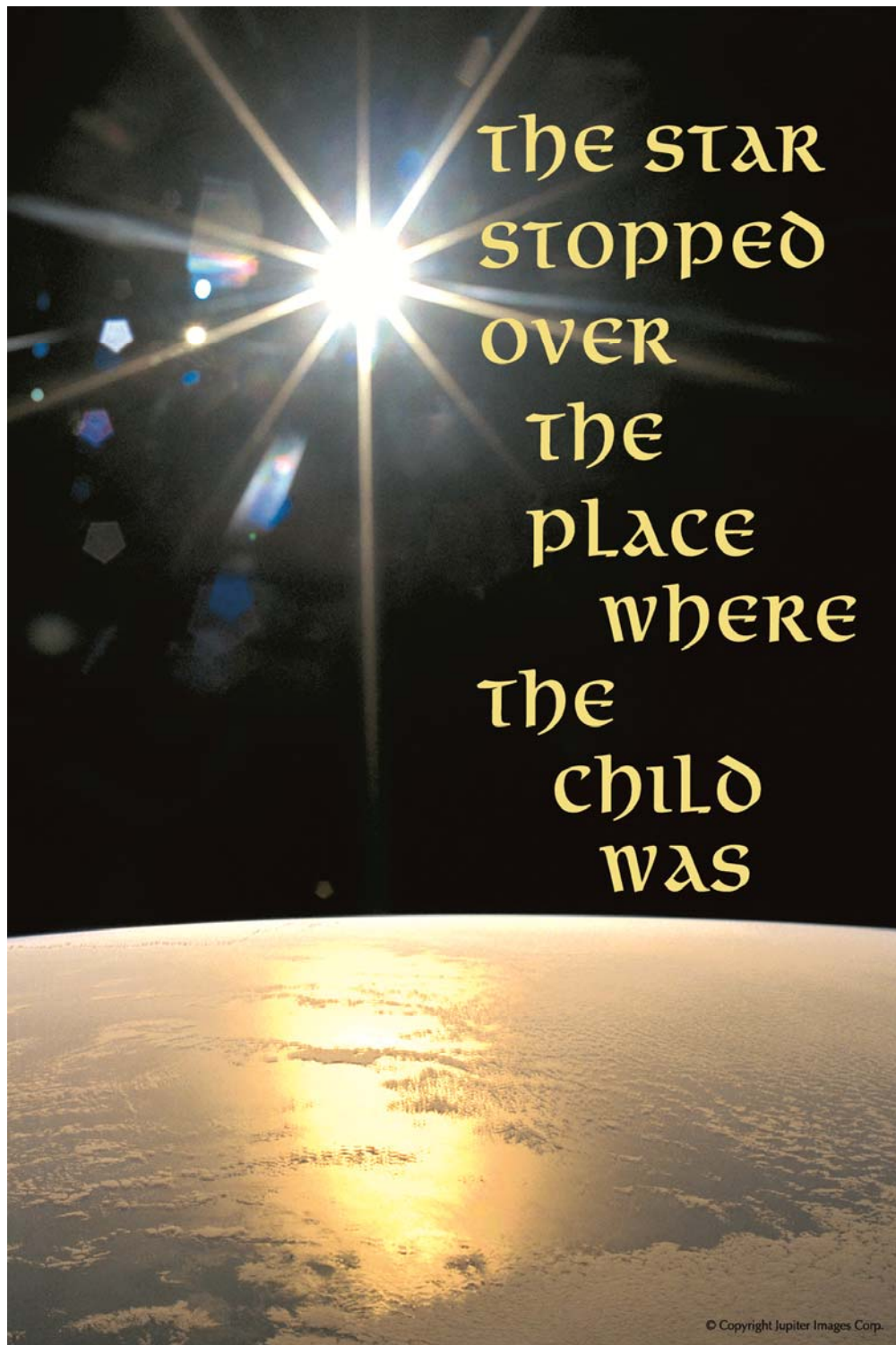




**January 8, 2012**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**





## *Reflections From the Pastor*

*You are my beloved Son  
in whom I am well pleased.  
- Luke 3.22*

The Church brings to an end the celebration of Christmas with the Baptism of the Lord (January 9). It is in this moment one hears a voice from the heavens affirming that Jesus is the one sent by God to redeem the nations. But He is not merely another prophet, He is more. He is the Son of God sent from the Father to redeem humanity. The Lord God in the prophet Isaiah (42.1-4) identifies Jesus as the Servant of God: *“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations.”*

In celebrating the feast of the Epiphany the Church noted that Jesus was not simply savior to the house of Israel but to all the nations. As Peter says in Acts: *“I see that God shows no partiality”* (10:34). The Magi represent the nations of the world. The word *epiphany* means *revelation*, that which was unknown or understood becomes known or manifested. Unfortunately, the understanding of for whom the Messiah is sent became narrowed. Israel lost a sense of her vocation to be God’s instrument of salvation (Mosaic Covenant). It had become parochial in its vision of redemption. The Epiphany reveals the *catholicity* of the mission of the Messiah: *He shall bring forth justice to the nations* (Isaiah 42:2).

Some may question why, if Jesus is God, He submits to being baptized by John. After all He was not subject to original sin. Reflecting upon this feast, it would seem that it highlights a deeper sense of what baptism is about. Not to deny the matter of original sin, I think sometimes our understanding of Baptism has been reduced to the removal of original sin. Keep in mind that the concept of original sin comes from St. Augustine responding to Arius’ claim that man in and of himself could be saved. What Jesus did was not necessary for our salvation – *secular humanism*. Baptism, then, surely reminds us that it is God’s grace that offers us the possibility of attaining goodness.

But worth noting in the scene of Jesus’ baptism the presence both of the Father and the Holy Spirit. The words spoken from the heavens reminds one that Baptism is *relational*. Through baptism one enters into relationship to the Father (*adopted sons and daughters*). The Church is the family of God into which one enters. In the early Church the relational aspect of Baptism was given great emphasis through the Catechumenate. Catechumens (usually adults) would be received into the Church after a number of years of preparation. It was on the night of one’s baptism (Easter Vigil) that one for the first time joined the community (family) for Eucharist.

One also observes the role of the Holy Spirit at the baptism of the Lord. The Spirit not only makes holy, but also empowers. The Spirit empowers the baptized to do and fulfill the mission for which one has been anointed: *“The Lord has anointed me to proclaim Good News to the poor...”* (Luke 4). The baptism of the Lord is not only about affirming the divinity of Jesus but also about His mission. Through Baptism we come to share both in Christ’s sonship but also his mission. We too have been anointed.

- Fr. Bill Conway

La Iglesia pone fin a la celebración de la Navidad con el Bautismo del Señor. Es en este momento se oye una voz desde el cielo afirmando que Jesús es el enviado de Dios para redimir a las naciones. Pero no es más que otro profeta, es más. Él es el Hijo de Dios enviado por el Padre para redimir a la humanidad. El Señor Dios en el profeta Isaías (42,1-4) identifica a Jesús como el Siervo de Dios: "He aquí mi siervo a quien sostengo, mi elegido en quien me he complacido, a quien he puesto mi espíritu, sacará el justicia a las naciones. "

En la celebración de la fiesta de la Epifanía de la Iglesia señaló que Jesús no era simplemente el salvador de la casa de Israel, sino a todas las naciones. Como dice Pedro en Hechos: "Veo que Dios no hace acepción de personas" (10:34). Los Reyes Magos representan a las naciones del mundo. La palabra epifanía significa revelación, lo que se desconoce o se conoce o entiende manifestado. Por desgracia, la comprensión de para quién es el Mesías enviado se redujo. Israel ha perdido el sentido de su vocación de ser instrumento de salvación de Dios (Pacto Mosaico). Se había convertido en parroquia en su visión de la redención. La Epifanía pone de manifiesto la universalidad de la misión del Mesías: Él traerá justicia a las naciones (Isaías 42:2).

Algunos pueden preguntarse por qué, si Jesús es Dios, él se somete a ser bautizado por Juan. Después de todo no estaba sujeto al pecado original. Reflexionando sobre esta fiesta, parece que se pone de manifiesto un sentido más profundo de lo que el bautismo se trata. No para negar el asunto del pecado original, creo que a veces nuestra comprensión del Bautismo se ha reducido a la eliminación del pecado original. Tenga en cuenta que el concepto del pecado original viene de San Agustín en respuesta a demanda de Arrio que el hombre en y por sí mismo podría ser salvado. Lo que Jesús no era necesario para nuestra salvación - el humanismo secular. Bautismo, entonces, sin duda nos recuerda que es la gracia de Dios que nos ofrece la posibilidad de alcanzar la bondad.

Sin embargo, cabe destacar en la escena del bautismo de Jesús la presencia tanto del Padre y del Espíritu Santo. Las palabras pronunciadas desde el cielo nos recuerda que el Bautismo es relacional. A través del bautismo se entra en relación con el Padre (hijos adoptivos). La Iglesia es la familia de Dios en el que se entra. En la Iglesia primitiva el aspecto relacional del bautismo se le dio gran énfasis a través del catecumenado. Catecúmenos (por lo general los adultos) se recibió en la Iglesia después de un número de años de preparación. Fue en la noche de su bautismo (Vigilia Pascual) que uno por primera vez se unió a la comunidad (familia) para la Eucaristía.

También se observa el papel del Espíritu Santo en el bautismo del Señor. El Espíritu Santo no sólo hace, sino que también permite. El Espíritu da poder a los bautizados a hacer y cumplir la misión para la que ha sido ungido: "El Señor me ha ungido para dar buenas nuevas a los pobres ..." (Lucas 4). El bautismo del Señor no es sólo afirmar la divinidad de Jesús, sino también acerca de su misión. A través del bautismo de nuestra participación tanto en la filiación de Cristo, sino también su misión. Nosotros también hemos sido ungidos.



*SMALL TALK*  
By Rosemary Bleuher

## LIGHT AND DARKNESS

A new year begins, and no matter the day or the time of the year, there is both darkness and light. I prefer longer days; I prefer light to darkness. Therefore, each year after the Christmas tree and decorations are finally taken down, our home seems to me... well, both empty and dark! Jane Kenyon, a 20<sup>th</sup> century poet, in the last line of her poem Taking down the Tree, writes: "If it's darkness we're having, let it be extravagant."

We are entering Midwinter - that strange season halfway between the light and the dark. In Christian liturgy, we call it Epiphany - light coming in the middle of darkness. Our tradition says the Magi arrived in Bethlehem following the star on this day. Once they honor Jesus, there is no mention of this star again. And so I imagine that though they may have left in darkness, they were never the same again. The Magi must have experienced "extravagant darkness", as they returned to their distant lands.

In every year of life, we experience both times of darkness - hard times, challenging days that perhaps seemed never-ending. But surely there are also times of light - moments of joy, the love of family and friends, insight. Perhaps like the Magi, we experienced a deeper awareness of God with us. Like the Magi's star, in these days post-2011 days, the question for us becomes, not "What happened to that star?" but rather "Where and what was the light coming in to me and my life in the middle of darkness in 2011?" "What have I learned in my journey?"

In another poem, Let Evening Come, Jane Kenyon describes the time of day, twilight, when light seems to recede. Her poem ends with a wonderful reassurance for us to remember as we enter 2012:

"Let (evening) come, as it will, and don't be afraid. God does not leave us comfortless, so let evening come."

## SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB



This is a reminder that the Senior Social Club will meet this Monday, January 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. Please join us if you can!

## MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

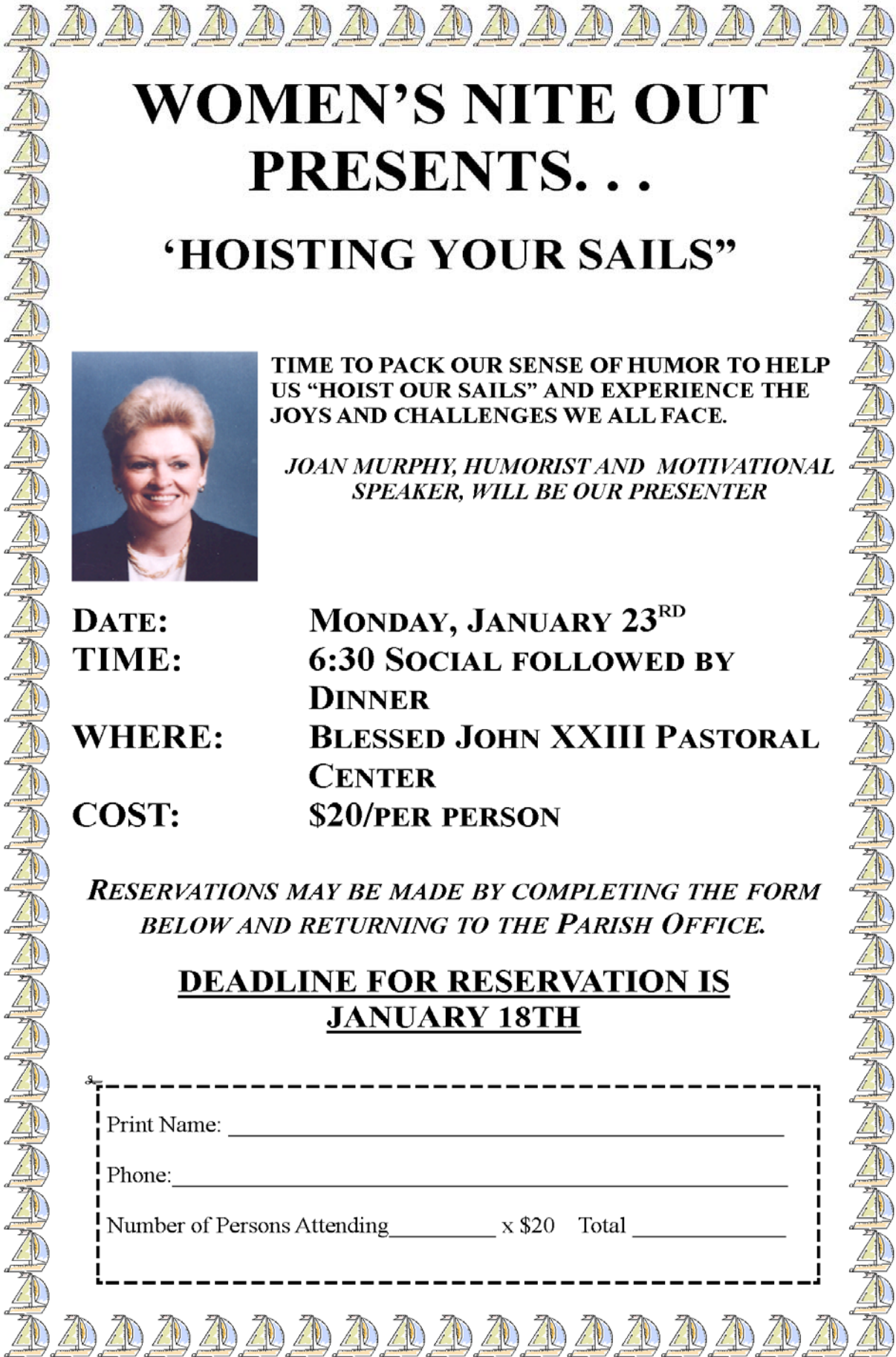
The Ministry of Consolation is having their general meeting on January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at Divine Savior. We are asking all members to attend.

If you need any further information, please contact Joan Novak at 630-852-1163 or e-mail her at [joannovak66@yahoo.com](mailto:joannovak66@yahoo.com).



Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for e-giving. This is an easy and convenient way to have your weekly offering automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card (you can get points).

If you would like to be a part of the e-giving program, visit the parish website at [www.divinesavior.net](http://www.divinesavior.net) and complete instructions are available or if you do not have access to the internet, you can stop in the parish office during regular business hours and fill out a form. Thank you again to all who have participated.



# WOMEN'S NITE OUT PRESENTS...

## 'HOISTING YOUR SAILS'



**TIME TO PACK OUR SENSE OF HUMOR TO HELP US "HOIST OUR SAILS" AND EXPERIENCE THE JOYS AND CHALLENGES WE ALL FACE.**

*JOAN MURPHY, HUMORIST AND MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, WILL BE OUR PRESENTER*

**DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**TIME: 6:30 SOCIAL FOLLOWED BY DINNER**  
**WHERE: BLESSED JOHN XXIII PASTORAL CENTER**  
**COST: \$20/PER PERSON**

*RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE BY COMPLETING THE FORM BELOW AND RETURNING TO THE PARISH OFFICE.*

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS**  
**JANUARY 18TH**

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

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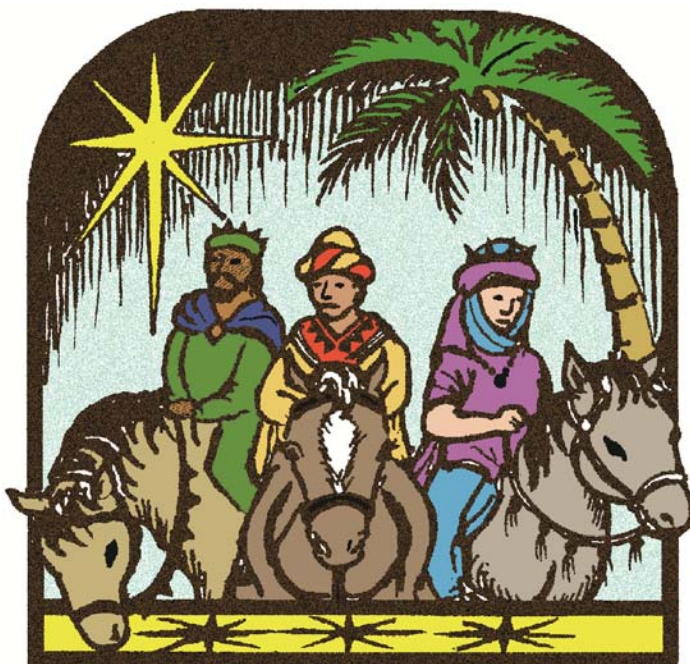


## Reflecting on the Word

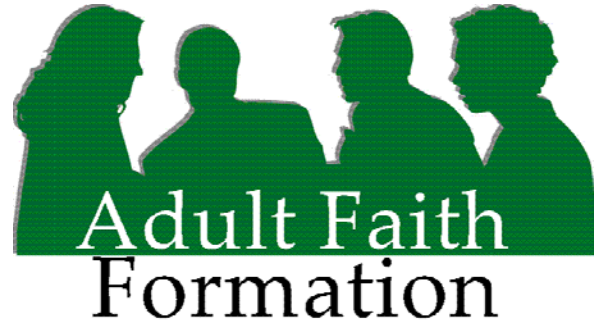
The RCIA team, sponsors, and catechumens continue on their spiritual journey of acceptance, conversion, and initiation. As we begin this new year, we will be carefully examining this Sunday's readings to discern what Scripture reveals about this child born of a virgin named Mary. Just as the Magi were guided by a star to the infant Jesus, and His divinity was made known to them, we are hoping to be guided by Scripture to a closer relationship to this Divine infant. If you wish to journey with us, call Deacon Paul Newey at (630) 969-1532, ext.25.

### **Tuesday, January 10: "Reflection on the Word"**

Presenter: Patti Rose



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## THIRD SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Third Sunday book discussions will resume on January 15 with *Being Catholic Now: Prominent Americans Talk About Change in the Church and the Quest for Meaning*, by Kerry Kennedy. In this book, published in 2008, thirty-seven American Catholics speak candidly about their faith. The results are thought provoking, and we hope, discussion-provoking as well. Please join us on January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the church conference room.

*Being Catholic Now* is available at the Downers Grove Library circulation desk.

### **Dates and titles for upcoming discussions are:**

February 19

*Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women* by Geraldine Brooks

March 18

*The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality* by Ronald Rolheiser

April 15

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

May 20

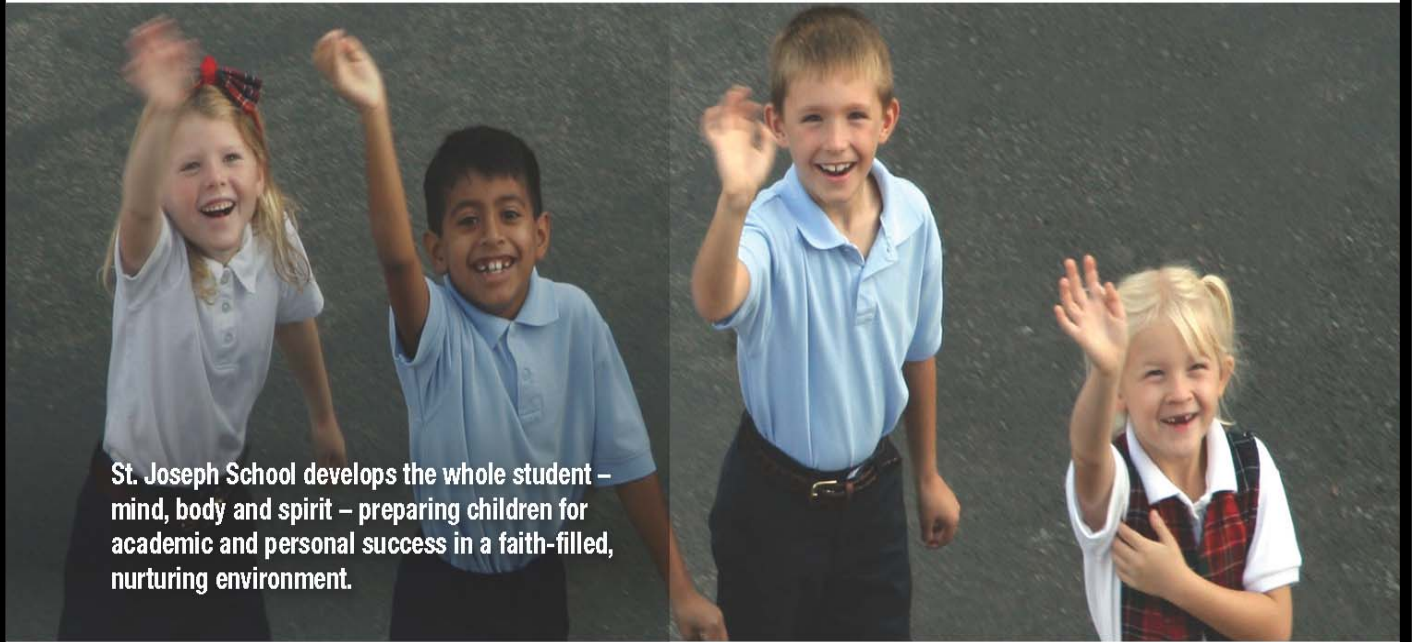
*State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

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Contributions Dec. 25, 2011	,
Envelopes	7,918.00
E-Giving	<u>738.00</u>
Total Tithe Contributions	8,656.00
Blue Envelopes Dec. 25, 2011	573.00
Christmas Offering	31,838.73

Please remember the good works of our Parish in your will. Contact Fr. Conway for information on how you can accomplish this.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the following families:



John Patrick McLean who passed away on December 20 and whose funeral mass was celebrated on December 23, 2011.

Alfred Castrejon who passed away on December 29 and whose funeral mass was celebrated on January 3, 2012.



Please remember all of them in your prayers and pray also that their families may receive the Lord's consolation in their time of need.

**PRAY FOR OUR**



**MILITARY**

If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces overseas, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners could include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to [bulletin@divinesavior.net](mailto:bulletin@divinesavior.net). Please notify us when the service person returns home.

*WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:*

- ★ Greg Jablonski—Army, Iraq
- ★ Jeremiah Curtis—Taji, Iraq
- ★ Gerardo Serriteno—Army, Afghanistan
- ★ David Blazina—Army, Qatar
- ★ Janene A. Marshall-Gatling—Army, Afghanistan
- ★ Jerry Koltz—Army, Afghanistan
- ★ Christopher Welch—Army, Afghanistan
- ★ Kristopher Bosi—Marines, Afghanistan

***Magi from the East were led by a star to Jesus where they prostrated themselves in humble adoration and offered Him gifts fit for a king. With hearts filled with such love we will shine like stars, helping to lead many to Christ.***

			
Saturday, January 14 5:00 PM	Payton Buresch Brooke Buresch Grace Januszewski	Scott Ambrose Sally Thomas Ray Vicha Norma Jean Wall [Unfilled]	Michael Januszewski
Sunday, January 15 8:00 AM	Allison Hietpas Autumn Steed	James Guzzaldo Roberta Muehlhaus Ginny Munson Bob Spiewak Debbie Spiewak Janice Walters [Unfilled]	Pam O'Donnell
Sunday, January 15 10:00 AM	Jami Leach Brad Brost Kendall Brost	Fe Asuncion Beth Heidel Nick Leach Traci Leach Josh Neumann Kim Moustis [Unfilled]	Religious Education Grade 5
Sunday, January 15 11:30 AM	Brendan O'Sullivan Kevin O'Sullivan Michael O'Sullivan	Carol Gennuso Peter Gennuso Jackie Griffith Mercedes Selvarajan	Peter Gennuso
Sunday, January 15 1:00 PM (Spanish Mass)			

***More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.***

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

# Mass Intentions



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## Monday, January 9-The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM— † Douglas Adams

## Tuesday, January 10-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Eduardo Henson

## Wednesday, January 11-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Dan Sadowsky

## Thursday, January 12-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Rita Mary Walsh

## Friday, January 13-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Herman R. Lukow

## Saturday, January 14-Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM— † Robert Schulze

## Sunday, January 15-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM— † Dominic D'Onofrio

10:00 AM— Olivia & Helena Tinker

11:30 AM— † Remigio Dizon

1:00 PM— For the People of God



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## Monday, January 9, 2012

Senior Social Club	1:00 PM	PC
Lay Apostle Prayer Group	7:00 PM	PC
Legion of Mary	7:00 PM	CR
Women's Nite Out Planning	7:00 PM	FBO

## Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Pro-Life Meeting	7:00 PM	PC
RCIA Journey	7:30 PM	RB

## Wednesday, January 11, 2012

10:00 Choir	7:00 PM	C
Parish Council Discernment Mtg.	7:00 PM	PC

## Thursday, January 12, 2012

Confirmation Parent/Student Mtg.	7:00 PM	C
8:00 Choir	7:30 PM	C

## Friday, January 13, 2012

## Saturday, January 14, 2012

Women's Nite Out Ticket Sales		N
AA Meeting	6:30 PM	PC
EPIC—Journey Church History	9:00 AM	PC
Marriage Prep.	9:30 AM	RB

## Sunday, January 15, 2012

Women's Nite Out Ticket Sales		N
Grade 4 & RCIC-1 Mass	10:00 AM	M
Preschool [7]	10:00 AM	PC
Baptism Workshop 2	11:00 AM	CR
Book Discussion	7:00 PM	CR
Youth Ministry Meeting	7:00 PM	PC

KEY: A=Away; C=Church; CR=Conference Room;  
 FBO=Fr. Bill's Office; G=Grounds; M=Mass;  
 MSR=Mother Seton Room; N=Narthex;  
 PC=Pastoral Center; RB=Rectory Basement



# Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:00), Thursday from 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:00). Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30 AM  
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
11:30 AM  
1:00 PM (Spanish Mass)

## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Check website or call Parish Office for Mass times

## 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 Sunday Mass. 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 Baptismal Preparation meetings. 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.