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## Masses

### Weekend

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

### Weekday

Monday No Mass, Communion Service  
Tuesday thru Friday. 8:15 AM

### First Friday Masses

8:15 AM

### Holy Day Masses

Eve of Holyday 5:30 PM  
Holyday 8:15 AM, 7:00 PM

## Sacraments

### Confessions

Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM  
Thursday before First Friday  
4:00PM till all are heard  
Eve of Holy Days  
4:00PM till all are heard

### Marriage

Contact the parish office at least one  
year beforehand.

### Baptism

During the liturgy on the Third Sunday at  
the 10:30 AM Mass or on the Fourth  
Weekend of the month. Call the Parish  
Office 345-4343 for registration forms and  
scheduling.

### Baptismal Preparation Classes

Baptismal preparation consists of

2 sessions for parents held on the first  
and second Tuesday of each month at  
7:00 PM in Parish Office. Please call for  
reservations.

Visit the Diocesan Website [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)  
Parish Website [www.saintspeter-paul.org](http://www.saintspeter-paul.org)

# SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

207 VANDALIA STREET · COLLINSVILLE, IL 62234

November 27, 2011  
First Sunday of Advent

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*We welcome all new parishioners to register with our parish, call or  
visit the parish office.*

## From the Desk Of Fr. John



**The Season of Advent begins this Sunday...** it is the beginning of the Liturgical Year of the Church. With it comes a major change in the liturgy for the whole English speaking world. This weekend we welcome the new translation of the Roman Missal. We will easily see and hear the differences in the prayers, music, and the people's responses to the Mass prayers and greetings.

We have been talking about these changes for months on end. Now we come to the time of trying to implement them smoothly and well. We will notice the first change in our familiar response to the priest's greeting. When the priest says... "The Lord be with you..." the people's response is no longer... 'And also with you.'... but, "And with your Spirit." That will be the people's response at the Gospel, at the Preface of the Mass, and before the final blessing as well.

The prayer parts of the Mass that the priest says will be changed the most. He will need to say them slowly or sing them to catch the flow and rhythm of the new translation. This is a higher form of speaking and a more formal and poetic form than we have been used to. But, it will also be a deeper, more theological, as well as, more scripturally faithful way of expressing our prayer.

Let us pay more attention to the words we pray and hear. Let's give our full attention to the deep meaning being expressed in this new translation and pray them well! We will need to help each other as we stumble a few times along the way of our learning. The words of the new responses are on the laminated cards in the pews as well as in the Pray Together and the Hymnal. Take a card and follow along until we all learn them well.

**\*\*\*Christmas-Epiphany Season comes at the end of our Advent preparation of four weeks. Christmas Eve and Day fall on a weekend (Sat. & Sun. this year).**

**Christmas Masses... Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> ... Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> ... Christmas Day Masses 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

**New Years Masses... Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> ... New Years Eve 4:30 PM**

**Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> ... New Years Day 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

**Novena...** in honor of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 7-8<sup>th</sup>) will begin Tuesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. This year it will be a different format. We are saying the Novena prayers...\*\*\* after the weekday Masses in church...and you are encouraged to say them at home if you cannot come to church that day. For the weekend Masses...we will include the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the prayer of the day as our Novena.

**Holy Day Masses...for December 7-8<sup>th</sup>...the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be:**

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM (especially to accommodate the PSR families)**

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:15 AM .... & ... 7:00 PM.**

**Penance Service...** for the school children (everyone is welcome)...Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 12:30 PM.

**Special Collection...** for our own St. Vincent de Paul Society...will be on Sat.-Sun. Dec. 3-4<sup>th</sup>... you will find the special envelopes in your pews. Make your check out to either SSPP or St. Vincent de Paul.

**\*Bishop's Appeal...which is called the Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA)** is in need of your help. We have a long way to go...but we can reach it if everyone helps. There will be a special 'In Pew' appeal during next weekend Masses. Please be ready to respond to this most important appeal...! We need to show our own Catholic spirit and support the work of the Church in our Diocese. Next weekend...!

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

8:15A.M. Communion Service

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

8:15AM Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

8:15AM Pat Corvallis

All School Mass

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

8:00AM Joseph Arnold, Jr.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

8:15AM Mary Donna Shaffner

All School Mass

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**St. Vincent de Paul Collection**

4:30PM Rosemary Cullen

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**St. Vincent de Paul Collection**

8:00 AM Marian Kurant

10:30AM Frances Merlo



## Church Support

### *November 20, Collection*

Because the November 27 bulletin had to be sent to the printers on Friday, November 18 the figures for the November 20 collection were not available.

### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection**

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generosity has laid the foundation for important changes in low-income communities all over the United States. Through CCHD, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry our Jesus' mission to "to bring good news to the poor...release to captives...sight to the blind and let the oppressed go free".

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society 2nd Collection at all Masses**

**Saturday, December 3 &**

**Sunday, December 4**

**The proceeds from this collection will not only enable them to help the needy of Collinsville and State Park to pay their utilities during the winter months and but also provide food for them.**



Our Nursery is located in the Church basement and is open during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Today November 27, Memorie and Caroline Weil will be taking care of our little ones in the Nursery. Next Sunday, December 4, Jackie Freeman and Michelle Webb will be in charge of the Nursery. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please call Betty Greer at 343-0234.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, December 4:

10:30AM	Denise Bone and K & 1 <sup>st</sup> Hanna Martin
10:30AM	Becky Bone and 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Jenny Vojas

We need leaders for "Liturgy of the Word" at the 10:30am Mass. Leaders are always scheduled with an aide, and are scheduled about once every 6 weeks. A simple lesson is provided about the Sunday reading. Please consider answering the call for help by calling Kathy at 345-4702

## SCRIP Gift Card Program

The Scrip Program is continuing and you are able to purchase the scrip at the school office. Go to [glscrip.com](http://glscrip.com) to see the complete list that can be ordered. If we do not have it in stock, we can order it and receive in about 5 business days. The school receives a percentage for every gift card sold!

## RECYCLING NEWS

As fundraisers the school recycles paper, aluminum and clothing in the correct containers found on the lower parking lot & aluminum tabs, eyeglasses old keys and Boxtops in school or parish office.

## ADOPT-A-CLASS

If you or your company would like to adopt a class at SS. Peter & Paul School, please contact the school office at 344-5450. You can donate any amount to any teacher. The donation is used specifically by that class or teacher.

## SS. Peter and Paul School News

Wed., Nov. 30: All School Mass

Thurs., Dec. 1: Advent Reconciliation Service at 12:30pm

Fri., Dec. 3: All School Mass

Mon., Dec. 5 & Tues., Dec. 6 Santa's Cottage for the school children.

Tues., Dec. 6: School's Christmas Program starting at 7:00pm in the Gym

Thurs., Dec. 8: 8:15am All School Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day) No PM Bus Service



**There will be NO PSR Classes on Wednesday, December 7 all of the students will attend Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with their families.**



We acknowledge with gratitude our blessed volunteers who serve our parish in the PSR program:

### Catechists:

**Kindergarten**

**Christine Rukavina**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

**Kelley Wilke**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Jean Clancy**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Charolette McLean**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Karen Numi & Gabby Numi**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Jeannette Turnbull & Renee Van-Dyke (beginning January)**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Aimee Mills & Maddie Jackstadt**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Allison VanDyke & Shannon Gittemeier**

### Support:

Office Manager Lynn Hatcher

Prayer Guide Herman Wenos

Parent Advisor Julia Franco

### Staff:

Administrative Assistant LouAnne Howard

PSR Program Director Ron Knapp

All under the direction of Fr. John Beveridge

## Angel Fund / Red Bag Collection

This weekend a second collection will be taken up during all the Masses for our Angel Fund (The Red Bag Collection). Through your generosity to the Angel Fund we are able to offer Financial Assistance to those families who otherwise might not be able to send their children to our parish school. SS. Peter & Paul school provides students with a quality Catholic education. Please be generous.

## CONGRATULATIONS

22 members of the SS. Peter and Paul's Parish Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts Troops formed a team and walked in the Multiple Sclerosis Gateway Area Chapter's Walk MS 2011. Our scouts raised \$1,061 to help find a cure for MS

## Protecting God's Children Workshop

Any one who works with children in the parish either as a job or as a volunteer must attend one of the Protecting God's workshops. There is no fee for the training session. The next workshops in our area are:

SS. Peter and Paul Church in Alton, on Thursday December 1 starting at 6:00pm. Call the School Office at 465-8711 for more information or to register.

St. Jerome in Troy, on Sunday, January 22 starting at 12:00pm in their St. Joseph Hall. Call The Church Office at 667-6571 for more information or to register.

# Liturgical Roles



Saturday, December 3, 4:30PM

**Lectors** Augie Lohmann and Betty Eberle

**Music** Not Available

**Gifts** Mr. and Mrs. Bob Connolly

**Servers** Jeremy Erickson, Evan Hellige and Bryce Kelly

**Comm. Minsts.** Jeanne Ferreira, Dennis Craft, Betty Fadden, Felicitas Kluck, Pat Furfaro, Barb & Mike Hasamear, Ruth Lohmann, Mark Kennedy

**Intention** Rosemary Cullen

Sunday, December 4, 8:00AM

**Lectors** Mary Louise Rauh and Ed Rakowski

**Music** Not Available

**Gifts** Joe and Eleanor Colombara

**Servers** April Kupinski, Anna and Gabrielle Niebruegge,

**Euch. Minsts.** Robert Alvarado, Eileen Welle, Kay Miskell, Ray Muniz, Joanne Kalla, Marty Morano, Mary Kay Ogle

**Intention** Marian Kurant

Sunday, November 27, 10:30AM

**Lectors** Melba and Danielle Wobbe

**Music** Not Available

**Gifts** Liberty Lawrence and Shari Barnish

**Servers** Ellie McCarthy, Grace and Joni Rukavina

**Euch. Minsts.** Joan Arth, Tess Haines, Maureen Kumke, Beverly McDonald, Sarah & Terry Lanter, Judi Schutzenhofer, Jean Buchana, MaryAnn Silhavy

**Intention** Frances Merlo

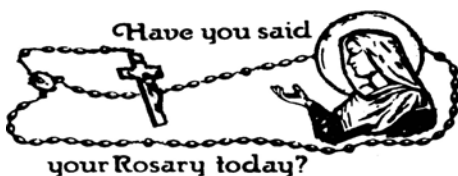
## SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Tues., Nov. 30 through Fri., Dec. 2

Noah Reichert and Alex Veteto

## AUDITORS FOR SUNDAY

December 24, Team # 8: Nolan Von Feldt, Dan Kelley, Terry Lanter, Mike Quain



## Novena to the Immaculate Conception:

Join us in prayer  
Nov. 29-Dec.7

**Novena Prayers will be prayed during Morning & Weekend Masses.**

**Concluding with a Vigil Mass at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Dec 7th.**

**Prayer Booklets will be available at the doors of the Church for those who would like to pray from home.**

## Arts & Environment Needs You

The Arts & Environment Committee would like to ask for volunteers in two areas.

First, they are currently in need of volunteers to water the seasonal plants (Christmas & Easter that are located around the church. This would be a perfect project for a parish family who would like to become involved.

Second, the A & E Committee could use some additional volunteers to help carry the decorations from the church basement storage area up to the church. Please call Kathie at 345-0347 or email at [kathie70@gmail.com](mailto:kathie70@gmail.com)

## Advent Giving Tree

It's Giving Tree time! Please take a tag, **sign the form, and take an instruction sheet.** Please return your wrapped gifts with the tags **securely attached** by December 14 to the Baptismal Room or the Parish Office. If you purchase more than one gift, **please make sure the TAG NUMBER, the FAMILY NUMBER and the PERSON'S NAME are on EACH GIFT.** Please do not tie gifts together with one tag. They fall apart and it then becomes difficult to determine where they go and to whom they are for. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Debbie Sanders at 345-7939. Thank you for your kind generosity this Advent season.



## First Sunday of Advent Watch Out!

In Advent, we celebrate our hopes for the Lord to come more fully into our lives. The first reading is Isaiah, voicing the hope of sinners for a redeemer. As sinners we, too, hope for forgiveness. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back to him, when he sent his Son Jesus to save us. And he showed his power in raising Christ from the dead. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

The gospel gives us a reminder to constantly look for signs of God's work. Jesus says simply, "Watch!" Like the gatekeepers in Jesus short parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. Just as we expect a person driving a car to turn off of his cell phone and keep his eyes on the road, so we can stop looking for whatever makes us comfortable and watch for ways to love others as God loves us.

When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend. The new translation of the Mass that begins today can be an opportunity to stretch our faith and our understanding of the Eucharist.

The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. Paul encourages them (and us) by his reminder that we "are not lacking in any spiritual gift." (1Cor 1:7) The Holy Spirit gives us all we need to help each other prepare for the Lord's coming. They were thinking of Jesus coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in Baptism, gives us his Spirit in Confirmation and himself in Eucharist, heals us in Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick, and calls us to make him present to others in Holy Orders and Matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.



## Annual Catholic Service Appeal

We want to thank all of our generous parishioners who have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal as of November 9, 179 of our parishioners have donated \$20,953. The programs, services and ministries supported by the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA)** meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The diocese serves each of us, and our financial support is needed to continue God's work in the diocese.

Next weekend our parish will be giving all parishioners and opportunity to help the mission of our Church throughout central Illinois. Those who have not yet had a chance to make a pledge to the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** will be given the opportunity to do so during Mass. This will serve others in our diocese and help our parish make its goal.

## Althoff Catholic High School—Placement Test

The Placement Test for 8th grade students interested in attending Althoff Catholic High School in the fall of 2012 will be given on Saturday, December 3 from 8:00am until 11:30am. Call 235-1100 for additional information.

**ZIGGY'S WISDOM:** What is a quiet and simple way to relax and meditate during prayer time? Look on page 9.



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## Up Coming Events



### Winter Wonderland

St. Louis Church & School 9th Annual Winter Wonderland will be held Saturday, December 3 from 8:00am—6:00pm in their Parish Center. Raffles, Silent auction, Sweet Shoppe, Holiday Gifts, Craft Booth, Food Stand (Menu: Cinnamon Rolls, Homemade Soup & Chili, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Tacos in a Bag, Homemade Desserts, Snacks & Drinks), Visits with Santa 10:00am—2:00pm. For more info call 217-563-7445

### Annual Snowman's Ball

St. Mary—Sr. Mark Parish invite you to their 36th Annual Snowman's Ball to be held on Saturday, December 3 in Englbert Hall, Madison, Il. Dinner catered by Brenda's, Music and Dancing 7:00—11:00pm Music by David Hylla's Good Times Band. Tickets-\$16.00per person (includes dinner, music, beer, soda, attendance prizes). More info call Dolores at 876-4241 or Janet at 593-7595.

### Smorgasbord Dinner

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church is hosting their annual Smorgasbord Dinner on Sunday, December 4 at the Bethalto KC Hall from 11:00am-3:00pm. The menu is Turkey and Dressing, Vegetables, Ham, Pigs in the Blanket, Salad & Homemade Desserts.

### Winter Quilt Bingo

Holy Rosary Church's Ladies Sodality invite you to their Winter Quilt Bingo on Sunday, December 4 at their Church Hall. Doors Open at 11:00am, Mexican Food Available. Bingo begins at 1:00pm. Cake –Misc. Raffles

### "A Walk through the Nativity of Our Lord"

The Litchfield K of C presents "A Walk through the Nativity of Our Lord" on Sat. Dec. 2, 4:00-7:00pm, Sun. Dec. 3 10:00am-5:00pm and Sun., Dec. 4, 1:00-4:00pm at Holy Family Parish Center in Litchfield, Il. There will be more than 100 different Nativity of display from all the world. No Admission Fee but a free will offering will be accepted.

### Christmas Cookie Sale

The Altar Society of Mother of Perpetual Help Church in Maryville is having their Annual Homemade Cookies Sale on Saturday, December 10 from 8:00am-12:00 Noon in their Parish Center . Cost is \$4.00 per Dozen.

### Donuts & Friends

Next Sunday, a Continental Breakfast and Friendly will be available at **NO CHARGE** in Morris Hall. Coffee, Juice, Donuts, etc. will be served after the 10:30am Mass

### Study of Sunday's Readings

The Study of Sunday's Readings group meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the Parish Office. By studying Sunday's readings ahead of time we are able to learn important points from St. Louis study materials & to ask questions that help us personally understand readings that we may have heard many times, but have never really understood. In this way we are able to bring the readings into current life applications which can help shape our Christian lives in many ways.

### PRAYER BLANKET

If you would like to give a Prayer Blanket to someone, volunteer to make the Blankets or just want some more information about them call the parish office at 345- 4343.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus,  
Fill the hearts and minds of your young people with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that with courage and generosity they might answer your call to serve the church in the priesthood and religious life.  
Give parents the faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to rejoice when a child of theirs is called to a church vocation.  
May the intercession of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, your Holy Family, help us to pray: "Let not my will, but yours be done." Amen



## Advent Penance Service

The following is a list of Churches in our area and the dates and times of their Advent Penance Service:

St. Mary's Church in Edwardsville,	December 4	1:00pm
St. Paul's Church in Highland,	December 5	7:00pm
Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Heights & St. Stephen's Church in Caseyville Penance Service in Fairview Heights	December 13	6:30pm
SS. Peter & Paul Church in Alton,	December 13	7:00pm
SS. Peter & Paul Church in Collinsville,	December 14	6:30pm
St. Elizabeth Church in Granite City,	December 14	6:30pm
St. Jerome Church in Troy,	December 15	7:00pm
St. Cecilia Church in Glen Carbon,	December 19	7:00pm



To SS. Peter and Paul Parish  
We greatly appreciate your generosity when we were collecting donations for our senior mission trip. Your parish donation of \$832.25, and has helped us to achieve our goal to help the people of Alabama and Georgia. Upon returning in March we will be sure to send another thank you with pictures. We hope that these pictures will serve as a reminder to you of how you helped us to live our motto of Serviam.

Marquette High School Class of 2012

*God bless you  
with health and happiness*

LESSONS AND CAROLS  
GLORY CHOIR CONCERT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11  
7:00PM IN CHURCH  
Come join them in singing those beloved songs of Advent and Christmas

## SHARE AND CARE

The Share and Care for the month of November will be collecting items for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Suggested items are Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Meats, Canned Fruits, Tooth Paste, Soap, Deodorant, & Hamburger Helper. Please put these items in the Share and Care Baskets located by all the entrances to the Church.



If you have a family member in the hospital and they want Father to visit them call the parish office at 345-4343 and let us know because the hospitals no longer notify us when one of our parishioners is in their hospital.

## Divine Mercy Study

The Divine Mercy Study Group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 1:00pm in Morris Hall. During their gathering the Diary of Sr. Faustina, Bible and Catechism are read and discussed. They finish with saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Come learn with them about His Mercy and what it means for you today! For more info call Mary Helen Kossina 345-9730

## A Day of Prayer and Relaxation just for YOU!

The King's Retreat and Renewal Center in Belleville invite you to Take a Quiet Day of Prayer and Relaxation Just for YOU! "Watchful and Alert: Our Advent Call to Hope" on Friday, December 9 from 9:00am-3:00pm with Bro. Pat McGee, OMI. A personal Day of Prayer which includes opening and closing reflections, celebration of the Eucharist, optional Sacrament of Reconciliation, time for personal reflection, and a delicious lunch. Join them for this day of prayer as we come together to reflect on this call we each share: to be more discerning and prophetic, to be people of hope in our world. Open to all: single married, religious, & clergy. Suggested offering is \$25. Pre-registration required. Call 397-0584 or e-mail info@kingsretreatcenter.org for more information.

## East Africa Needs Our Help

A drought in East Africa is affecting millions of people in Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. Prayer is the greatest expression of solidarity that can be offered to our brothers and sisters in East Africa. Your donations to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith [www.GiveToTheMission.org](http://www.GiveToTheMission.org) or Catholic Relief Services [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) will assist those working to relieve the suffering. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support!

## RESPECT LIFE "WEEKLY SCOOP" - Our MISSION:

**"To respect life at all stages, from conception until natural death"**  
For this week's "discovery time" please enter the Priest for Life web address, click on SEARCH, and spend some time checking out the huge array of information.

Herman Wenos 344-4108 Respect Life Ministry [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)  
**Pray the Rosary at Hope Abortion Clinic!**

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Belleville/Springfield Encounter

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is December 2 to 4. Early registration is highly recommended. To register or for more information call 888-889-9963 or go online to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

## CURSILLO

The weather has been erratic and severe in the United States this summer—droughts, earthquakes and floods. This comes on top of many people already being unemployed and unsure of their future.

On a spiritual level, too, we may also, sometimes, experience dry times, upheavals and disturbances. One might be tempted to ask: "Where is God in all of this? Is He aware of all the suffering?" At times we can forget that Christ never promised that life would be easy for a Christian. The lives of the apostles and saints are testimony to that.

In the Sermon on the Plain Christ reminds us that we are blessed. (see Luke 6:20-23)

Whether we are experiencing grief or poverty, we remain blessed and we are still good. Perhaps Christ anticipated the question we hear a lot in health care: "What did I do to deserve this?"

Those negative misgivings can interfere with one's healing physically and spiritually. Let us start each day fresh remembering that God loves us, we are blessed, and that He takes delight in all of us.

A weekend at Cursillo is a good place to contemplate these "dry times" and refresh your spiritual life.

## Blood Pressure Screenings

Next weekend the volunteer nurses in our parish will be doing Blood Pressure Screenings for the members of our parish. Before Mass they will be in the back of Church and after Mass they will be in the Baptismal area

## Word of Life

These witnesses (young people with severe disabilities) speak to us, first and foremost, of the dignity of all human life, created in the image of God. No suffering can efface this divine image imprinted in the depths of our humanity. But there is more: because the Son of God wanted freely to embrace suffering and death, we are also capable of seeing God's image in the face of those who suffer. Dear friends, our society, which all too often questions the inestimable value of life, of every life, needs you: in a decisive way you help to build the civilization of love. Pope Benedict XVI—visit to San Jose Foundation for disabled youth.



## What does the Catholic Church Teach about: Is the End Near?

On Saturday, December 3 from 9:00am—4:00pm (Mass at 4:30pm) at the KC Hall 303 S. Mcelroy St. in Raymond, IL. Jim Burnham will give a seminar on What does the Catholic Church teach about: Heaven-Hell-Purgatory-Judgment. What are the signs of the Second Coming? Will Catholics be left behind at the Rapture? Cost is \$20.00 per family (includes lunch). To register call Patrick at 217-321-1121 or email [po-toole@dio.org](mailto:po-toole@dio.org)

## Catholic Radio

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Would you like to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ & His Church? Tune in to Catholic Radio on AM 1080 WRYT. Programming includes daily Holy Mass, Devotions, Catechetics, Live Call-In Shows, & much more. For a program schedule & a free CD call 877-305-1234.

## Christmas Madrigal

### Dinner

Join the King's House Retreat and Renewal Center for an enjoyable holiday custom. A Madrigal Dinner is an American form of dinner theater generally held during the Christmas season. It is set in the Middle Ages and is generally comedic in nature. The meal is provided by Mr. Chris Schumacher, King's House Chef & Staff, and is divided into courses, each of which is heralded with a traditional song. A play is performed between the courses and a concert of choral music concludes the festivities. All musical performance by Ms. Maryann Totsch & Take a Bow Showcase. Two performances—Saturday, December 17 & Sunday, December 18. Seating begins at 6:30pm and performances start at 7:00pm. Silent Auction opens at 6:00pm. Tickets \$30 each call 409-0015 to purchase tickets are more information.



## Walk and Talk!! Walking Club

Saturday Mornings  
9 am -10 am

Meet in our Church Parking Lot on Saturdays (weather permitting) to join us in some fun recreation and conversation!! Began October 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone's Welcome. Sponsored by the SSPP Health Ministry.

## ZIGGY'S SHARED IDEA:

Clearing your mind of distractions can seem impossible. First, find a comfortable chair in a remote, quiet part of your home; just sit still and relax. Gently close your eyes, and for a period of 5-10 minutes repeat the name of JUSES, as you breathe in/then out! JE/SUS, breathe in; breathe out.

## Aquinas Roundtable

On Tuesday, November 29 The Aquinas Institute of Theology invite you to their monthly Aquinas Roundtable to be held in the Visitor's Center at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. The discussion/luncheon will begin at 11:30am and end at 1:00pm. The Presenter will be Sr. Colleen Mallon, O.P. and her topic will be "God in My Life: What does Trinity have to do with It?" She will be talking on taking time to reflect on the transformational power of the Christian understanding of the Divine Mystery for daily living. For more information or to register call 397-6700, Ext. 6281. Cost is \$20 and this includes your lunch.

**Next Chapter  
Separated/Divorced  
Support Group  
Pastoral Diocesan Center  
2620 Lebanon Ave.,  
Belleville, Il.  
Tuesday, November 29  
7:00—8:30pm  
Post Holiday Share & Care Mtg.**

## Way of Lights

Starting Friday, November 18 from 5:00-9:00pm The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville presents The Way of Lights, Journey to Bethlehem (Free Admission). This mile-and-a-half drive consists of over one million lights, electro-art displays, and life-size biblical statues which take on a scriptural Journey to Bethlehem. This breathtaking display focuses on the birth of Christ, the one true light of the world.

In the Visitors Center you will find Souvenirs & Angel Photos, Community Choir Performances, Wreath Display & Silent Auction, Christmas Tree Display, Children's Village, Puppet Show & the Shrine Restaurant (Way of Lights Buffet 4:00-9:00pm).

By the Church there are Camel & Donkey Rides, Petting Zoo, & Carriage Rides (call Nobleshire for reservations 476-7800).

In the Guild Center you can see a Laser Show.

The Shrine Hotel has a Nativity made of Legos.

## Women Weaving Our Lives Together

The King's House Retreat and Renewal Center in Belleville invite the women of our parish to join them for a time of informal, woman to woman, spiritual sharing. Open to women of all faith traditions. Gatherings are 7:00-9:00pm on First Thursdays of the month. The next one will be Thursday, December 1. The topic will be Welcome the Child of the Universe. Refreshments provided. For further information contact Sr. Janis Yaekel, ASC at 397-0584 or e-mail [info@kingsretreatcenter.org](mailto:info@kingsretreatcenter.org)

## Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean

Come & sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Fr. Martin Jones May 6-13, 2012 on the Carnival Legend out of Tampa, Fl. Ports of Call: Cozumel (Mexico), Belize, Mahogany Bay (Isla Roatan), Grand Cayman (Cayman Island). Prices begin at \$1,326 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For more info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/[dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com)

## Taize Prayer Evening

King's House Retreat and Renewal Center in Belleville invites you to experience a Taize Prayer Evening. Taize Prayer is the simple and beautiful chant music of the Taize Ecumenical Monastery in France that is dedicated to the renewal of our spiritual lives. The chanted prayer promotes inner peace and allows a person's spirit to be more open and attentive to God's presence. The next evening of prayer will be Wednesday, December 7 from 7:00-8:00pm. Refreshments and fellowship follow the prayer service. For more information call 397-0584 or [kngmsebv@peaknet.net](mailto:kngmsebv@peaknet.net) No registration necessary. Donations gratefully accepted

## ABL Pregnancy Center

The ABL, A Beacon for Life, is a crisis pregnancy center, established in September, 1986, as an alternative to abortion...A commitment to the Pro-Life Movement. They urgently need help with the rent, diapers, baby wipes, Infamil Formula with Iron, onesies and sleepers for Babies to continue in Mother Teresa of Calcutta's footsteps. ABL is staffed by volunteers who provide free-of-charge pregnancy testing, counseling, referrals for medical care, infant care items, community services as well as adoption assistance. **If you would like to volunteer at the ABL call them at 345-3636. If you would like to make a donation to the ABL Pregnancy Center you can put it in the collection basket in an envelope with ABL Pregnancy Center on the outside and we will make sure they receive it.**

Open House & Vespers  
King's House Retreat and  
Renewal Center in Belleville  
Friday, December 16  
5:00pm until 10:00pm  
Vespers at 6:30pm

CHANGE for PARISH CHANGE  
There are ENVELOPES for your weekly change by all Church Doors. Please take some home and use them. Your help is *necessary*. Thank you!

## Phone-a-Friend

Need someone to talk to, just to chat, or maybe a second opinion or a short prayer? Give me a call, anytime between 9am to 9pm. Actually, you may wish to stop at my house for a cup of coffee, special blend. Sometimes, we all just need a good listener. Call Herman at 344-4108

## Mass of Healing

The Alton Deanery will have a Mass of Healing for all victims of abuse and for families affected by the abuse on Monday, December 12 at 7:00pm at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville