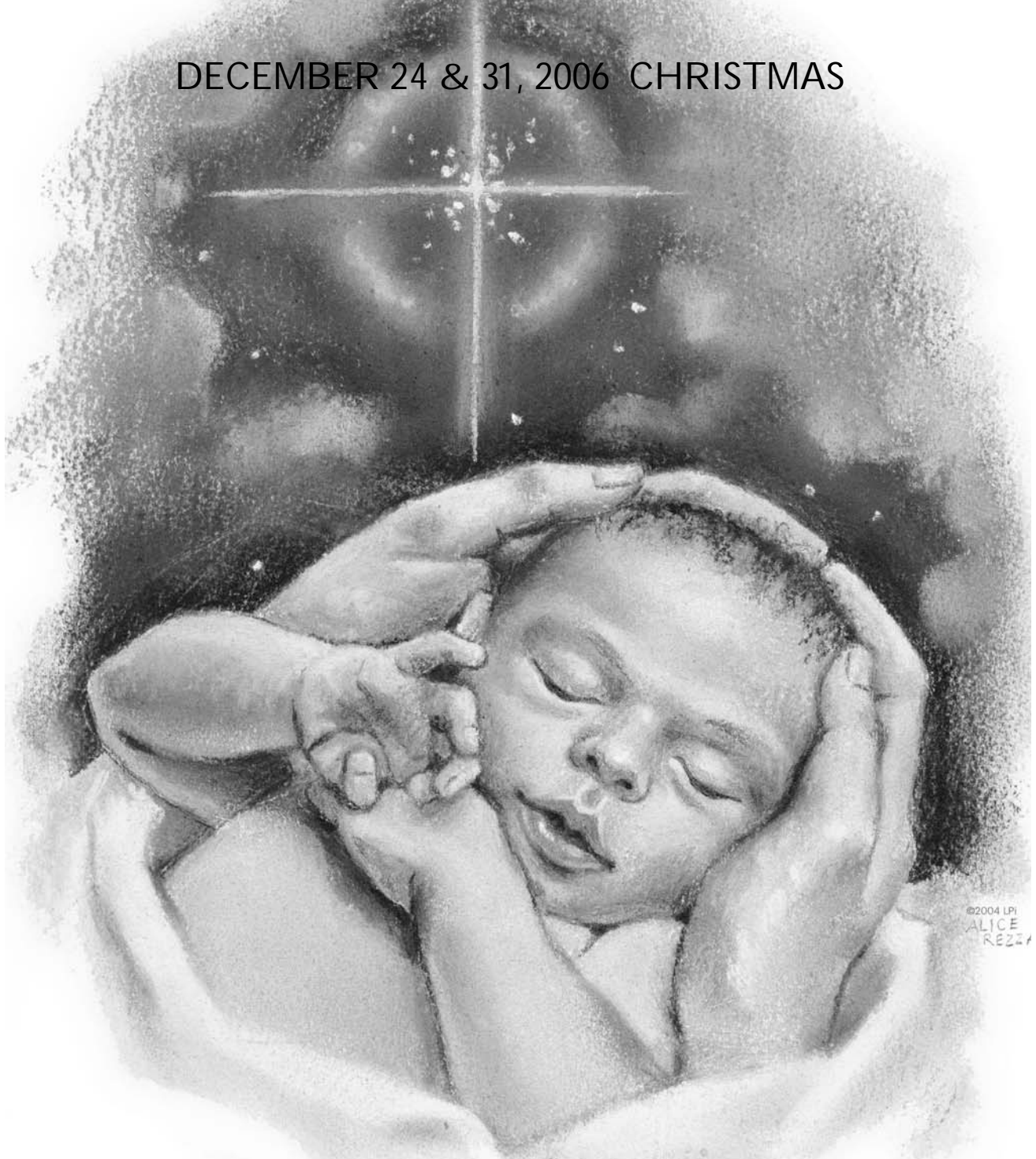


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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

DECEMBER 24 & 31, 2006 CHRISTMAS



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WELCOME, LORD JESUS!

There were no rooms available for Mary and Joseph that night in Bethlehem. No one welcomed them; no one offered them rest or food. So from a shelter for animals, Mary presented the world with God's greatest gift of all, a gift of love, gift-wrapped in swaddling clothes. A Savior was born to us!

Instant communication and speedy travel link people from every part of the world. Breaking news is shared within seconds. E-mails sent thousand of miles away are replied to instantly. Modern technologies unite us in word but do not necessarily unite us in a spirit of understanding and acceptance.

Scientific discoveries are uncovered almost daily. A heart transplant gives a new lease on life. But a new heart does not guarantee a welcoming, loving person.

Laws fight crime, prejudice, and terrorism. But laws cannot force a person to treat others with respect regardless of color, race or ethnic background.

Jesus is no longer found in a manger. Today He is found in many disguises and at times you least expect. Do not be mislead by appearances. He deserves a better place to live than in a manger. Today Christ is looking for a welcome

- ...in the every person you know and share with;
- ...in the unborn baby seeking a right to life;
- ...In a family member asking forgiveness;
- ...In a person too ill to care about living any longer;
- ...In a child or in a spouse seeking protection from abuse;
- ...In a malnourished person in need of food or shelter

Welcome Him with open heart. In fact, His desire to live among us was so strong He gave us life to make it possible.

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL SHARE IN A SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE IN OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES.

A blessed Christmas from all of us!

Fathers John, Gary and Stan, Alphonse, William, Leo, Deacon Joe, Brother Terry and Parish Staffs

DIOCESAN LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY

The Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program is a four year program that professionally prepares lay men and women as Ecclesial Ministers for specific roles of service and leadership in the Church. It is a prerequisite for the Deacon Program. A new class begins September of 2007. If you are interested in this ministry, please attend one of the two information nights, Tuesday, January 16, or Wednesday, January 17. Both sessions begin at 6:30 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 93rd and Broadway, Merrillville. For questions contact Anne Verbeke, Program Director, at 219-769-9292, Ext 280.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, December 25, Christmas
 7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 8:00 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (SA)
 8:15 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (IC)
 8:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (SH)
 9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 10:15 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (SA)
 10:45 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (SH)
 11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
- Tuesday, December 26, Stephen, first martyr
 7:00 am †Deceased of Dybel, Staucet & Brenkus Families, Off: Martin Dybel (SJB)
 8:00 am †Helen Chyla (SA)
- Wednesday, December 27, John, apostle, evangelist
 7:00 am †Betty Bridges, Off: Florence Gazda (SJB)
 8:00 am †Charlotte Kowal (SA)
- Thursday, December 28, Holy Innocents, martyrs
 7:00 am †H. Orville Keevil, Off: Helen Carter (SJB)
 8:00 am †Eleanor Gmerek (SA)
- Friday, December 29, Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr
 7:00 am †Mary Schultz, Off: St. John Rosary Society (SJB)
 8:00 am †Eleanor Gmerek (SA)
- Saturday, December 30
 7:00 am †Joseph J. Jurek Sr. (Anniversary), Off: Family (SJB)
 4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 5:30 pm †Mary Kujawa (SH)
- Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family
 7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 8:00 am †Ed Schultz (SA)
 8:15 am †Julia Kovacic (IC)
 8:30 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
 9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 10:15 am †Martha Kowal (SA)
 10:45 am †James McClelland (SH)
 11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
- Monday, January 1, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
 7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 8:00 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (SA)
 8:15 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (IC)
 8:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (SH)
 9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB) also for Living & Deceased Members of St. John Rosary Society
 10:15 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (SA)
 10:45 am Living & Deceased Parishioners (SH)
 11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
- Tuesday, January 2, Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
 7:00 am †Mary C. Hajduch, Off: Family (SJB)
 8:00 am †Bob Gacsko (IC)
- Wednesday, January 3, Holy Name of Jesus
 7:00 am †Mary Ann Rosinski, Off: Mother, Lillian Kosalko (SJB)
 8:00 am †Ed Oblon (IC)
- Thursday, January 4, Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
 7:00 am †Suzanne Volom, Off: Mary Lattak (SJB)
 8:00 am †Karol Kovach Family (IC)
- Friday, January 5, John Neumann, bishop
 7:00 am †Paul Holman, Off: Wife & Family(SJB)
 8:00 am †Edward Grabovac (IC)
- Saturday, January 6, Blessed Andre Bessette, religious
 7:00 am Paul & Mary Hric, 62nd Wedding Anniversary (SJB)
 4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 5:30 pm †Virginia Geleta (SH)
- Sunday, January 7, Epiphany of the Lord
 7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 8:00 am †Delphine Murzyn (SA)
 8:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (IC)
 8:30 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
 9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
 10:45 am †Carl Joseph Odllivak (SH)
 11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

December 17	
Weekly.....	\$9,818.02
Loose.....	\$429.51
High School.....	\$68.00
Grade School.....	\$228.45
Total for the Week.....	\$10,543.98

CLUSTER SCHEUDLE

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

December 25: (Monday) Christmas Day

St. Adalbert: 8:00 am; 10:15 am
 Immaculate Conception: 8:15 am
 Sacred Heart: 8:30 am; 10:45 am
 St. John: 7:00 am; 9:00 am; 11:00 am

December 30 (Saturday)

Morning Mass 7:00 am St. John
 Evening Mass: 4:30 pm, **Feast of the Holy Family:** St. John
 Evening Mass: 5:30 pm, **Feast of the Holy Family:** Sacred Heart

December 31: (Sunday) – Feast of the Holy Family

St. Adalbert: 8:00 am; 10:15 am
 Immaculate Conception: 8:15 am
 Sacred Heart: 8:30 am and 10:45 am
 St. John: Masses at 7:00 am; 9:00 am; and 11:00 am

January 1: (Monday) – Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

St. Adalbert: 8:00 am; 10:15 am
 Immaculate Conception: 8:15 am
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Pray For

Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Cindy Dreesen, John Dubec, Magdalene Doucette, Marie Emro, Sophie Foley, Louise Kaminsky, Eugene M. Kasper, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Edward S. Marcisz, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Nick Miner, Janet Moran, Richard Pesenko, Ruth Rapchak, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Catherine Verville, Mark Vine, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

Rest in Peace

Joan Bruder

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please pray for these brave men and women: Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Justin Faulkner, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Mark Koval, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Aaron Suarez, Nathan Wilson.

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BAPTISM MINISTRY

Our next series of Parish Baptisms will be during the month of January. Please contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@hotmail.com for more information or to register.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes will have Christmas vacation from Dec. 24 through Jan. 6. Classes resume Sunday, Jan. 7 for Middle School students, and Wednesday, Jan. 10 for Levels 1 through 5.

RECONCILIATION FORMATION

A Formation Session for parents of students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will be Thursday, January 11, at 6:30 pm at St. John.

DR. SCOTT HAHN SERIES CONTINUES

Come to the Sacred Heart "Rose Room" on Tuesdays in January for part III of the video series, First Comes Love, with a discussion of our Catholic faith to follow. The same program will be offered at 1 pm and again at 6:30 pm. Choose the time that suits you best. Coffee, cake, and conversation enhance each 60 minute session. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

HOUSE BLESSING KITS

Bless your home in the new year! House Blessing kits will be available Sunday, December 31. Holy water, chalk, directions and an appropriate prayer are included in the kits which will be given to parishioners after all the Masses. As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, may we invite Jesus to be the Lord of our homes and our hearts.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 31, is the Feast of the Holy Family, a time when we rededicate our families to the love and protection of Jesus Our Savior. All in attendance will receive a special blessing at Sunday Mass. May God bless our families with wisdom and love, and may we each help to sow seeds of peace in our homes and in our community.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

On Friday, January 5, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at St. John from 1 pm until 6 pm. Litany and rosary begin at 5:25 pm; Benediction follows. Sign-up sheets are posted at all church entrances. Our monthly prayer intention is taken from Luke 2:14: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, pray for the peace promised at the Christ Child's birth.

DIOCESAN BLOOD DRIVE

There is still time to sign up for the diocesan-wide blood drive. Our parish will join neighboring parishes at St. John the Baptist, on Saturday, January 13, from 9 am to 1 pm. Please consider donating. Call Mary Poppen at 659-8440.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

Marian Catholic: Sat., Jan. 13, at 8 am, \$25 fee. Visit www.marianchs.com or call 708.755.7565.
Mount Carmel: Sat., Jan. 13 at 8 am, \$25 fee. Call William Nolan at 773.324.1020 or go to bnolan@mchs.org.
St. Francis de Sales: Sat., Jan. 13 at 8 am, \$25 fee. Call 773.731.7272 or go to mbritton@sfdshs.org.

Appreciation Brunch HONORING PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Our Appreciation Brunch is an expression of thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talent during the past year. The four parishes of St. Adalbert, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception and St. John invite all adult volunteers from its parishes to attend. As a volunteer, you and your adult guest are invited to the St. John Panel Room on Sunday, January 14, at 12:30 pm. RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. Call the Panel Room (659-3041), St. John Rectory (659-0023), or the Sacred Heart Rectory (659-0733) by Monday, January 8th! Much planning (seating, amount of food needed, etc.) goes into this event, so your cooperation is vital. Please call in your name and that of your guest before the deadline. Also mention the parish to which you belong. As is understandable, only those with reservations will be served. We look forward to a joyous celebration of our common discipleship and stewardship!

THE "BEGINNINGS" SUPPORT GROUPS

The Wounded Healers consist of a group of volunteers who have suffered losses in their lives through death. Their Grief Support Groups meet at St. James, 9640 Kennedy Avenue, in Highland, on the corner of Kennedy and 45th Street. Their next series of meetings begins January 10. Find help and hope, regain some control in your life, and better understand the grief process in the company of others who have experienced loss. Call 219.924.5577 for more information.

LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"

December 24 & 31, Sunday – No 5:30 Life Teen Mass or Life Nite due to Christmas celebrations.

January 7, Sunday – 6:30 – Life Nite in Pastoral Center!

January 14, Sunday – 6:30 – Life Nite in the Pastoral Center
Financial Aid information night for parents and high school teens. Sign up today! Contact Candi Stapleton-Gard @ 659-1663 or Candi.Stapleton@gmail.com

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

The festive season of Christmas concludes next week with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we celebrate, we recall our own baptism and renew our commitment to follow the Lord Jesus. Our vocation in life as priest, brother, sister, married or single is our response to the hopes and dreams God has entrusted to us through baptism. It is fitting this feast marks the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week. Pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life and consider if just maybe, God is calling you for service in the church.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Rev. John Kalicky C.P.P.S., Pastor

Rev. Gary Scherer C.P.P.S., Associate Pastor

Deacon Joseph Manchak

Brother Terry Nufer, C.P.P.S., In Residence

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Religious Formation.....(219) 473-7557

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, Saturday, December 30

Lectors: McCampbell & Gonzales

Euch Min: J&D Franko, N Mitchell, J Wozniak, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk, E Duray, E Igras

Altar Servers: Annie Labus, Erin Lawson, Johnathon Lovasko

7:00 am, Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family

Lectors: Jancosek & Saliga

Euch Min: T&S Adam, L Kilander, T Barilla, L Barron, J&G Blackwell

Altar Servers: Anthony Rodriguez, Maya Rodriguez, Omar Rosales

9:00 am, Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family

Lectors: Jakubielski & Powell

Euch Min: I Dominguez, A Jurek, M Jakubielski, M Poppen, L Wade, D Weber

Altar Servers: Karina Rodriguez, Rafael Rodriguez, Brianna Scivinski

11:00 am, Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family

Lectors: Botich & Lannon

Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, D Cuculich, M&K Wagner, J Bondi

Altar Servers: Eric Roldan, Emmanuel Roldan, Jake Shebish

7:00 am, January 1, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Lectors: Banik & Banik

Euch Min: T Barilla, J&G Blackwell, E Matuska, T&S Adam, D Cuculich

Altar Servers: Vincent & Frank Rossodivito, Houston Shimala

9:00 am, January 1, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Lectors: Barron & Bojda

Euch Min: E Igras, B Delinck, D McCampbell, D Weber, R&J Zubeck, E Duray, F Delinck

Altar Servers: Elena Sobilo, Ryan Sosnowski, Caleb Strabavy

11:00 am, January 1, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Lectors: Bibat & Stofcik

Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, K Saliga, MJ Kansky, M&K Wagner

Altar Servers: Demetria Beaulieu, Trinity Mitchell, Alyssa Villasenor

4:30 pm, Saturday, January 6

Lectors: Kozak & Wagner

Euch Min: L Barron, D&L Blackwell, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk, C Vrabel

Altar Servers: Javier Mena, David Moats, Taylor Pokraka

7:00 am, Sunday, January 7

Lectors: Matlon & Guiden

Euch Min: T&S Adam, B Chidalek, C Pesenko, J&G Blackwell, T Barilla

Altar Servers: Kaitlyn Syler, Krysta Syler, Kaitly Syler

9:00 am, Sunday, January 7

Lectors: Mikola & Perz

Euch Min: E Igras, A Jurek, F Delinck, S Rosendo, ML Tonkovich, L Wade, E Duray, B Delinck

Altar Servers: Elliot & Nathaniel Bibat, Rubianny Carrasco

11:00 am, Sunday, January 7

Lectors: Gomez & Silva

Euch Min: M&K Wagner, C Lannon, Erwin Roldan, D Shimala, J Wozniak

Altar Servers: Amanda Blackwell, Brianna Black, Julio Casares IV

CARE CENTER — 10:00 am

December 31: N Gomez & J Kaminsky

January 7: J Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES — 7:00 am

Dec. 26: Ashley Pokraka, Hunter Prisol

Dec. 27 & 28: Ashley Przybyla, Dylan Reeves

Dec. 29 & 30: Alec Rodriguez, Eric Rodriguez

Jan. 2: Lenka Vojtilla, Raymond Walsh

Jan. 3 & 4: Katherine Wheeler, Jenna Wozniak

Jan. 5 & 6: Jose Arteaga, Matthew Bulatovich

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, DECEMBER 24 — Fourth Sunday of Advent
 No Faith Formation Classes today
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
 Monday, DECEMBER 25 * HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
 Tuesday, DECEMBER 26
 Wednesday, DECEMBER 27
 No Faith Formation Classes today
 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)
 Thursday, DECEMBER 28
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJB)
 Friday, DECEMBER 29
 Saturday, DECEMBER 30
 Special Collection—St. Vincent de Paul Society
 Sunday, DECEMBER 31 — Feast of the Holy Family
 No Faith Formation Classes today
 Special Collection—St. Vincent de Paul Society
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)



Monday, JANUARY 1, 2007
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 Mother of God



Tuesday, JANUARY 2
 1:00 pm St. Ann Society (IC)
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (SH)
 Wednesday, JANUARY 3
 No Faith Formation Classes
 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)
 Thursday, JANUARY 4
 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
 7:00 pm 1st Baptismal Prep. (SJB)
 Friday, JANUARY 5
 1:00 pm—6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJB)
 4:00—5:00 pm Confessions (SJB)
 Saturday, JANUARY 6 — FOOD DRIVE (SJB)
 Sunday, JANUARY 7 — Epiphany
 FOOD DRIVE (SJB)
 9:00 am 1st Rite of Baptism
 9:00 am Faith Formation classes Grades 6-8
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)
 7:00 pm CPPS Companions



You may pick up your copy of our [Parish 2007 Calendar](#) at the church entrances. Please only one per family. Many thanks to Baran Funeral Home for providing this service!