentine’s Day early. See you on February 8!





**Thanks,
to all of you!**



I cannot begin to put into words what you have meant to me these last 6 years. We have shared times of joy and times of sadness. I have truly grown closer to the Lord through knowing and worshipping with you. A special thank you to all the choirs and instrumentalists who have been such a joy to work with whose ministry truly enhances the spirituality of the Divine Savior Family.

In the tale of the "Patchwork Quilt" it is said that at birth our heart is made of a quilt of a single color. Each of us gets a different color, and as we touch each other's lives, we exchange a bit of our quilt for a piece of theirs. At the end of our lives, we will be judged on how much of a 'patchwork quilt' our heart has become. If it is still a solid color - we have not let others in or shared of ourselves. But a *multi-colored* heart shows we have loved & been loved much. Know that my quilt has become abundant with new amazingly colored patches because of you. You have become family and I will carry you with me always in my heart.



*Peace and abundant blessings,
Bunny*

Please welcome our new Director of Music, Megan Hassinger. Megan grew up out west in "Big Sky Country" otherwise known as Montana. It was her years of study at Wheaton College Conservatory of Music that brought her to Illinois where she majored in Music and Theater.

Megan spent a few years out east in Plainsboro, New Jersey before returning to the Chicagoland area where she has been since. She has been actively involved in music ministry at many parishes including St. Margaret Mary in Naperville, St. Charles Boromeo in Bensenville, and was Music Director at St. Michael's Parish in Wheaton for five years. Megan is thrilled to be here at Divine Savior and is looking forward to an exciting year of service and music-making.



**OPEN HOUSE—JANUARY 31, 2010
Catholic Schools Week is Coming!**

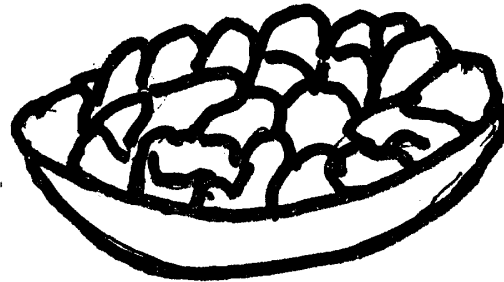
You're invited to attend our neighborhood Catholic School's Open Houses. Learn from the teachers, students and parents about our area Catholic Schools, which provide challenging academics in a faith-building environment. Please stop by these open houses to learn about what Catholic schooling has to offer.

9:30 AM—Noon
St. Mary of Gostyn
445 Prairie
Downers Grove

1:00 PM—3:00 PM
St. Joseph
4832 Highland
Downers Grove



The "Tap" Goes On



Ballydoyle Irish Pub

Downtown Downers Grove

5157 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL

Serving Young Adults, College Age, 20's and 30's

Attendance is free...Food and Drinks Available for Purchase

Monday Evenings...Gather at 6:30...Speaker at 7:00

Monday, February 8

Jeremy Hylka...Called to Discipleship

Jeremy is Director of Liturgy and Youth Ministry at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Joliet. He has a degree in Theology from the University of St. Francis and continued his studies in youth ministry at Loyola University. His work in the Church has included directing a youth ministry program, teaching high school theology, assisting at special Masses, and speaking at numerous churches on various topics

**Next up: March 8: Duane and Chris Wozek
Finding the Perfect Mate**

Questions? Contact:

Jerry Christensen at StSDeaconJerry@aol.com



Have a touch of the Post-Holiday Blues? Shake them loose with an authentic N'awlins-style Mardi Gras Stay-cation.

Let's face it, times are tough. But you can still experience a New Orleans celebration without breaking the bank or even leaving the city.

Our Mardi Gras ball tickets are on sale for \$50 per person. Call 630.969.1532 to reserve your seat today.

One night not enough? Why not make a weekend out of it? We've partnered with the Hickory Ridge Marriott.

Rooms are available at \$69 with free shuttle service to and from the event! Call 630.971.5000 and make your hotel reservations.

Mark your calendar for Saturday February 13, 2010 6:30pm — Midnight

Seven Bridges, Signature Room
6440 Double Eagle Drive
Woodridge, Illinois



UN TIEMPO SANTO

Para los que vivimos más al norte, estamos en pleno invierno. Y para todos nosotros, del norte y del sur, las fiestas han pasado. Sentimos el inicio de un largo y arduo tramo de tiempo en blanco. Estos primeros domingos del “Tiempo Ordinario” reflejan esa sensación de comienzo.

La lectura de hoy del libro de Nehemías cuenta con gran drama cómo el pueblo se reunió para escuchar, como por primera vez, la solemne lectura de la palabra de Dios. A medida que escucharon, se prostraron rostro en tierra y lloraron. Pero el profeta dijo: “Este es un día consagrado al Señor, nuestro Dios. No estén tristes ni lloren” (Nehemías 8:9).

El Evangelio de hoy ofrece un relato dramático similar. Nos presenta el mismo inicio de la vida pública de Jesús. La gente se juntó para escuchar y Jesús proclamó el cumplimiento de las palabras del profeta. A sus oyentes, y a nosotros, anunció “el año de gracia del Señor” (Lucas 4:19).

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

Domingo:	Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes:	La Conversión de San Pablo; Termina la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana
Martes:	Santos Timoteo y Tito
Miércoles:	Santa Ángela de Merici
Jueves:	Santo Tomás de Aquino
Sábado:	Santa María Virgen

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hch 22:3-16 o 9:1-22; Mc 16:15-18
Martes:	2 Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Mc 4:1-20
Jueves:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mc 4:21-25
Viernes:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mc 4:26-34
Sábado:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mc 4:35-41
Domingo:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Sal 71 (70); 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lc 4:21-30



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SAN- MOTEO Y TITO (Siglo I) 26 de enero

TOS TI-

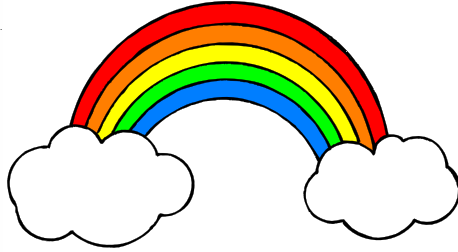
Timoteo y Tito fueron colaboradores cercanos del apóstol Pablo. Timoteo es descrito por Pablo como un “hombre de Dios” a quien le pide que no se abochorne de ser joven y que no permita que alguien lo desprecie por ser un líder joven. Asimismo, fue su compañero apostólico en la evangelización de Tesalónica, Corinto y Éfeso. De esta última comunidad fue su obispo y ahí tuvo como encargo organizar la comunidad y sus ministerios. Fue testigo del martirio de Pablo y, posteriormente, él mismo sufrió el martirio. Tito fue convertido al cristianismo por el mismo Pablo. Es Pablo quien destaca en Tito las cualidades de artífice de la paz, administrador, mediador en los conflictos y de gran capacidad para organizar las comunidades nacientes que enfrentaban el acecho de la falsa doctrina. Tito murió, según las fuentes a los 93 años. Pablo escribe a ambos, en sus cartas pastorales, respecto a las cualidades que ellos, como obispos, deben tener. Asimismo, recorre uno a uno los ministerios de la Iglesia y los comportamientos que deben ser observados por los miembros de la comunidad.

—Miguel Arias, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

ELUSIVA FELICIDAD

La felicidad nunca será nuestra si no reconocemos en algún grado que las bendiciones que Dios nos dio son para el bienestar de todos.

—Anónimo



St. Mary of Gostyn, 445 Prairie Ave., Downers Grove, IL., will resume its Rainbows Support Program for children on Monday evenings, starting February 1st @ 6:00pm. There is no fee for this program.

Divorce, death, and other life altering crises are devastating experiences and often put family members at risk for a multitude of short and long-term negative effects. However, research findings also indicate that with proper intervention, families adjust to the loss and recover well. The RAINBOWS program continues to offer healing to families experiencing these losses.

RAINBOWS is a program which provides support for children and adolescents who are grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis such as death or divorce. RAINBOWS enables those grieving to share their feelings in an accepting,

supportive, confidential small group environment facilitated by trained, caring and compassionate adults.

Questions regarding the program may be directed to Betty Bentley at 630.960.3565, Ext. 219.

St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church in Downers Grove will conduct an ongoing series called **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME** on six consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm in the Parish Center at 445 Prairie Avenue, beginning Tuesday, January 26th, 2010. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith. For more details, call Bob at (630) 969-5169.

YOUR BEST

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

—Anonymous



Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. However, He expects us to share our blessings with those who are in need.

				
Saturday, January 30 5:00 PM	Fr. Jerry Pesha	Payton Buresch Charlene DeGuzman Olivia Porcaro	Beth McNeeley David Brockmann Sally Thomas Bev Goste Beth Svetich	Paul Jara
Saturday, January 30 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)	Fr. Jerry Pesha			
Sunday, January 31 7:00 AM	Fr. Sum	Alison Hietpas	Valerie Schmidt Barbara Fidanza Carl Lambiasi	Mary Bliss
Sunday, January 31 8:30 AM	Fr. Sum	Christopher Neumann Michael Rudolph Brad Brost	James Guzzaldo John Sheehan Janice Walters Dave Gallagher Erv Henderson	Dave Gallagher
Sunday, January 31 10:00 AM	Fr. Conway	Jami Leach Rachel Pfeifer Mara Alvarez	Susan Larson Beth Heidel Patti Rose Donna Dhein Jan Moon Debbie Campagna Traci Leach	Pam O'Donnell
Sunday, January 31 11:30 AM	Fr. Conway	Jack O'Sullivan Brendan Sullivan Michael O'Sullivan	Marianne Koys Susan Williams Lynn Thomas Eric Alvarez Bridget O'Sullivan	Joan Deutschmann

*The word of God becomes
the flesh of God when
YOU live it in your life.
Believe what you read;
live what you believe.
Be another Christ.*

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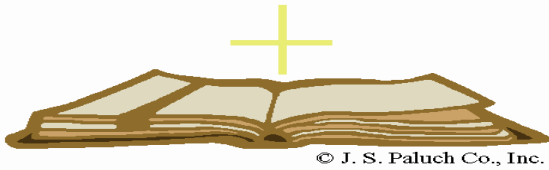
Bible

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31 —
 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Mass Intentions



Monday, Jan. 25-The Conversion of Saint Paul, apostle

8:30 AM— † Felix Wrobel

Tuesday, Jan. 26-Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops

8:30 AM— † Dennis Fox
 † Joyce Kowalski

Wednesday, Jan. 27-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Donald L. Pirkins

Thursday, Jan. 28-Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church

8:30 AM— † Michael Cosgrove
 † Eileen Fitzgerald

Friday, Jan. 29-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Phyllis Cozzola

Saturday, Jan. 30-Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM— † Dennis Fox
 6:30 PM— For the People of God

Sunday, Jan. 31-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM— † Arlene Masek
 8:30 AM— † Anthony Guzzaldo
 10:00 AM— † Arthur Newey
 11:30 AM— † Emma Fuller

Monday, January 25, 2010

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Parish Council Meeting	7:00 PM	CR
RCIA	7:00 PM	PC
Legion of Mary	7:30 PM	A

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Religious Ed. B [9]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Ed. B [9]	6:30 PM	PC
Christian Service Meeting	7:00 PM	CR
Liturgy Meeting	7:00 PM	R
10:00 Choir	7:30 PM	C

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Religious Ed. C [9]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Ed. C [9]	6:30 PM	PC
8:30 Choir	7:30 PM	C

Friday, January 29, 2010

PADS Cooking	3:00 PM	PC
Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00 PM	PC
Confirmation Rehearsal (9)	7:00 PM	C

Saturday, January 30, 2010

Bible Study—Intro to James	9:00 AM	PC
Confirmation	2:00 PM	C

Sunday, January 31, 2010

Grade Mass (Preschool)	10:00 AM	M
Preschool RE [8]	10:00 AM	PC

Key: C=Church; N=Narthex; M=Mass; A=Away;
 PC=Parish Center; MSR=Mother Seton Room;
 CR=Conference Room; G=Grounds



Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Thursday from 9:00 AM -4:30 PM. Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY:	8:30 AM
SATURDAY:	5:00 PM
	6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)
SUNDAY:	7:00 AM
	8:30 AM
	10:00 AM
	11:30 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Mass of anticipation the	
Evening before	7:00 PM
Holy day	7:30 AM
	12:00 Noon

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30-4:40 PM and by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

Stop in the Parish Office during regular business hours to register as a Divine Savior Parishioner.

BAPTISMS

Once a month at special Baptism Service. Arrangements must be made two months in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at a Baptismal Preparation meeting. Please call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call Parish Office.

RCIA

Anyone seeking information about becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic Faith should contact the Parish Office. Classes begin in September.