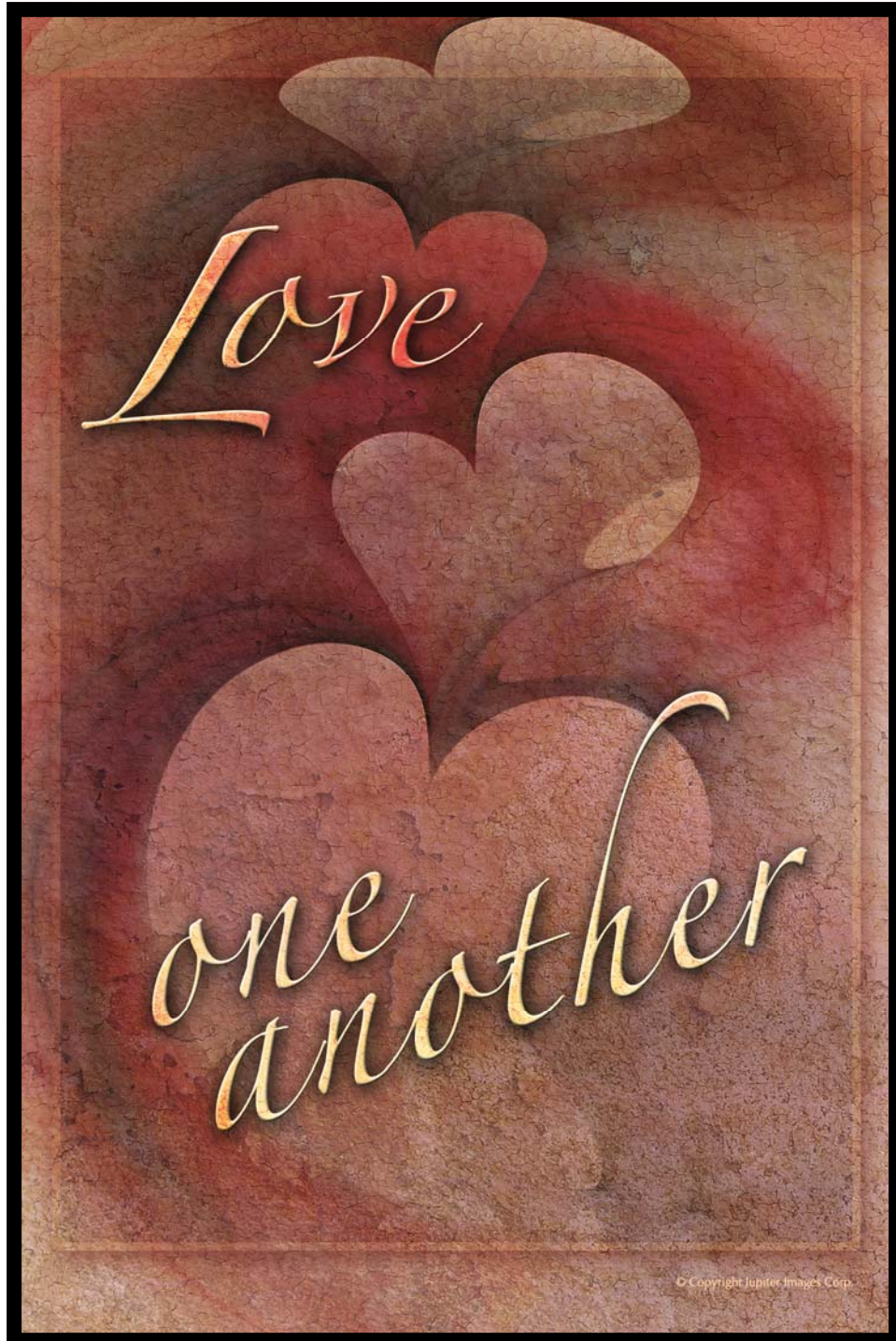




**September 4, 2011**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**





## *Reflections From the Pastor*

*Moses answered, "here I am". God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."*

Exodus 3:5

Going back to the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem, the place where the *Ark of the Covenant* came to be known as the *sanctuary*. It was in this sanctuary that the priest Isaiah received his call from the Lord of Hosts to be his prophet. Isaiah describes the Seraphim who stood guard at the Holy of Holies singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts." It was here that one of the Seraphim put the burning coal to the lips of the prophet so that he might worthily proclaim the Word of the Lord (Isaiah 6:1-7).

In the *Infancy Narrative* of the Gospel of Luke (1:8-16), it is in the sanctuary of the Temple burning incense before the Holy of Holies that Zechariah has an encounter with an angel who announces that his wife, Elizabeth, is with child.

One sees from these and other stories in the Scriptures that the place called the sanctuary is holy because it is the place where one encounters God. One also sees that only certain people are permitted to enter into the Holy of Holies, the sanctuary. For this is the place where the priest in the name of the people offers sacrifice and incense unto the Lord of Host.

Consider for a moment the function of the sanctuary in the Catholic Church. It is the place where the priest offers with and in the name of the people a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving (Eucharist) to the Lord. It is also the place where the Word of the Lord is proclaimed in the assembly. For us, the sanctuary is the Holy of Holies for it is there that we, the People of the Covenant, meet our God.

The U. S. Catholic Bishops in their document, Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture and Worship, speak of the sanctuary as "the space where the altar and ambo stand" (#54) and quoting the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, state that it is "where the priest, deacon, and other ministers exercise their offices (#295)". The sanctuary, then, is the holy place where holy things are done. And it is in doing holy things – "Do this in memory of Me" – that the Lord God becomes present in Christ, *body, soul and divinity*.

As you have noticed we have raised the area in the church that marks the sanctuary. Normally the sanctuary is raised above the body of the church both to make it distinct from the body of the church and also to make the holy things done in the holy place more visible to all in the assembly. It is worth noting that the bishops in their document in speaking of the altar state that because it represents "Christ Jesus, the Living Stone" (1 Peter 2:4), it "is the natural focal point of the sanctuary" (#57).

The word *sanctuary* in the Catholic tradition also is about providing a place of refuge and safety. When sanctuary is proclaimed, it is the Church's rule that it be honored and to violate it is regarded as seriously sinful. At one time to violate sanctuary merited one *excommunication*. More on this later.

- Fr. Bill Conway

Moisés respondió: "aquí estoy". Dios dijo: "No te acerques!  
Quítate las sandalias de tus pies, porque el lugar donde  
estás es tierra santa. "  
Éxodo 03:05

Volviendo al Templo de Salomón en Jerusalén, el lugar donde el Arca de la Alianza llegó a ser conocido como el santuario. Fue en este santuario que el sacerdote Isaías recibió su llamada del Señor de los Ejércitos a su profeta. Isaías describe a los serafines que montaban guardia en el Santo de los Santos cantando "Santo, santo, santo es el Señor Dios de los ejércitos." Fue aquí que uno de los serafines poner el carbón encendido en los labios del profeta para que pueda anunciar dignamente la Palabra del Señor (Isaías 6:1-7).

En la narración de la infancia del Evangelio de Lucas (1:8-16), que se encuentra en el santuario del templo quemando incienso ante el Santo de los Santos que Zacarías tiene un encuentro con un ángel que anuncia que su esposa, Elizabeth, es con infantil.

Se puede ver por estas y otras historias en las Escrituras que el lugar llamado el santuario es santo porque es el lugar donde uno se encuentra con Dios. También se ve que sólo ciertas personas se les permite entrar en el Lugar Santísimo, el santuario. Pues este es el lugar donde el sacerdote en nombre de la gente ofrece sacrificios e incienso para el Señor de las huestes.

Pensemos por un momento la función del santuario en la Iglesia Católica. Es el lugar donde el sacerdote ofrece con y en nombre del pueblo un sacrificio de alabanza y acción de gracias (Eucaristía) al Señor. Es también el lugar donde la Palabra de Dios es proclamada en la asamblea. Para nosotros, el santuario es el Santo de los Santos ya que es ahí que nosotros, el pueblo de la Alianza, encontrarnos con nuestro Dios.

Los Estados Unidos de Obispos Católicos en su documento, construido de piedras vivas: Arte, Arquitectura y Culto, hablar del santuario como "el espacio en el altar y el ambón de pie" (# 54) y citando la Instrucción General del Misal Romano, el estado que es ", donde el sacerdote, el diácono y otros ministros el ejercicio de sus oficinas (# 295)". El santuario, entonces, es el lugar sagrado donde las cosas sagradas se hacen. Y es en hacer las cosas santas - "Haced esto en memoria mía" - que el Señor Dios se hace presente en Cristo, en cuerpo, alma y divinidad.

Como usted ha notado que hemos planteado en el área de la iglesia que marca el santuario. Normalmente, el santuario se levanta sobre el cuerpo de la iglesia, tanto para que sea distinto del cuerpo de la iglesia y también para hacer las cosas santas a cabo en el lugar santo más visible para todos en la asamblea. Vale la pena señalar que los obispos en su documento en el discurso del Estado altar que representa, ya que "Cristo Jesús, la piedra viva" (1 Pedro 2:4), "es el punto focal natural del santuario" (# 57 ).

El santuario de la palabra en la tradición católica también se trata de proporcionar un lugar de refugio y seguridad. Al santuario se proclama, es la regla de la Iglesia que ser honrado y violar es considerada como seriamente pecaminoso. A la vez de violar el santuario merecía una excomunión. Más sobre esto más adelante.



***SMALL TALK***  
By Rosemary Bleuher

**FINDING THE WAY  
TO FORGIVENESS**

Today's Gospel speaks to me about the need to forgive and be forgiven within our families, within our community. "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Too often, we complain about incidents or imagined slights that happened years ago. Old injustices are allowed to fester. However, it also doesn't seem that we are a people who know how to heal the wounds that we have given each other. To ask for forgiveness may seem to admit weakness. To give forgiveness would mean to some that we must forget old injuries. We could no longer hope to get something for ourselves by holding old injuries over others.

A wonderful story of forgiveness was written by Karen Love in a newspaper column many years ago (1993). I have saved the article as it spoke to me about the need to forgive and be forgiven. I share some of that article with you today.

"Seventy-five years ago in the dirty steel towns along the Monongahela River north of Pittsburgh, men and women came together once a week for some unusual rituals. My Uncle Eli told me about them, strange tales about how the old folks did things when he was still a boy, and he never lies because at 82 he has nothing to lose."

"In those days men with fingernails still black from the mills and women with hair pulled severely back sat on hard pews in the old Finnish Lutheran churches. In the middle of the church service, just before communion, the people would get up out of their pews and walk around the church asking forgiveness of each other, speaking softly. One man taking the hand of another and speaking a few words in a low voice. A woman bending down to the ear of a friend to keep their troubles private. Husband speaking to wife, son to father, neighbor to neighbor. Every hurt forgiven, every relationship

healed. Every week. I think they knew better than we how to run a world."

"I don't know where others might go, but when I make my spiritual journey, it will be back through time to those old Finnish churches. I will sit quietly in the back pew unobserved and watch the courage of human beings asking each other's forgiveness and the humanity and grace of those who give it."

Though written long ago, eighteen years ago, the words "forgive me" and "you are forgiven" are never out of style. It even seems a good way to run a world!

**Sign up for PADS  
this weekend**

This weekend there is the opportunity for you to sign up in support of our PADS ministry to the homeless. Please take the time today to volunteer a small amount of your time for this worthwhile cause in the Narthex after Mass.

**Take a survey?**

Please answer a few questions and drop your comments in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office:

Should MaryFest be on:

Saturday  
 Sunday



Should we keep the raffle price at \$10/ticket and 6 tickets for \$50?

Yes  
 No



## THIS IS GOD CALLING. . .



The response to that call is the golden thread that ties all the books of the Bible together. From Adam & Eve in the Garden to the seer of Revelation, how humans have heard, listened to, answered or ignored that call has shaped our relationship with God.



In our time together, we will explore the themes of covenant -- “I will be your God and you shall be my people”, trust – “Be not afraid”, and journey – “Get up and go”. This is the relationship that covenant invites us to.

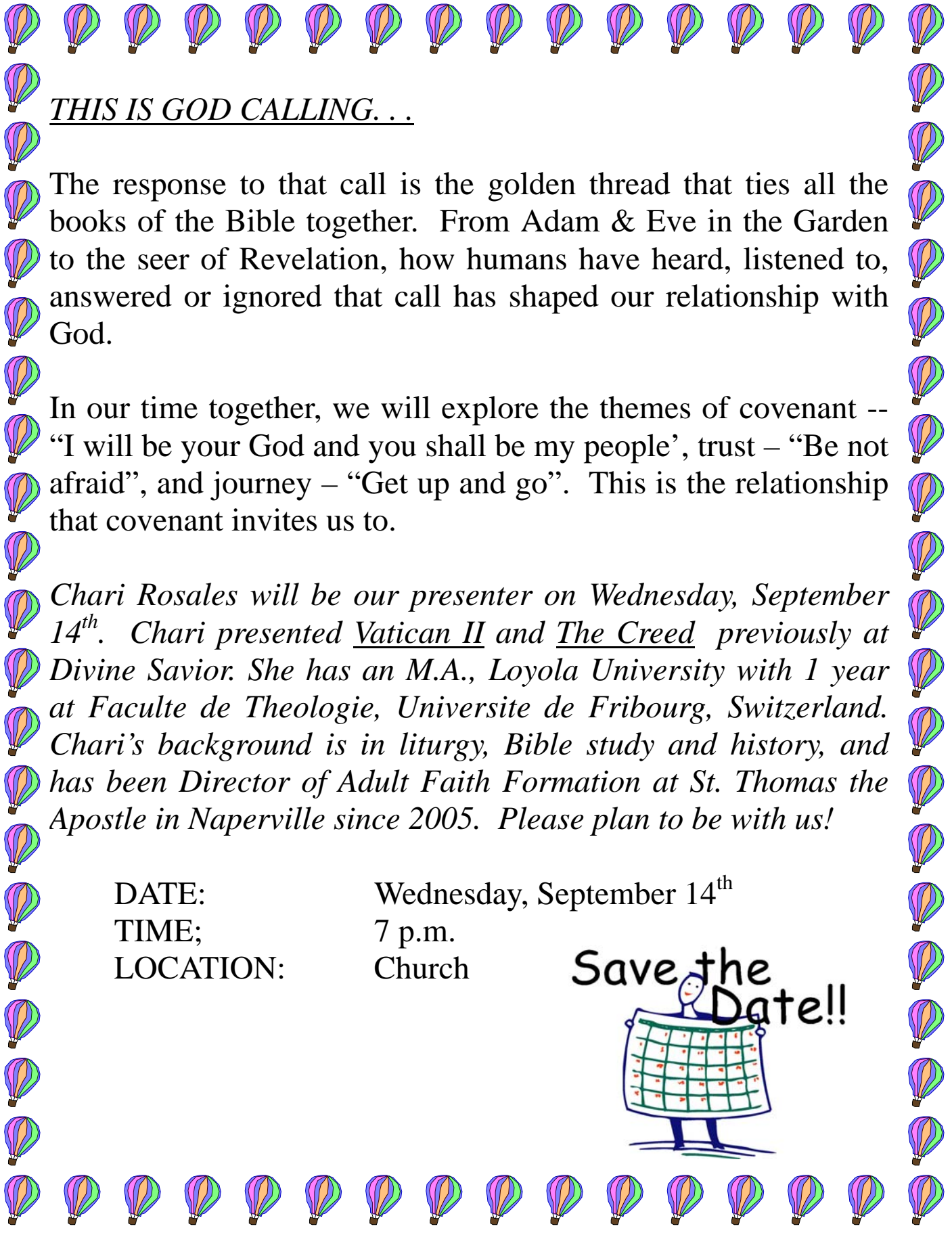


*Chari Rosales will be our presenter on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Chari presented Vatican II and The Creed previously at Divine Savior. She has an M.A., Loyola University with 1 year at Faculte de Theologie, Universite de Fribourg, Switzerland. Chari's background is in liturgy, Bible study and history, and has been Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Thomas the Apostle in Naperville since 2005. Please plan to be with us!*



DATE: Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Church

Save the Date!!





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A mandatory meeting for all parents whose high school sons and daughters are preparing for Confirmation is scheduled for this **Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. General information and materials pertaining to this year's Confirmation Journey will be provided and discussed. Please note that this meeting is for parents only – no students are to attend.



THIRD SUNDAY

BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Third Sunday book discussions will resume on September 18th with *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers. This is the unforgettable story of Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a successful Syrian-born painting contractor, who decided to stay in New Orleans after Katrina to protect his home and business. The title is on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Ask for the Third Sunday selection at the circulation desk.

Please join us on September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the church conference room for a lively discussion, and bring your suggestions for books to read in coming months. To register, please call Tracy O'Brien in the parish office, 630-969-1532 ext. 21.

**Not a Third Sunday member?** Please join us! No long-term commitment is required. You decide, book by book, whether you want to participate. Our friendly, informal group will welcome you.



## Religious Formation News

Our school year kicks off this week with the first classes on Wednesday (Session A) and Thursday (Session B). If you have not received your paperwork and schedule for the school year, please contact Linda Burke at (630) 969-1673 ext. 31.

For these first classes only, all students are to be dropped off directly at the Church for an Opening Prayer Service, and picked up at the Pastoral Center at the end of class. Of course, all parents are welcome to join their children in the Church for the Prayer Service.

We look forward to beginning our school year and assisting all parents in getting their children to know and understand the "Good News" and bringing them closer to God!

# CATECHISTS

Just a reminder that our Catechetical Mass is next weekend on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. After Mass, you and your family are invited to the Pastoral Center for dinner and fellowship. Please remember to RSVP for both Mass and dinner, if you have not already, to Linda at (630) 969-1673 ext. 31 as soon as possible. We look forward to you joining us as we celebrate our roles as catechists together!



**Building  
Our  
Church Community**

## Update: Evangelization/Outreach Ministry

One of the needs and hopes identified in last year's Listening Sessions was a support/social group for the parents of young children. Although such a group existed in the past, there is no current program at Divine Savior that addresses this need.

Parishioner Mary Ellen Walker has stepped forward with a plan that would give parents and tots an opportunity to socialize and enjoy time together. Please see below for more information.

## *New Parish Activity for Parents and Tots!*



Although caring for your baby or toddler is your top priority, the end of the day may find you longing for adult companionship and conversation. And while you may wish you could be more involved in your faith community, your family responsibilities make it difficult to get involved or attend many parish events. A Divine Savior Parents and Tots group may be just what you're looking for.

"Parents and Tots" will provide at-home moms and dads, and their young children, a monthly opportunity to socialize and play at the parish pastoral center. While your child will benefit from watching and interacting with others in his/her age group, you will enjoy meeting other parents, sharing ideas and generally feeling more involved in the parish.

If you would like to participate in "Parents and Tots," or want more information, please call Mary Ellen Walker at [773-366-9705](tel:773-366-9705) or email her at [meotw76@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meotw76@sbcglobal.net). The group can begin meeting this fall if there is enough interest.





On Sunday, August 28, the following young parishioners were welcomed into the Divine Savior Parish family and the family of God. Please welcome:



**DASHIELL CUARTERO MONSALUD**

Parents: Roy Dela Paz and Aurora Nabong  
(Cuartero) Monsalud



**GIANA ANNE KEEFE**

Parents: Stephen Keefe and Andrea Martinico



**HARLEY DAYANARA LOPEZ**

Parents: Miguel Lopez and Marielena Palmerin



**VICTORIA ILONA STOJALOWSKY**

Parents: Laszlo Stojalowsky and Deyanira Ortiz

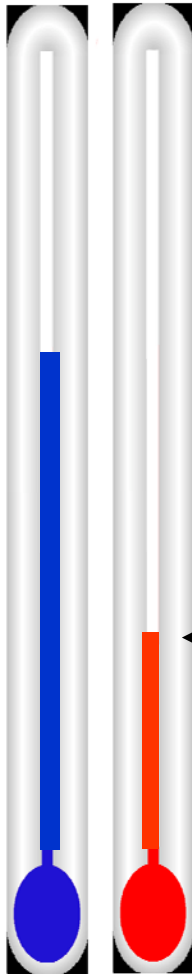


**JEREMY AUSTIN JAMES STAUDER  
JUSTIN DANIEL LOUIS STAUDER**

Baptism and First Communion  
Sons of Mary Jamie Stauder



**2011 Capital  
Projects Goal  
\$74,000**



**As of  
08/21/2011  
\$52,133.21**

**Projects  
Completed**

Pastoral Center -  
Tuck point and  
waterproofing

Parking Lots: Patch  
and restripe

Roof Repairs—  
Church and Pastoral  
Center

← \$16,585.00



Year-To-Date Goal	\$115,400.00
Actual YTD Contributions	99,277.91
Weekly Goal	14,425.00
Contributions August 21, 2011	
Envelopes (312)	10,268.50
Loose	1,729.03
E-Giving	<u>713.00</u>
Total Tithe Contributions	12,710.53
Blue Envelopes August 21 2011	3,632.75




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



We would like to congratulate Armando Marquez and Andrea Reyes who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, August 27, 2011. We wish the new couple many years of blessed and holy matrimony.





				
Saturday, September 10 5:00 PM	Father Tapper	Rachel Pfeifer Grace Januszewski Annalia Dolce	Chris John Marilyn John Maryann Gogola Kathy Hamilton Sally Thomas	Michael Januszewski
Sunday, September 11 8:00 AM	Father Conway	Allison Hietpas Christopher Neumann Autumn Steed	Barbara Fianza Ginny Munson Ralphine DiProspero Carl Lambiasi Janice Walters Rosanne Widrechner George Koltz	Dave Gallagher
Sunday, September 11 10:00 AM	Father Tapper	Danny Campagna Kendall Brost Brad Brost	Mary Barton Cathi Loris Tara McCloskey Fe Asuncion Paul Jara Megan Clavey { Unfilled }	Geri Parker
Sunday, September 11 11:30 AM	Father Conway	Kevin O'Sullivan Brendan O'Sullivan Matthew Santie	Alice Henson Bridget O'Sullivan Mary O'Sullivan Susan Williams Jackie Griffith	Peter Gennuso
Sunday, September 11 1:00 PM (Spanish Mass)	Father Conway			

***How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!***

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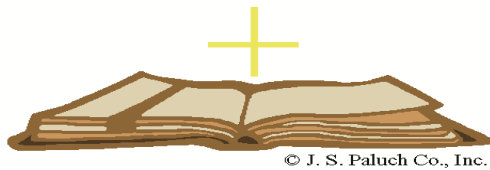
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September 4, 2011

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

# Mass Intentions



## Monday, September 5-Labor Day

8:30 AM— For the People of God

## Tuesday, September 6-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Mary and Frank Savoy

## Wednesday, September 7-Weekday

8:30 AM— † George W. Kairis

## Thursday, September 8-The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM— † Ruth Loy

## Friday, September 9-Saint Peter Claver, priest

8:30 AM— † Edith and Geno DiNelli

## Saturday, September 10-Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM— † Martha Conradi

## Sunday, September 11-Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM— † Mary Louise VanHootegem  
 10:00 AM— † Alvin A. Lichner  
 11:30 AM— † Rita Palmer  
 1:00 PM— For the People of God

## Monday, September 5, 2011

Office Closed

## Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Confirmation Parent Meeting	7:00 PM	C
Legion of Mary	7:00 PM	CR
Men's Club	7:00 PM	PC
Pro-Life Meeting	7:00 PM	PC

## Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Religious Education A [1]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Education A [1]	6:30 PM	PC
10:00 Choir	7:00 PM	C

## Thursday, September 8, 2011

Staff Meeting	9:30 AM	CR
Religious Education B [1]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Education B [1]	6:30 PM	PC
8:00 Choir	7:30 PM	C

## Friday, September 9, 2011

## Saturday, September 10, 2011

St. Joe's Tootsie Rolls Sale		N
AA Meeting	6:30 AM	PC
RCIA Information Tables	8:00 AM	N
The Mass Bible Study	9:00 AM	PC
Marriage Prep.	9:30 AM	RB
Catechetical Mass	5:00 PM	M

## Sunday, September 11, 2011

St. Joe's Tootsie Rolls Sale		N
RCIA Information Tables	8:00 AM	N
Confirmation [1]	9:30 AM	PC
Confirmation Commitment Mass	10:00 AM	M
Baptism Workshop 2	11:00 AM	CR

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 8:00 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 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 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.