

# Saint John the Evangelist Journal

December 7, 2014



*Second Sunday of Advent*



**Immaculate Conception Masses**  
**Dec. 8th at 7am, 8:30am and 7pm**



## *Some Notes from Fr. Dwight's Desk.....*

### **December 8: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Christians remember the conception of Christ on the solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25). Because John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ, Eastern Rite Christians celebrate John's conception on September 23. The celebration of the conception of Mary falls nine months before the celebration of her birth, on September 8. Mary's conception day became a feast in the seventh century. The Church teaches that Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. This special grace prepared her to be the mother of God. Mary did not earn this freedom in any way. It was simply a gift bestowed by God. The medieval scholar, Duns Scotus, explained that "no one owes more to Christ than Mary, the immaculate one."

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is an opportunity to celebrate God's gracious gift to Mary as part of the plan for our salvation. **Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 8, at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.** All Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated in the main church. For the sake of clarification: this particular Holy Day is not subject to the Saturday/Monday rule that applies to others. This is because this Holy Day of Obligation is the patronal feast of the United States. As such, it is also a time to pray for the Blessed Virgin's continued care and protection for our nation and its people. It is also important to keep in mind that the 6:00 PM Sunday Mass for Sunday, December 7, will be for the Second Sunday of Advent, not the Immaculate Conception. Sorry—no two-for-one specials.

### **Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests (Franciscan and Dominican sisters, brothers and priests are examples of this group) spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals and social-service agencies, often for little or no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for the more than 35,000 elderly religious and their religious communities who are assisted by this collection each year. There is a special envelope in your envelope booklets for making a gift to this annual nationwide collection next weekend, December 13 and 14. Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime.

### **Eucharistic Adoration for the Fridays of Advent**

Having the opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is very much in keeping with the quiet and reflective season of the season of Advent. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available each Advent Friday from the conclusion of the 9:00 AM morning Mass until Benediction at 5:00 PM. Adoration will take place in the chapel unless otherwise noted.

### **Parish Books of Intercessions**

At each Mass, we remember a variety of different needs in our world, lifting them up to God in the Prayers of the Faithful. At weekday Masses, we are able to do this in a slightly different way which allows many in the assembly to voice their needs in a spontaneous manner. All of us have prayer intentions we would like to have remembered each day, and so in order to accomplish this we have two new Books of Intercession available in which you may feel free to write particular prayer needs so that they may be remembered at each Mass. One Book of Intercessions is located in the Sacred Heart devotional area in the main church, while the other is located on the standing desk outside the chapel in the stone church. Prayer intentions written in both books will be remembered collectively at each Mass.

### **Area Communal Penance Services**

One of the ways we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas is through the Advent celebration and reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). As in years past, we will partner with two other area parishes for Communal Penance services:

**Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 PM**

at **Holy Redeemer Parish in Burton**

**Wednesday, December 17, 7:00 PM** here

at **St. John the Evangelist**

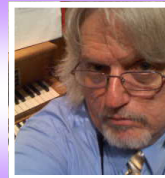
**Thursday, December 18, 7:00 PM**

at **Holy Family Parish in Grand Blanc**

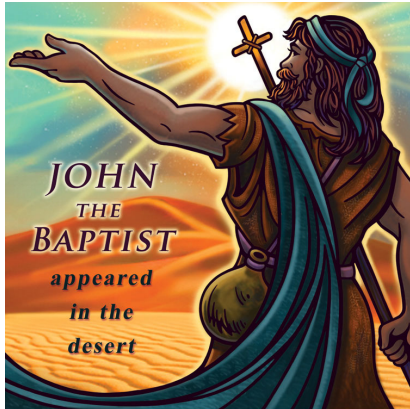
Mass Intentions for the Week		December 13 & 14, 2014			
	Mass	Lectors	E. M.	Usher	Servers
<b>Monday, December 8,</b> Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3: 9-15, 20/Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38 7:00 a.m. <b>Jack Gallagher, 11th anniversary of death</b> - Annie Laurie & Family 8:30 a.m. <b>Deceased members of the Nero Family</b> Diane Schaefer 7:00 p.m. <b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>7:00 am Mon 12-8</b>	Hennig, P Ozanich, C	Frakes, J Hbilica, C Learman, K Topolinski, J Herrman, G Champlin, C	Herrman, D Jewell, M Rothley, R Rothley, W	TBA
	<b>8:30 am Mon 12-8</b>	<b>SCHOOL MASS</b>		Patthanach- aroenphon, O Tatro, R Porritt, J	<b>SCHOOL MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 9,</b> Advent Weekday-Is 40: 1-11 Mt 18: 12-14 7:00 a.m. <b>Morning Prayer</b> - Chapel 9:00 a.m. <b>Noreen Kehoe</b> - Mike & Betty Kehoe	<b>7:00 pm Mon 12-8</b>	Sieradzki, C Hamilton, D	Bradburn, K Russ, S Sharp, R Brant, S KoenigsknechtM Liedel, M	Lenze, L Nagy, S Packard, R Runci, D	Jacoby, Beth & Laura Simberg, Jr. Geoffrey
<b>Wednesday, December 10,</b> Advent Weekday-Is 40: 25-31 Mt 11: 28-30 7:00 a.m. <b>Morning Prayer</b> - Chapel 9:00 a.m. <b>Special intentions of Maggie &amp; Sam Quincy</b> - Bob Zientek	<b>5:00 pm Sat 12-13</b>	Pettinger, M Celini, C	Sechan, M Grayson- Elton, D LaGuire- Guinn, D Monahan, R Fay, K Eisenbeis, D Verhelle, M Bombach, S	Verhelle, D Verhelle, T Lueck, J Alger, T Claxton, K	Simberg, Geoffrey Jacoby, Beth & Laura
<b>Thursday, December 11,</b> Advent Weekday-Saint Damascus I, Pope Is 41: 13-20 Mt 11: 11-15 7:00 a.m. <b>Morning Prayer</b> - Chapel 9:00 a.m. <b>Douglas DesMarais</b> - his Family					
<b>Friday, December 12,</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe-Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab Lk 1: 26-38 or Lk 1: 39-47 7:00 a.m. <b>Morning Prayer</b> - Chapel 9:00 a.m. Church <b>Robert Zefferro, 1st anniversary of death</b> Paula Crelley 10:30 a.m. Mass at Crestmont <b>Anna Burger</b> - Council of Catholic Women	<b>8:00 am Sun 12-14</b>	Metcalfe, R Varcoe, L	Williams, K Kunkel, L Metcalfe, D Koenigs- Knecht, M Arthur, M Arthur, T Dixon, M Archambault, C	Starrs, J Patthanach- aroenphon, O Nagy, S Zonca, J Boyden, E	Gavulic, Amelia & *Gabriella Heim, Anna
<b>Saturday, December 13,</b> Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 Mt 17: 9a, 10-13 <b>Third First Sunday of Advent</b> Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5: 16-24 Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28 5:00 p.m. <b>Lottie Niezgoda, 4th anniversary of death</b> - John & Connie Cislo	<b>10:00 am Sun 12-14</b>	Godley, G Draeger, T <b>EM's</b> Bade, J Sass, J Stoolmaker, R Unterborn, R	Spellman, J Bieling, B Carpenter, L Yelen, A Learman, K Lukowski, J Lukowski, F Smith, A	Wagner, D Wagner, G Cannazzaro, M Redden, B Runci, D Gardner, G	Burnett, *Payton Learman, Rachel Hering, Heidi
<b>Sunday, December 14,</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Francis Starrs, 48th anniversary of death</b> - his Family 10:00 a.m. <b>Norman Herstein, 1st anniversary of death</b> - Ron & Cathi Herstein Family 12:00 p.m. <b>People of the Parish</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Ed Reuther</b> - Betty Reuther  <i>The Sanctuary candle will burn this week in church in memory of the <b>Lottie Niezgoda</b>.</i>  <i>The Sanctuary candle will burn this week in chapel with special intentions of <b>Lucille Rodgers</b>.</i>	<b>12:00 pm Sun 12-14</b>	McDonald, C Lockwood, P	Logan, M Logan, E Logan, S Buchanan, K Carney, M Taylor, A Hansen, J Tomalia, R	Langeway, C Cooper, S Kruse, S Glinke, T Rheingans, J Walters, L	Ebert, Rudy, Anna & Maria
	<b>6:00 pm Sun 12-14</b>	Dixon, D Mc- Dunnough, C	Bundy, T Ulrich, L Haiss, A Farleo, Michelle Jankowski, L Champlin, C Sharp, R	Gilbert, M Logie, A Darling, E Darling, S Beste, Margaret	Strickett, *Mathew Haiss, Joe & Wyatt



*from Fr. Jim....*



# Worship



**In** today's Gospel, we here that a prophecy from Isaiah is being fulfilled by John the Baptist. John is the one of whom it is written, "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" John the Baptist fulfilled this prophecy 2,000 years

ago by preaching Jesus as the Messiah and pointing towards Him in all of his words and actions. But this was not just a task for John the Baptist, now it's your turn to prepare the way of the Lord in your own heart as well as in the world around you.

It's important for each of us to take time during this Advent season to prepare our own heart to receive Jesus. The big question then is: how do I prepare my heart to receive Jesus? To begin with, spend some time with Him in prayer. Treat your prayer time like an appointment by setting aside some time each day to spend with God, even if it's only 5-10 minutes. Along with that, try not to give God the "leftovers" of your day, but give Him time when you're actually awake and alert. A perfect way to spend some time with God during this Advent season is in Adoration. We are offering Adoration every Friday of Advent here at St. John's to offer people the opportunity to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

But we don't want to just be focused on ourselves during this season of Advent. Just like John the Baptist, we want to prepare the way of the Lord in such a way that those around us might more easily be brought into an encounter with Jesus. John the Baptist, through his words and actions, was able to bring people into an encounter with the Lord, and our words and actions can have the same effect if we're intentional about them. During this Advent season, take some time to talk to family, friends, coworkers, or classmates about the true meaning of Christmas. It may be a small action or a simple word from you that opens up the way of the Lord in that person's heart. Just like John, we should point to Jesus in all that we do and say.

**Tim Garback.....**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

*"Lord, let us see your kindness."*

*Father, may darkness not blind us to your vision of wisdom.*

*Amen!*

Our Adult Choir performed for Advent by Candlelight this past Thursday. Great job all!

Soprano, Cyndi Cannazzaro has gone southwest for warmer climes...

See you in the Spring!

***Pax Adventus,***  
**Timothy J. Garback**  
Director of Music Ministries/Liturgy  
[tjgarback@hotmail.com](mailto:tjgarback@hotmail.com)



***Feast  
of  
the  
Immaculate  
Conception***

***Dec. 8th***



## Coordinator of Youth Ministry

### **Kyle Ulrich.....**

#### **Greetings in Christ,**

Thank you brothers and sisters for helping out with donations for street ministry. We helped out so many people this weekend! As this season of Advent continues please take some time and pray for the youth group that they may continue to be Disciples of Christ throughout their life.

#### **Important Notes**

Gifts for *Adopt-a-Family* can be dropped off in the RFP office. Please make sure the name of the person the gift is for is on the gift and that the family number is on the gift.

March for Life is coming up at the end of January. If interested in more details for the trip please contact me via phone or email. It is an overnight trip we go down on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January march and are back early morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Dates for Upcoming Youth Group!**

**Jr. High** 5:30-6:55 pm

December 10th, 17th,  
January 14th, 28th

**Senior High** 7:00-9:00pm

December 10th, 17th,  
January 14th, 21st, 28<sup>th</sup>

Lord give use the strength to serve you...

**Be Peace...**



## Director of Religious Formation

### **Helene Paulik.....**

#### **RFP Weekday Class Parents & Grandparents,**



Join your family children for a special Advent Service during their regular class time this week! On December 9th & 10th, we will celebrate a family Advent Service in the school cafetorium (5:30 p.m.) followed by an Advent activity in their classrooms. (Sunday

Parents: Because many parents attend Mass at this time, no family service will be held. The children will learn about Advent in class and will take part in an Advent activity).

**NO Parent Child Reconciliation Retreat December 13th; it has been moved to January 10th.**

**NO RFP Classes December 14 through January 4th  
RFP Classes resume January 6, 2015**

***Blessings as we wait in hope!***

*Helene Paulik*

*Director of Religious Formation*



### **St. John Children's**

**Christmas Eve Mass**

**Saturday, December 24th**

**6:30pm Mass**

All Children 5yrs - 11yrs are invited to take part in the acting out of the first Christmas during the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the RFP Office.

Any questions contact: Helene Paulik 248-534-5431 or  
hpaulik@stjohnfenton.org

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

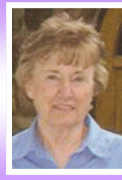
E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Practice will be Saturday, Dec. 20th, 10-12pm in the Church**

**DUE IN RFP OFFICE DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**



# Director of Adult Education



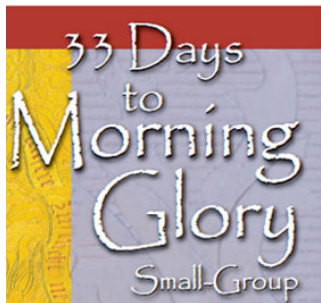
# OUTREACH

## Dan Medich.....

It is the second week of Advent as we prepare to light the second candle on our Advent wreath. As we do so let's continue to reflect and prepare for the birth of our savior Jesus Christ.

***“Dear Lord Jesus, during this season of Advent, we pray that all Christians will deepen their knowledge of Christmas as the hope for humanity. May your birth, Jesus our Redeemer, bring peace and hope to all people of good will. We also pray, dear Lord, for all parents throughout the world. May every father and mother become true evangelizers, and pass on to their children the precious gift of faith.”*** - Pope Francis

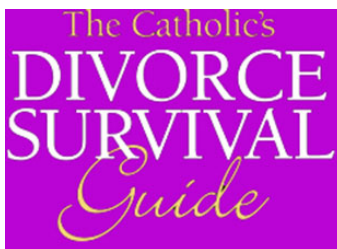
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Join us on [Tuesday, 1/06/14], as we begin a **33-day preparation for Marian Consecration**. Each day we'll individually follow four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, [Tuesday from 1-3:00PM] we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30- minute video. The video

by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus. If you want to transform your relationship with Christ, this is a perfect New Year's Resolution. Pick up a flyer in the vestibule and contact **Christine Champlin prior to 12/22/14**.

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### **NEW! Catholic's DIVORCE HEALING Program – Starting January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.**

We are pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide. The 12-week program features 30-minute DVD shows each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money,

the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. See ad for more information or contact Dan Medich Jr. 248-982-5355 or danmedichjr@gmail.com.

## Maureen Ottney.....

### **Christmas Program Report**

The *Adopt-a-Family* Christmas program for the families struggling to live simply, pay the rent, all other bills and put food on the table is doing quite well.

If you would like to join in adopting a family of one, two or three children please call Outreach at 629-1817. Helping us can be a fun thing to do because your own children can have a hand in it. It is very good to have children know that there are others in this area who will not have a Christmas without the help of others.

Thanks to all who have called and taken a family to assist. Helping the ones in need can be very rewarding.

# St. John School "Education in Faith"

## Friendship Bowl



### Ways to support St. John School

- Remember our students and staff in your prayers.
- Join us at our school Masses, Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.
- Save Campbell's labels and Box Tops for Education.
- Purchase food through Market Day. Orders delivered monthly to the Activity Center. Stop by the school office for more information and order forms.

# Our Parish Life Together

## Events for the Week

### Monday, December 8,

- 10:00 a.m. **AA Meeting** - A Room
- 7:00 p.m. **RCIA** - Founder's Hall
- 7:00 p.m. **Bible Study** - Grand Hall

### Tuesday, December 9,

- 8:30 a.m. **Rosary** - Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. **Novena** - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. **AA Meeting** - A Room
- 12:00 p.m. **2nd Tuesday, 55 & Up** -Activity Center
- 2:00 p.m. **Bible Study Leader**-Conference Room
- 3:30 p.m. **Bible Study** - Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. **Women's "CRHP"** - Founder's Hall
- 7:00 p.m. **Men's "CRHP"** - A Room

### Wednesday, December 10,

- 10:00 a.m. **AA Meeting** - A Room
- 10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** - Activity Center
- 4:00 p.m. **Youth Choir** - Church
- 5:00 p.m. **Open Gate Garden Club**  
Activity Center
- 6:00 p.m. **ID 916** - Chapel & Founder's Hall
- 7:00 p.m. **Charismatic Intercessory Prayer Group & Rosary**- Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. **Bell Choir** - Church
- 7:00 p.m. **"CRHP" Continuation**  
Conference Room

### Thursday, December 11,

- 9:00 a.m. **Endow Women's Group**  
Founder's Hall
- 10:00 a.m. & 7:00p.m. **AA Meeting** - A Room
- 10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** - Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. **Education Commission**  
Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. **Adult Choir** - Church

### Friday, December 12,

- 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. **AA Meeting** - A Room
- 10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** - Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. **Knights of Columbus Bingo**  
St John Knights Hall

### Saturday, December 13,

- 3:30 p.m. **Confessions** - Church
- 6:30 p.m. **Covenant of Love Date Night**  
Activity Center

### Sunday, December 14,

- 8 & 10:00a.m. **Knights of Columbus** host breakfast following 8 & 10a.m. Masses-Grand Hall
- 12:00 p.m. **NFP Class** - Founder's Hall

## Financial Barometer

### for Week of November 22 & 23, 2014

Envelopes Used.....	562
Envelopes.....	16,148.00
Loose.....	2,078.85
E-Tithing.....	2,685.71
Total.....	20,912.56
Budget.....	30,420.00
Under/Over Budget (-).....	9,507.44
Deficit for Current Year.....	64,138.00
Campaign for Human Development ...	2,460.00

### for Week of November 29 & 30, 2014

Envelopes Used.....	591
Envelopes.....	17,416.00
Loose.....	2,605.34
E-Tithing.....	2,685.71
Total.....	22,707.05
Budget.....	30,420.00
Under/Over Budget (-).....	7,712.95
Deficit for Current Year.....	71,850.95

## Marriage Banns

**I** *Jamin Littell & Melissa Mora*

### Vocation Views...

How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you.

### Offertory Observation...

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live- the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

**Today**, the monthly collection for newspapers & magazines will be taken up during all the Masses.

**Next week**, the special collection for the Retired Religious will be taken up during all the Masses.

## Please Pray for Our Sick

Geraldine Allen	Laura Foy	Keith McDaniel	Rose Sekulich
Donalda Bak	Nora Francis	Sharon McDonald	Emily Sharp
Mamie Berta	Beth Grahl	Chris Muehl	Irene Skerjance
Christian Brabb	Amanda Guy	Dan O'Rourke	Russel Stidham
Norman Brainard	Rachel Hagan	Eleanor Pellegrino	John Squires
C. J. Callaghan	Walt Henry	Jim Perczak	Susan Tokarsky
Dave Callaghan	Toni Hodgkin	Anthony Polsinelli	Orpha Verhelle
Patrick Carmody	Lee Johnson	Suzanne Popovich	Isabella Starrs Ward
Virginia Carmody	Michael Jozwik	Donna Potter	Virginia Westfall
Bridget Carrette	Jim Kielczewski	Paul Quinn	Jaymi Whalen
John Cislo	Linda Lach	Matt Riegel Family	Eloise Wild
Erin Dagenais	Rosalind Lee	Joyce Rolston	Cohen Witten
Mercedes Fisk	Michael Lenze	Tom Runyan	Becky Young
Marie Fox	Jim Lueck, Jr.	Irv Schroeder	
Daniel Foy		Mary Schroeder	



## IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Marie Standish**, age 91, died November 21, 2014. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 29, 2014 with Fr. Dwight Ezop celebrating. Burial followed at St. John Cemetery.

Surviving are: son, Dave (Terry) Standish; 3 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; brother, Frank (Lillian) Kliebert; brothers-in-law, John Standish and Ed Moroz. She was preceded in death by her husband, George; 2 brothers and 1 sister.

**Fr. Robert McKeon**, age 89, died on Monday, November 24, 2014 at his home in Byron. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 30, 2014 with Bishop Boyea celebrating and several other priests of the diocese concelebrating. Burial followed at St. John Cemetery.

He was a Roman Catholic Priest in the Lansing, Michigan Diocese. He was born September 18, 1925 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, the third son of Mark Gregory McKeon and Mary Ellen Hogan McKeon. He attended grade school in Waukesha, Wisconsin and Linden, Michigan. He graduated from the Lady-smith Wisconsin High School in June 1944, and entered the United States Navy the same month. He served as a signalman aboard an LST ship in the Western Pacific until the end of World War II, and was discharged in June 1946.

He attended college at the University of Wisconsin in Ladysmith, Wisconsin and the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He began studies for the priesthood in 1949 and attended seminaries in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Michigan and in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Father Bob was ordained at the Lansing Cathedral on June 6, 1959 and celebrated his first Mass at St. John Parish, Fenton, in the fieldstone church that his grandfather, Frank McKeon, helped build. He served as an assistant pastor at parishes in Jackson, Flint, Lansing and Fenton. He became a pastor at St. Isadore Parish in Laingsburg. He served as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Flint, at St. Pius Parish in Flint, and at St. Mary Parish in Mount Morris. He retired in 1997 and moved to his home in Byron. After retiring, he served as sacramental celebrant in St. Joseph's Parish in Gaines until November 2014.

In addition to his parish service, Father Bob was Chaplain for the Daughters of Isabella and for the Divorced and Separated Catholics of Flint and in the Michigan Prison system.

Father Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Leo Gregory and Reverend William James, and by his cousin William Donovan

Mandeville who was raised in Father Bob's household and with whom Father Bob was as close as a brother.

Father Bob is survived by three nephews, seven grand-nieces and nephews, and many cousins. Father Bob traveled much of the world from the Western Pacific to Ireland and Italy. He crisscrossed North America by car. He felt at home anywhere in Wisconsin or Michigan, but his family's farm on the Shiawassee River west of Linden was the place on earth dearest to him. Father Bob loved God. He loved God's Church, despite its flaws. He loved his family and multitude of relatives despite our flaws. He loved his parishioners. And he loved his dogs, all of them, one after another, over 89 years, and regarded them as flawless.



### Young Adults

Please join us for our next **i.d. 9:16** meeting on Wednesday, Dec 10. The evening will begin with Mass in the chapel at 6:15, then continue with dinner in the Activity Center at 7:00 and a presentation

at 7:45 by Teresa Tomeo entitled: *#realtalk*. This group is open to all young adults (20's and 30's), married, engaged, dating or single.

For more information on this group please visit: [id916.com](http://id916.com). If you plan to attend, please RSVP through our Facebook Page (i.d. 916 - Fenton Chapter) or by emailing Fr. Jim at [frjimrolph@gmail.com](mailto:frjimrolph@gmail.com).

***Please come and enjoy some good fellowship, food, and formation.***

## K of C Breakfast



**Dec. 14, 2014**

**after 8 & 10 a.m.  
Masses**

# Covenant OF LOVE datenight



**SATURDAY**

**Dec. 13, 2014**

**St. John Activity Center  
Grand Hall**

**6:30-9:00 pm**

- **Childcare available !**  
*(Please RSVP to Nicole Stilson)*
- **Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.**

**For more information contact :**

**Nicole Stilson at 810-908-9086**

**or**

**nicolestilson@gmail.com**

## Council of Catholic Women News....

Just a reminder, Wed, Dec. 10, at 6:30 in the Grand Hall we will have our cookie exchange. Those who want to take home cookies need to bake 6 dozen of one kind of cookies and package them 3 in a package. You're welcome to come even if you don't want to bake cookies.

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$20.00 per person. At the restaurant there will be a choice of 3 items to choose from for dinner. Your check for \$20.00 needs to be paid to Shirley Russ by January 4. **This is a reservation only dinner.**

Following dinner, Sylvia Oper will host the game *Left-Right-Center*. If you have a game, bring it along. Please bring some dimes, too. It costs 3 dimes a game to play.

Have a Blessed Advent and remember, *Jesus is the Reason for the Season.*

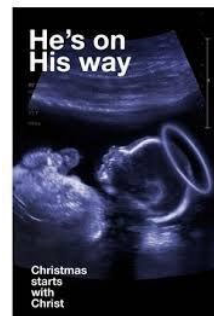
**Sandy Tryles, President**

**POP CAN DRIVE THIS WEEKEND  
AFTER ALL MASSES**

## **Respect Life Briefing**

### **Active Waiting...**

The Second Vatican Council reflects upon the relationship between the coming of Christ and our activity to prepare for it. In the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, we read, "Far from diminishing our concern to develop this earth, the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come....When we have spread on earth the fruits of our nature and our enterprise -- human dignity,



brotherly communion and freedom -- according to the command of the Lord and in his Spirit, we will find them once again, cleansed this time from the stain of sin, illuminated and transfigured, when Christ presents to his Father an eternal and universal kingdom...." (#39). In other words, the spirit of Advent should naturally bolster our pro-life

efforts, and the progress we make in promoting human dignity becomes the "building blocks" for the eternal kingdom.

# Our Lady of Guadalupe:

An Icon for Life, Love, and the New Evangelization



Christina King is the weekly radio host of *Embracing Your Greatness*, a live call-in show based out of Rome; the mother of eight children; a founder of *Pure Freedom*—a charity program for youth for which she has been speaking for 15 yrs; and a *Catholic Answers* speaker for 11 yrs.

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**Thurs., Dec. 11 at 6:30  
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**In Preparation for  
the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12th,  
We Offer the Following Prayer**

*Oh Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of Life,  
We honor you as Our Lady of Guadalupe.  
Thank you for pointing us to Jesus your Son,  
The only Savior and hope of the world.  
Renew our hope in him,  
That we may all have the courage to say yes to life, and to  
defend those children in danger of abortion.  
Give us your compassion to reach out to those tempted to  
abort, and to those suffering from abortion.  
Lead us to the day when abortion will be a sad, past  
chapter in history.  
Keep us close to Jesus, the Life of the World  
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**WATCH and PRAY**

## Many Hands Make Light Work

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Basket project culminated in the distribution of 84 baskets or food cards to families in the Fenton area the weekend of November 22-23.

Led by the team of 15 volunteers who operate the food pantry at St. John Church, many volunteers contributed to the success of this year's project.

In addition to the long-time partners who collected food (more than half a ton) at St. John and State Road Schools in Fenton, VGs on North Leroy and the Fenton Robotics Team led donations of food items from community individuals and groups. Cash contributions came from parishioners, including the Knights of Columbus "Women's Night Out" fundraiser, and community members and groups, including two weeks of tips donated by the employees at the Steak and Hoagie Factory on North Leroy.

Volunteers bagged apples and oranges on Thursday, November 20 before over 30 volunteers assembled at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday to pack 62 boxes of food to distribute. The group was led in prayer by our pastor, Fr. Dwight Ezop, who also blessed all the food before the work began.

Twenty-two food cards were given to residents of Dauner Haus on Sunday, November 23 after the Thanksgiving baskets were handed out.

It was truly a team effort. Recognition goes out to co-founder of the project, Fred Sieradzki, who came out of retirement to help pack food in boxes. The SVdP team also remembered long-time helper on this project, Lenny Jaczynski, who passed away earlier this year.

It was great day for St. John Parish and the community of Fenton. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way, large or small, from the recipients of this year's project.



*.....to the many people who prayed, sent flowers, sent cards and stopped by to see me after my surgery.*

*I am recovering faster than expected and I praise God for the many prayers that were offered, and God's loving hands that guided the surgeon so well.*

*Thanks!*

**Carol Verhelle**

## December Weekend Rosary

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us. Take a break and spend some time with your mother, Mary pondering the wonder of it all--God showing us Love incarnate in the infant born of Mary. We will be praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary one half hour before the 5:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. weekend Masses. Our intention for the month of December will be the same as the intention of Pope Francis: "That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will." You are invited to join us.

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