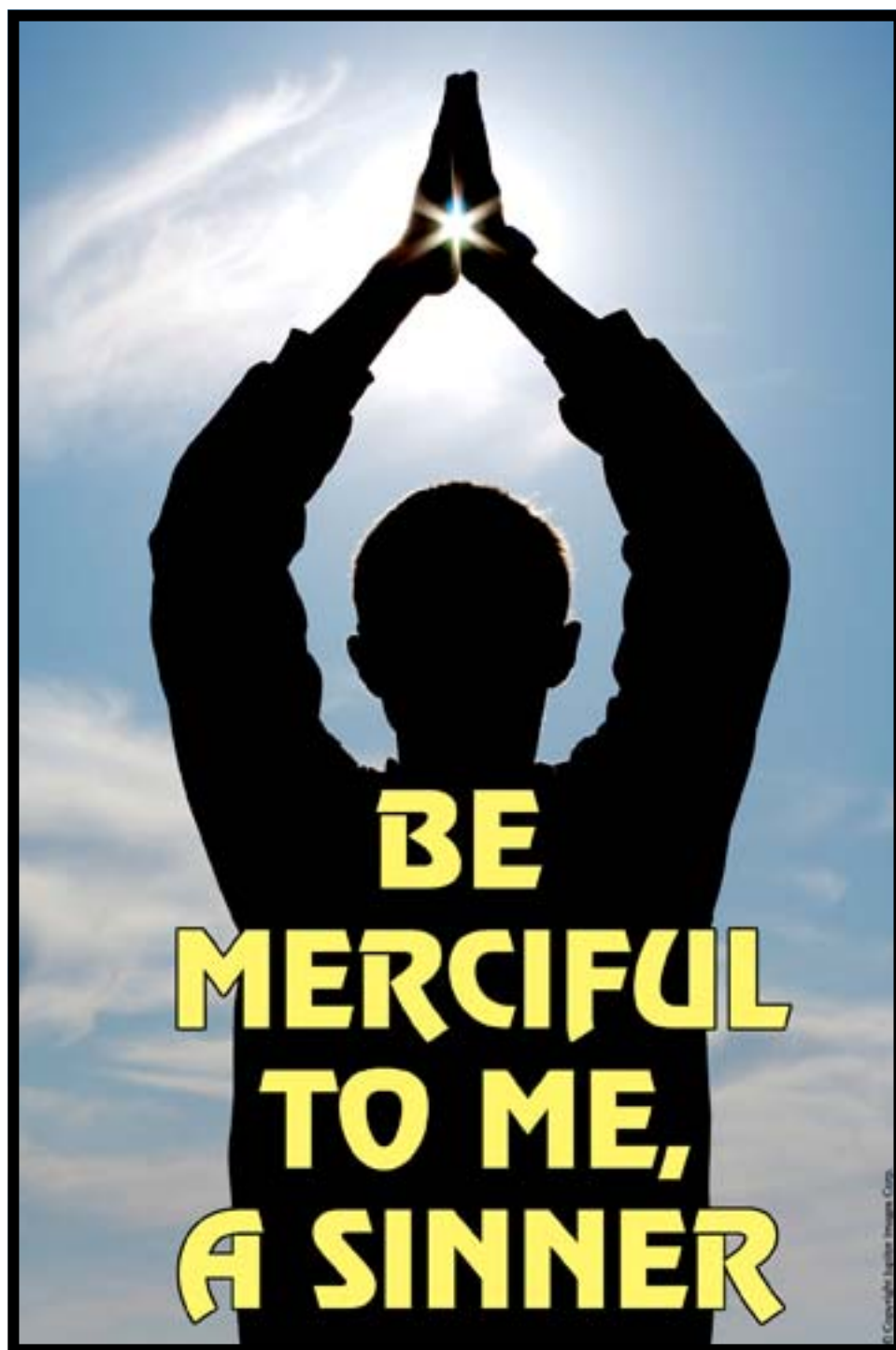




October 24, 2010
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time





Reflections From the Pastor

*“To be a Catholic is not to become entangled in
separatism, but to be open to the
fullness of Christianity.”*

- Joseph Ratzinger, theologian (Vatican II)

You may remember a few years ago when Cardinal Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, issued a clarification on the relationship of the Catholic Church to other Christian communities, namely Protestant. The clarification in an in-house memo found its way into the media and one could say all hell broke loose. The document sought to clarify the meaning of the word “church” and according to the documents understanding stated one could apply it to other Christian communities. And who said words are not important!

Unfortunately, while understanding the logic of what the document stated, one could also misconstrue, as did the media, the intent of the document. On the surface it seemed to be a repudiation of the ecumenical thrust of the Second Vatican Council. Cardinal Ratzinger in the clarification seemed to be suggesting the Church retreat from ecumenism and bring the Church back to the time of Pope Pius XI. In 1928 Pius XI wrote his encyclical *Mortalium Animos* that condemned any form of ecumenical relations between Catholics and Protestants. How ironic that 35 years later, thanks to another pope, Blessed John XXIII, not only were Catholics talking with non-Catholics, but non-Catholics were invited as observers to the Second Vatican Council.

As I reflect on the words of the young Father Joseph Ratzinger, quoted above, written shortly after the Council, three moments come to mind, moments that speak volumes on the Church’s relationship to other churches and religions.

1. Assisi (1985) - Pope John Paul II invites religious leaders of all traditions to join with him in Assisi to pray together for world peace. It was a unique occasion and gathering. Some Catholics, even within the Curia, were scandalized that the Pope as Vicar of Christ would join with those outside the Church in prayer. I suspect there were some rumblings in the tomb of Pius XI.
2. *Ut Unum Sint (That All May Be One – Pentecost Sunday 1995)*: Pope John Paul II publishes a remarkable encyclical on ecumenism and his vision for the future of the Christian family of churches. It represents a very honest reflection on the reality of division among Christian, but refrains from finger pointing. We (Catholics) are as responsible for the division as everyone else.
3. Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue: *Joint Document on Justification* (October 31, 1999). Since the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, Protestants have celebrated October 31st as *Reformation Sunday*. This date recalls Martin Luther posting on the cathedral doors his famous *95 Theses* condemning beliefs and practices in the Catholic Church that contradict the testimony of Scripture, in particular the doctrine on justification – *faith v works*. A person who played a key role in bringing the joint statement on justification was none other than Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. Many within the Protestant community hailed this moment – the signing of the *Joint Document on Justification* by the Catholic and Lutheran Churches – as the formal end of the Reformation and the beginning of a new day in ecumenical relations.

- Fr. Bill Conway

"Para ser un católico no debe enredarse en separatismo, sino de estar abierto a la plenitud del cristianismo. "
- Joseph Ratzinger, teólogo (Vaticano II)

Usted puede recordar hace unos años cuando el cardenal Ratzinger, jefe de la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe, emitió una aclaración sobre la relación de la Iglesia Católica a otras comunidades cristianas, a saber, protestante. La aclaración de una nota de la casa encontró su camino en los medios de comunicación y se podría decir que se desató el infierno. El documento busca aclarar el significado de la palabra "iglesia" y de acuerdo con el entendimiento de documentos establecidos se podría aplicar a otras comunidades cristianas. ¿Y quién dijo que las palabras no son importantes!

Desafortunadamente, al mismo tiempo entender la lógica de lo que el documento se indica, también se podría interpretar erróneamente, al igual que los medios de comunicación, la intención del documento. En la superficie parece ser un rechazo de la idea ecuménica del Concilio Vaticano II. Cardenal Ratzinger en la aclaración parece sugerir el retiro de la Iglesia el ecumenismo y llevar la Iglesia a la época del Papa Pío XI. En 1928 Pío XI escribió su *Animos Mortalium* encíclica que condenó cualquier forma de las relaciones ecuménicas entre católicos y protestantes. Qué irónico que 35 años después, gracias a otro Papa, el Beato Juan XXIII, no sólo eran católicos que hablar con los no católicos, pero no católicos fueron invitados como observadores en el Concilio Vaticano II.

Al reflexionar sobre las palabras del joven Ratzinger Padre José, antes citado, escrito poco después del Concilio, tres momentos vienen a la mente, momentos que dicen mucho sobre la relación de la Iglesia a otras iglesias y religiones.

1) Assisi (1985) - El Papa Juan Pablo II invita a los líderes religiosos de todas las tradiciones que se unan a él en Assisi para orar juntos por la paz mundial. Fue una ocasión única y la recolección. Algunos católicos, incluso dentro de la Curia, se escandalizaron de que el Papa como Vicario de Cristo se unen a los que están fuera de la Iglesia en oración. Sospecho que hay algunos rumores en la tumba de Pío XI.

2) *Ut Unum Sint* (Que todos sean uno - Domingo de Pentecostés de 1995): El Papa Juan Pablo II publica un notable encíclica sobre el ecumenismo y su visión para el futuro de la familia cristiana de iglesias. Representa a una reflexión muy honesta sobre la realidad de la división entre los cristianos, pero se abstiene de apuntar el dedo. Nosotros (los católicos) son los responsables de la división de los demás.

3) El diálogo luterano-católico: Documento Común sobre la Justificación (31 de octubre de 1999). Desde el inicio de la Reforma protestante, los protestantes han celebrado el 31 de Octubre como Domingo de la Reforma. Esta fecha recuerda Martin Luther publicación en las puertas de la catedral de su famosa 95 tesis condenar las creencias y prácticas de la Iglesia Católica que contradice el testimonio de la Escritura, en particular, la doctrina de la justificación - obras v fe. Una persona que jugó un papel clave para acercar la declaración conjunta sobre la justificación no era otro que el cardenal Joseph Ratzinger. Muchos miembros de la comunidad protestante elogió este momento - la firma del documento conjunto sobre la justificación por las iglesias católica y luterana - como el fin formal de la Reforma y el comienzo de un nuevo día en las relaciones ecuménicas.



SMALL TALK
By Rosemary Bleuher

SOME LESSONS STAY WITH YOU

Jesus in Luke's Gospel today contrasts the Pharisee and the tax collector: "The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. . .'" This parable reminded me of an important lesson in my own life.

Years ago, in the distant past of my life, a group of my women friends would gather pretty regularly on a late Friday afternoon. It was informal and in general the conversations centered on raising our children (and survival), lots of laughter, and what was happening in our lives. All of us were somehow involved in parish or the community at large.

The conversation at this particular gathering, however, veered off into an unusual direction for our group. Someone brought up a woman we all knew, a member of one of our parishes (we belonged to two different parishes) who was divorced, raising her family alone and working to provide for them. She had been or was involved in an affair with a man, who was "off-limits". As the conversation went on, one woman quietly spoke up and simply said, "She's lonely". The conversation stopped abruptly as each of us considered whether we had attempted to befriend her or support her in her struggle. For most of us, the answer was negative.

The lesson that stayed with us that day was the recognition that indeed we are all sinners. "For whoever exalts himself/herself will be humbled". Indeed some lessons stay with you!



Confirmation News

Just a reminder that all Confirmation candidates, along with their parents, are to attend the first parent/student catechetical session with Fr. Bill this Thursday, October 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center.



Dear Father Bill:

Thank you for supporting Heartland Blood Centers by encouraging the members of Divine Savior Catholic Church to participate in the recent blood drive on October 3, 2010. Our goal for the drive was to collect 25 donations, and we were able to collect 22 units with 3 deferrals.

Your support of Heart Blood Centers helps us provide hospitals in your area with a safe and adequate supply of blood and blood products, and many patients will benefit from the generosity of your donors.

Thanks again to you and the members of Divine Savior Catholic Church for your continued support of Heartland Blood Centers.

Sincerely,

Karen Schwartz
Marketing Representative



September 2010

**Enter the Grand Raffle –
we're giving away \$33,000 in prizes!**

Dear Divine Savior Parishioner,

St. Joseph Parish is pleased to partner with Divine Savior to offer you the Grand Raffle for the first time! The Raffle is a great way to generate excitement and support of our parish communities, as well as Catholic education. There are two options to enter – \$50 for one ticket or \$100 for three tickets – that gives you up to 33 chances to win \$1,000 over a 3-month period. Proceeds support Divine Savior Ministries and St. Joseph School.

In November, December and January, we'll have 33 winners of \$1,000!

That's \$33,000 in prizes! Monthly drawings will be held in The St. Joseph Church Narthex at 4801 Main Street following 5 pm Mass on November 21, 2010 and December 19, 2010, and at St. Joseph Trivia Night on January 22, 2011 – everyone is welcome! You don't need to be present to win. If you sell a winning ticket, you'll be entered into a \$1,000 drawing that month.

Each ticket is a \$50 donation, or get THREE tickets for \$100.

All entrants will be added back to the Raffle for subsequent drawings, so you could win more than once! We accept cash, check or credit cards for payment (Visa, Mastercard, Discover). Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph School.

Here's how to enter

Please call me at 630-969-3467 for tickets. You can also buy tickets at the Divine Savior Church Office, or mail to: Divine Savior Church Office, Attn: Grand Raffle 6700 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516.

Questions?

If you have any questions, need more tickets, want to pay by credit card over the phone, or want a block of tickets to sell, please call me at 630-969-3467.

We hope you'll support our Catholic ministries with your donation and enter the Grand Raffle today!

Many thanks,

Matt Borgard
St. Joseph Parish



Woman’s Choice Services

Calling all angels!!

Do you feel called to take action on behalf of the Church’s teaching on life? Here’s your answer to that call! We need you to help us with our mission to promote the culture of life in our community by providing positive choices and support to women in need. Our life centers offer free consultations for women who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies, free pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound, material assistance, post-abortive healing programs, and parenting and mentor mothering programs.

Woman’s Choice Services has facilities currently located in Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Lombard, and Crest Hill. We were founded by Fr. Tom Milota, the Director of the Life Office for the Diocese of Joliet to be a light to those women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and to those who have been wounded by abortion.

We need many volunteers to help us in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: peer consulting and mentoring for our clients, administration, fundraising, and marketing.

To learn more about Woman’s Choice Services and our volunteer opportunities, please contact your nearest location:

Crest Hill	Jillian Nozar	(815) 725-7732	jillian@womanschoiceservices.com
Downers Grove	Stephanie Simonson	(630) 663-0590	stephanie@womanschoiceservices.com
Hinsdale	Angelina Beaudion	(630) 655-3290	angelina@womanschoiceservices.com
Lombard	Sue Stroka	(630) 261-9564	sue@womanschoiceservices.com



The late Cardinal Bernardin viewed Pro-Life in **all** aspects of life, as reflected in his declaration of life as a “seamless garment.” One of the tragic epidemics of this century is the devastating toll that HIV/AIDS has had on lives, especially in Africa. In Sub-Saharan, Africa, nearly 11,500 people die everyday from HIV/AIDS. Two-thirds of the people (22.4 million) are infected with AIDS. AIDS threatens to wipe out an entire generation during its most productive years. Each day for the 5,500 people that die, 7,400 people are infected with AIDS. 14.1 million African children have lost one or both parents to AIDS. Nearly one in five children are orphans.

To find out more information or to contribute to this most worthy cause, you may send your donation to the address below:

UPENDA VILLAGE (Kenya, Africa)
 P. O. Box 449
 Wheaton, IL 60187
 Attention: Sr. Theresa Langfield, OSF

Diocese of Joliet
Office of the Bishop



425 Summit Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435
www.dioceseofjoliet.org

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, a special collection was held throughout the Diocese of Joliet on Father's Day weekend to help shore up the Priests' Pension Fund. It was a great success. An amazing total of \$263,000 was raised.

Our senior priests will be helped because of your generous response to this collection. It will help provide our retired priests a stable income. The overwhelming response to this collection was a wonderful symbol of the gratitude you feel for those priests who have and continue to nourish your life of faith.

On behalf of the priests throughout the diocese, thank you again for your generous contributions that made the first collection for our retired diocesan priests such a success. Please be assured of our prayers for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain

Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel



Capital Projects Campaign

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has returned their Capital Projects campaign pledges as well as those who have donated an extra one time donation to help us get underway with our Capital Projects.

As of this writing we have received 162 responses. If you have not had an opportunity to send in your pledge card, please drop it in the mail or the collection basket on the weekend. Don't forget you can make your "Blue" envelope donations through e-giving as well as your weekly contributions. Complete sign-up information is available on the Parish website www.divinesavior.net.

We greatly appreciate your support in this Capital Projects Campaign. Our Buildings and Grounds Committee has done a wonderful job in identifying the necessary repairs needed to our parish buildings and your continue support will make these repairs possible.

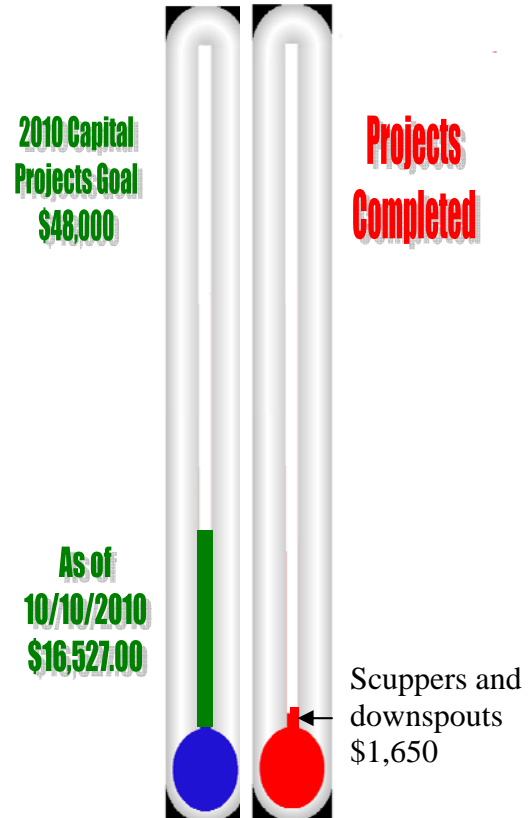


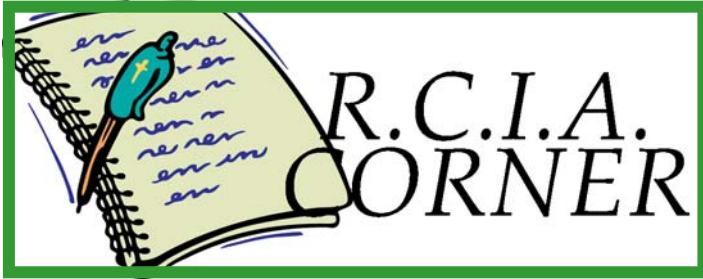
We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Edgar Schuster who passed away on October 9, 2010 and whose funeral mass was celebrated on October 16, 2010. Please remember him in your prayers and pray also that his family may receive the Lord's consolation in their time of need.



Total Weekly Contributions 10/10/2010	\$13,785.13
Capital Improvements (Blue Envelopes)	916.00
E-Giving	
Weekly/Monthly Contribution (25)	\$803.00
Blue Envelopes (2)	110.00

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





Marla Hoffmeyer will present the “**Wonders of the Journey**”—a discussion of the **Trinity**, as we continue our **R.C.I.A. Journey** at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory basement. Usually, our meetings are in the rectory basement (entrance on the eastside of the building, unless otherwise noted). Remember, everyone is invited to join our journey and may attend selected sessions or the whole journey. Hope you’ll be there.

Tuesday, October 26:
“Wonders of the Journey”

Trinity
Presenter: Marla Hoffmeyer

Tuesday, November 9:
“Stories of the Journey”
Scripture: Old and New Testament
Presenter: Paul Jara

Tuesday, November 16:
The Creed
Presenter: Geri Parker

Tuesday, November 23:
The Sacraments: Baptism/Confirmation
Presenter: Father Bill
 (Meet in Church)



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. Please notify us when the service person returns home.

WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- Nicholas Leamy—Navy, Okinawa
- Greg Jablonski—Army, Iraq
- Jeremiah Curtis—Taji, Iraq
- Nicholas Zefeldt—Army, Afghanistan
- Joe Giltug—Army, Afghanistan
- Calven Ourren—Air Force, Afghanistan
- Kristopher Bosi—Marines, Afghanistan
- David Leamy—Army, Kuwait
- Gerardo Serriteno—Army, Afghanistan

Pride can keep us from praying as we should. If we focus our prayer on what we are doing right, instead of where we need to improve, we may forget how much we depend on God and His grace, even to accomplish the good that we do. Humility is the antidote for this. A steward's heart that is humble, knows how much it needs God.

				
Saturday, October 30 5:00 PM	Father Conway	Brad Brost Grace Januszewski Michael Rudolph	Ray Vicha Maryann Gogola Norma Jean Wall Beth Svetich	Paul Jara
Saturday, October 30 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)	Father Conway			
Sunday, October 31 8:00 AM	Father Conway	Carolyn Heinrich	Barbara Fianza Helen Bienik Ralphine DiProspero Carl Lambiasi James Guzzaldo George Koltz	Lucille Gallagher
Sunday, October 31 10:00 AM	Father Conway	Sarah Major Rachel Pfeifer Danny Campagna	Beth Heidel Sally Thomas Patti Rose Tara McCloskey Kim Moustis Margaret Panatera	Mike Tomaschtk
Sunday, October 31 11:30 AM	Father Conway	Brendan O'Sullivan Kevin O'Sullivan Michael O'Sullivan	Bridget O'Sullivan Mary O'Sullivan Eric Dizon Mercedes Selvarajan	Pam O'Donnell

***If you exalt yourself,
what do you leave for
God to give you?
Rather, listen to
God's voice. Doing
His will is all you
need to do.***

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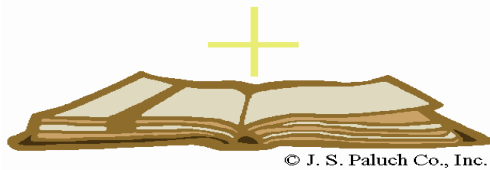
Bible

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 [2a, 25-33]; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Mass Intentions



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Monday, October 25-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Walter Leja

Tuesday, October 26-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Anthony Castrogiovanni
 † Bonnie O'Toole

Wednesday, October 27-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Else Durler

Thursday, October 28-Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles

8:30 AM— † Clarence May
 † Eileen Fitzgerald

Friday, October 29-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Nathan Piotrowski

Saturday, October 30-Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM— † Edmund Babel
 6:30 PM— For the People of God

Sunday, October 31-Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM— † Bill Adams
 10:00 AM— † Meredith Williams
 11:30 AM— † Eduardo Henson

Monday, October 25, 2010

Legion of Mary 7:30 PM CR

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Listening Team Meeting 10:00 AM CR
 RCIA 7:00 PM RB

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Listening Session 4:00 PM CR/MS/RB
 Religious Education C [4] 4:00 PM PC
 Religious Education C [4] 6:30 PM PC
 Listening Session 7:00 PM CR/MS/RB
 Contemporary Choir 7:30 PM C

Thursday, October 28, 2010

Confirmation Parent/
 Student Meeting 7:00 PM PC
 Traditional Choir 7:30 PM C

Friday, October 29, 2010

Children's Choir 4:00 PM PC

Saturday, October 30, 2010

AA Meeting 7:00 AM PC
 First Corinthians Bible Study 9:00 AM PC

Sunday, October 31, 2010



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KEY: **A**=Away; **C**=Church; **CR**=Conference Room;
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 8:45 AM - 8:30 PM, Thursday from 8:45 AM -2:15 PM. 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
	6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)
SUNDAY:	8:00 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 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.