#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

Saturday for Sunday Obligation

5:00 PM

Monday through Friday in Chapel

7:00 and 8:45 AM

Saturday Morning in Church

8:30 AM

First Fridays in Church

7:00 and 8:45 AM

**Holy Days in Church** 

6:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:30 PM in Reconciliation Room of Church or call the Rectory for an appointment.

#### **BAPTISMS**

First and third Sundays of each month at 1:30 PM in Church. Arrangements must be made with Rectory at least one month in advance. First-time parents and parents new to our parish must attend a preparation meeting at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of any month prior to the Baptism.

#### WEDDINGS

Arrangements by appointment with a priest should be made at least 6 months in advance of wedding day.

#### **CHURCH**

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**CHAPEL** 

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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed November 2, 2003

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him.

Romans 6:8

#### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

Thank you for your support.

# Offertory contributions for October 19th

Contributions: \$19,075 Weekly Goal: \$18,500 YTD: (\$ 3,929)

# Offertory contributions for October 26th

Contributions: \$18,101 Weekly Goal: \$18,500 YTD: (\$ 4,328)



YOUTH MASS: Our next gathering of high school students will be Sunday, November 16th. Once again we will celebrate the Eucharist at 6:00 pm in the Chapel on Osceola. We need volunteers for reading the scriptures and assistance with music. It would be good if we have a few people help lead the singing together. Pizza social and open gym will follow.

Volleyball anyone? If you know how to set up the volleyball nets, please let me know if you will be there so we can set up the nets before mass.

These gatherings will be what **YOU** make of them, so don't be shy about participating or offering ideas.

Father Mike McGovern Fathermike@stjuliana.org

# Father Phil's Ramblings

I want to share with you the wonderful celebrations that our school children participated in over the past two weeks. As a parish community, I hope that you can share in the experiences that our school children enjoy.

On October 15th, the sixth graders received their own Bibles at a prayer service in the church. The fourth and fifth graders were present to witness the sixth graders accepting their Bibles. One by one, the students were each presented with their personal Bible, which they will use in class and at home from now through graduation, and hopefully for the rest of their lives. I told them they should really "use" their Bibles; mark them up and underline their favorite passages. Make sure that when people see their Good Book, they will know that it has been well used.

Did you see the red ribbons all around our school and wonder what was up? This past week our school children observed Red Ribbon Week, an annual event that serves to cultivate and celebrate a drug-free school and lifestyle. They were especially excited on Tuesday when members of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Chicago Police Department visited the school. They brought with them a helicopter, which landed in our parking lot, and two members of the Chicago Bears, Jerry Azumah and Charles Tillman. The children assembled to watch the helicopter land, then everyone moved into the activity center to honor the origin and meaning of Red Ribbon Week.

In 1985 a member of the DEA, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, was killed in Mexico in the line of duty, trying to prevent the trafficking of drugs into the United States. In his memory, each year school children all over the country are asked to wear red ribbons and work to make the right choices in the lives by not using drugs. As part of the assembly that took place in the activity center, each class put on a skit or sang a song that reinforced the need to make the right choices in life and never to use drugs.

We hope and pray that none of our children ever become enslaved by drugs, and the red ribbons will serve as reminders to always make the right choice.

The On Wednesday, the school celebrated All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. The ceremony -- or festival, as it was called -- had the children participate and reflect upon the meaning of Halloween and the meaning of saints in the Church. They also prayed for all those who have died.

One interesting part of the ceremony, explained the meaning of the jack-olantern and its religious significance:

The Irish have a folk tale about a very mean and stingy man named Jack. They say that when he died he was not allowed to enter Heaven. The devil didn't want him either, so he gave Jack a piece of burning coal and told him to put it in the large turnip Jack was eating, use it as a lantern and walk the earth until Judgment Day. The legend says that Jack is still walking around with his lantern, looking for a place to stay! People in Ireland carried lights carved out of turnips to scare away evil spirits. Then children began making the lanterns into faces, to be used the evening before the Feast of All Saints' Day. When the Irish kids came to America, they brought this custom with them. The turnips became pumpkins, candles are used for lights, and the tradition continues to this very day.

This Halloween, as we carve our humble pumpkins and place them around our home, may they be a remembrance that we ask the Lord to drive away from our lives the darkness of selfishness and replace it with the light of the Lord.

# ST. JULIANA PARISH FAMILY BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE NOVEMBER 2002 — OCTOBER 2003

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Joseph Mackowski Mary Fardy **Leonard Peterson** Margaret McAuliffe Eleanor 1. Bruch Robert Edward Weiler Alma L. Turro Alice Sherlock Dorothy E. O'Sullivan Marlene Sarich Richard Konkowski Terese Heffernan Raymond Trzcinski Casmir Wiacek Walter A. Koziol Walter Osiol Wanda Smolinski Martha Munson James Jones Violet Mary Krupa **Jacob Francis Koziol James McDermott** Sigmund Kazmierczak Anthony Dziedzic Claire F. Martin Olivia Rogalski Lena Di Piero Dorothy Borowski Theodore P. Vacura **Julia Kozdron** John Long

John A. Balogh Lillian K. Clinton Boleslaw Swiderski Stephen Urban Sister Pauline Wettrick John McAuliffe John J. Hinchy, Jr. Theresa Wozny Catherine Obermann Bruno Zielinski **Bernard Pankiewicz** Patricia Doucette Sally A. Raczka Anthony Kaminski Donald Kolakowski Leonard F. Zandrow Edwin T. Krzeminski Edward Mizerk Helen M. Moore William DeBlase Adeline DiPiero Michael J. Rowley Mitchell P. Chrusciel Catherine Keogh Lolita Hoyne Marian Kuhlman Leonard Spinelli Nicholas J. Westhoff Mary Lawlor Florence Baltowski Grace I. Szenda

Stanley Krupa Paul J. DiCola Ronald W. Jasper Patricia Allen Margaret Barrett Eleanore Hapack Anna Kadlec **lack Kratofil** James Soreng, Sr. John Hanchar Elizabeth Rozwart William J. Zbylut **Edward Brodzek** Therese A. Capparelli Mary Foley Robert Jasker Dorothy Nalepa David Gall Helen Schwartz Mary Wagner Walter Winikates **Joseph Micotto** Harriet Kordek Louise Jerchen Kirsi M. Kula **Jeffrey Jenkins** Alphonse Kon Lucille M. Baran Mary Heiberger Jeanette Melaniphy Stephanie Cotter

William Mahoney Timothy Hejza Frances Anderson **Julia Smith** John W. Annas Marie Arns Norman Weidner Lorraine Brezinski Chester A. Nawrocki Esther Messina Daniel Strzelecki Carlo Ahonen Raymond Czarnik Edward C. Plewa Catherine E. Keenan Margaret McCormack Michael Sampson Norman Boegel James P. Ryan Loretta Rutkowski James McDonough John W. Bantz, Jr. Mary Hamre **Louis Stefely** 





# "Coffee, Tea & Thee" Sunday November 2nd in the Parish Activity Center

Please join your fellow parishioners after the 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses for hot coffee, tea, fresh baked goodies and friendly conversations.

The hope for "Coffee, Tea & Thee" is to extend the feeling of community that exists at the Sunday Liturgy. It will give us an opportunity to meet and greet fellow parishioners, learn about each group that hosts the event and enable parishioners to take advantage of blood pressure screenings, T.R.I.P. sales and other parish events.

This **St. Juliana Parish tradition** will take place the first Sunday of each month and it will be hosted by various organizations. This month's reception will be hosted by our Friendship Club.

Parish organizations interested in hosting a "Coffee Tea & Thee" Sunday, please call Tina Pusateri @ 773.631.8789 or Joyce Browne @ 773.631.4127.

"We're Just Not A Family Without You."

#### We Welcome The Following New Parishioners To Our St. Juliana Parish Family

Kristy Brown & Family Kelly & Carl Caneva Clarence Hamre Amy & Manny Irizarry & Family Brian Lee Lisa Paterno Donna & Robert Ramirez Lisa & Jack Smorczewski

**Tuition Reduction Incentive Program...T.R.I.P. certificates** will be on sale next weekend in the Parish Activity Center. Certificates will be available on a "Cash & Carry" basis only. All purchases will be applied towards tuition credit - so ask your family, neighbors and friends to sponsor your family account! PLEASE make sure they know your phone number to assure proper credit.

Visit the "Coffee, Tea & Thee" reception and make sure to stop by the T.R.I.P. table to make your certificate purchases. If you have groceries to buy...a last minute birthday gift to purchase... an empty gas tank to fill...why not take advantage of this convenience. We will also be available to answer any questions regarding the T.R.I.P. program.

The following are a few examples of what will be available to purchase "cash & carry":

Jewel/Osco \$10 Exxon/Mobil \$50 Fannie May \$10 Happy Foods \$5 & \$10 Old Navy \$25 Burger King \$5 Cub Foods \$10 & \$20 Kohl's \$10, \$25 & \$50 Citgo Gas \$50 Barnes & Noble \$10 Wendy's \$10 Shell Gas \$25 Toys R Us \$20 Bennigan's \$25

# Family Liturgy-This Sunday, November 2nd 9:00 am Mass

Please join us for our Family Liturgy.

Don't forget to go across the street to the Parish Activity Center for "Coffee, Tea & Thee."

#### GIVE YOUR HEART A HUG!

# BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

In the Father Ahearn Activity Center on

Sunday, November 2nd 8:00 am - Noon

#### Entertainment® Books-

Now On Sale at the Parish Office &

"Coffee Tea & Thee" for \$20.00 each

Each book contains thousands of dollars worth of "2-for-1," 50% off and other valuable discounts from local and national restaurants, movie theaters, sporting events, attractions, hotels, resorts, airlines, travel providers, retailers, grocery stores and other merchants.

#### DON'T FORGET...

A percentage of all Entertainment book sales goes to St. Juliana Parish. This year's profits will go toward purchasing the life-saving automatic external defibrillator.



#### St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Monday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm In the Parish Center

#### Joyful Now Meeting



Monday, November 3rd at 11:00 am In the Parish Center

Diana Laske will be sharing her talents with us once again demonstrating a holiday craft.

#### **Mom's Group**

Wednesday, November 5th From 9:30 - 11:00 am. in the Parish Center

Moms, please join us with your peers and enjoy the morning!

#### "Please Give Me Something To Remember You By..."

"When you are gone and far away..." Is that the way that World War II song went? How utterly appropriate at the season of All Saints and All Souls, no?

It really is a beautiful time to thank God for the wonderful people who have passed through our lives, particularly our own family members and close friends. The feast was intended to be just that - a Feast!

Have I spoken to you of my very dear friend Sister Deepti? She's always somewhere on the edge of my consciousness, so, often I have shared her with others. What a truly remarkable woman! She was Indian by birth, a Bihari (from the state of Bihar in Northeastern India). Now that I am writing this, I am aware that I may have shared her with you before.

The year Deepti entered the Holy Cross Congregation, which has its Mother House in Ingobold, Switzerland, I had the great pleasure of a visit from my Mom and Dad in India. I was overjoyed that they were able to meet Deepti and her family who had had such a powerful role in my Indianization - a process which continued all throughout my 31 years there.

Deepti became a wonderful sister, dedicating herself to her own "harijan" people and the tribals living in south Bihar. Her knowledge of the local language, Bhojpuri, endeared her the people. But much more her personality, so compassionate and ever joyful.

As we might say, God got jealous of the fact that Deepti lit up our world here (Deepti means "one-who-shines-glows"). In her early thirties, Deepti began to suffer from an illness which eventually necessitated a major surgery - and then another. She struggled on for five years, as did all of us who loved her. You all know what it means to watch a loved one suffer, no? Well, in 1987 Deepti died at the age of 37. Oh, how I wept! Tears well up even now at the memories of her final hours and funeral at which I preached. It was so easy to extol her wonderful saintly personality!

In 1988 on the Feast of All Souls, I was in Patna, teaching Hindi to our Jesuit candidates. I went to the parish church to concelebrate the Eucharist and had a plan to spend quite a bit of time at Deepu's grave (out of affection we often add "u" to a person's name and drop some final letters). Immediately after Mass, greeting the people quite hastily, I made my way to the cemetery next to the church. I was lost in my grieving and wanted only to "be with Deepu" to mourn her loss.

Lo and behold! As I stood at her gravesite, I felt a terrible burning, itching sensations around my ankles. I looked down but there were no bugs or "creatures" crawling on my bare feet (we wear a type of rubber sandal most of the time.) I stamped my feet but the burning got even worse. I could not concentrate on why I was there. Finally, something occurred to me which caused me to burst out laughing and speak lovingly to Deepu: "You, Budmash (term of endearment for a mischievous younger person)! This is your doing. You want me to go back to the church and meet those 'living' people, don't you?"

The burning and itching stopped immediately and I made my way back to the church entrance where there were still people gathered. I continued to laugh and shake my head from side to side: "So you are not in that piece of ground, eh? I hear you, my dear friend."

Actually, Deepti had me do what she herself would have done. As her favorite song says: "Jesus is the joy of living"!

Father Bob Grib, S.J. RCIA Moderator

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

**Tues.** Rom 12:5-16a; Lk 14:15-24

Wed. Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

**Thu.** Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

**Fri.** Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

**Sat.** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk

16:9-15

Sun. Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22 or any readings from the Common of the Dedication of a Church, nos. 701-706

#### **ALTAR LINENS**

#### Today

Helen Grayczyk

#### November 8th/9th

Mary Biasi



Kiela Marie, Daughter of Barry & Shannon (McNeela) Broderick

Franco Giorgio, Son of George & Marianna (Perricone) LaCorte

Julia Elena, Daughter of Victor ধ্র Lidia (Furca) Ramirez

"I baptize you In the name of the father and the son and the holy spirit, Amen."

### **Masses for the Week**

#### Saturday, November 1st - First Saturday

5:00 John & Mary Lessner Family/Helen Strysik/John Balogh/Belluomini,
Drzich & Del Vecchio Families/Fran Pakocha/William Zbylut/Joseph &
Claire Olszowka/Al Kon/Tim Hejza/Lou Stefely/Fran Pakocha/Richard
Kurtin & Stanley & Lorraine Beireis/
Gene & Joyce Gorski - 25th Wedding Anniversary

#### Sunday, November 2nd - "Coffee, Tea & Thee"

- 7:30 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish/Stanley Potwora/June Francisco/Louise Chalupnik/John Maddalozzo/Donald Kolakowski/Juana Ico/Harriet Laski/Lou Stefely/James Fanning
- 9:00 Family Mass Deceased of St. Juliana Parish/John Mollica/Ruth & Mary Lou Jess & the Intentions of George Jess/Bud Ellefson/Betty Connolly, John Russell, John & Rose Zbylut, Billy & Vera Everett/ Leonard Spinelli/Daniel Strzelecki/Miguela Garcia/Malachy & Kate Casey/Jan, Stefania & Stefan Gwozdz & Maria, Frank Stanley & Jan Kaszuba & Rozalia & Frank Bielecki, Marguerite McNulty & Piotr Jaworowski/Anne Andrzeiczak
- 10:30 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish/Mitchell & Daniel Chrusciel & Camille Sarich/Deceased of Jones & McManamon Families/Rita Barrett/Walter Winikates/Edward Szoke/Joseph Vaccaro/Pedro Rojas
- 12:00 Remembrance Mass Deceased of St. Juliana Parish/Walter Wieszcholek/ Socorro Hernandez/Wegmannn & Zimmermann Families/Daniel Strzelecki
  - 1:30 Baptisms

#### Monday, November 3rd - Chapel

- 7:00 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish
- 8:45 Brother Edward Olszowka, C.S.C./Margaret Michaelson
- 7 PM Holy Hour & Adoration Chapel

#### Tuesday, November 4th - Chapel

- 7:00 Dick Blanchard/Pat DeLeo
- 8:45 Jerry Dapper

#### Wednesday, November 5th - Chapel

- 7:00 John Russell/John & Rose Zbylut & Billy & Vera Everett
- 8:45 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish

#### Thursday, November 6th - Chapel

- 7:00 Benjamin Wittstock
- 8:45 Frank & Catherine Gallagher/William Gaughan

#### Friday, November 7th - First Friday - Church

- 7:00 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish
- 8:45 Lillian Phelan/Jim Curtin/Joseph Ullrich/Bruno Zielinski

#### Saturday, November 8th - Chapel

- 8:30 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish
- 3:00 James Schayer & Katherine Donnelly
- 5:00 John & Mary Lessner Family/Tim Hejza/Rose Farrelly/Michael Heneghan

## Masses for the Week cont'd

# 7:30 Joseph & Mary Klebek/Juliane Hechtl/Rose Hattenberger/June Francisco/Louise Chalupnik/John Cleary/Lou Stefely/Intentions of Joseph Dobrzycki/Eleanore Hapack/Anthony & Agatha Stoklosa 9:00 CCD Mass - Ruth & Mary Lou Jess & the Intentions of George Jess/Edward Lechowski/Mary Ellen & Thomas Casey/John Russell, John & Rose Zbylut & Billy & Vera Everett/Esther Messina/Miguela Garcia/Tom Patterson/Mike Gregie/Anne Andrzejczak 10:30 Mitchell & Daniel Chrusciel & Camille Sarich/Elaine Wetherell/Catherine E. Keenan/Catherine Obermann/Deceased of Mulroe, Kane & Joyce Families 12:00 Harry & Dorothy Nieland/Violet & Patrick Bresnen/Lawrence & Tom Droghetti/Maria Stefanczyk/John Gormally



# **Pray for the Sick**

**losephine Gariffo** Matthew Mirek **Beverly Cusick** Carol Gurga Maureen Mulcrone Ken Kilian Gina Blease Baby Danny Folan Andrew Prociuk Lori McLenighan Sr. Adolphine Margaret Smith William Harley **Chris Dettloff Louise Peters** Helen Flood Arthur & Isabel Harder Tom Fleischhacker Lottie Shannon Kay Jagla **Julia Sebastian** Sister Mary Rose Solivay Lydia Kesler Helen Miller Frank Sorrentino Linda Cunningham Marianne Miller Patricia Delaney **Dorothy Konrad** Patrick McDonagh Michael Farrelly Joseph Schneider Helen White Evelyn Klein Susan Michaels Peg Virgilio Beatrice Krzeminski Della Curran Mitchell Miklas Patrick Grace Diane Cavanaugh Baby Erin McDermott Joe Contreras Rita Allen Sr. Remy Schaul Minnie Short Paul Draths Diane Russell Everett Katherine Pienta Andrew Werlein Renee Parlich Baby John Henry Kwasinski John Pesoli Lillian McCloud Stella Boruch Ignatius & Mera Wei **Dorothy Lachman** Baby Sara Brushaber **Edward Puhr** Jerry Hoyne loe Hora **Lorraine Connors** Angie Dembski Frank Grabowski Regina Dziedzic Joseph Virgilio Jane Connolly

**Edward Klebek** Ann Johnston Anthony Spano Rita Spinelli Helen O'Connell Anna Linnehan Child - Peter Conennas Helen Simon Baby Kyle Wilk Celeste Baehr **Joanne Jones** Elizabeth Lazicki Joan Sweeney William Sweeney Fran Draths Marian Grabowski Larry & Theresa Cheever Rose Ann Nally John Oplawski Grace Antenore Henry Gurga Janice Mierzwa Tufano Marie Chrusciel Baby Colin James Smithson Phyllis Graham Mary Shepelak Roberta Sanford Alexandra Krzeczkowski **lack Maher** 

# SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

#### Sunday:

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

#### Monday:

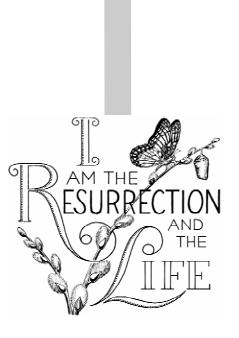
Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time; St. Martin de Porres

#### Tuesday:

St. Charles Borromeo; Election Day

#### Friday: First Friday Saturday:

Blessed Virgin Mary





#### Meeting

Wednesday, November 5th Fr. Ahearn Parish Activity Center

Door Open After 1:00 pm Meeting Begins at 1:30 pm

#### Reminder:

Please bring items for prize baskets to this meeting.

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Juliana Parish Pastoral Council is an enthusiastic, compassionate, faith-filled community participating in the ministry of the Church.

We are witnesses of the Good News, and through example and prayer we live the Gospel message.

Through active listening we strive to determine and understand the diverse needs of our parish and community. We minister to these needs by inviting and empowering others to become involved in meeting the spiritual, temporal and social needs of all.

We partner with the Pastor and Staff to support existing parish life, to create vision, and to plan for the future.



ORDER FORMS
are available in the back of Church.
Please return completed forms
to school or the
Parish Business Office by:
Tuesday, November 4th







## ध White Elephant Sale

Sunday, November 15th from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm Ahearn Activity Center

**FEATURING:** Delicious, freshly baked goods & an array of interesting items to purchase! Gift Certificates & Raffle Prizes Galore!!

# THANKSGIVING PIE DONATIONS



The holidays are fast approaching! It's a busy time of year! It is also a time to remember and help those less fortunate than us.

The St. Juliana Mothers' Cub is offering our school community the opportunity to help those in need. You can purchase apple and pumpkin pies from Market Day to be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Food Drive on November 22nd & November 23rd.

Simply fill out the form below and return it with the exact amount of cash or a check made payable to St. Juliana Mothers' Club in an envelope marked "PIE DONATION". We will place your order and deliver the pies to St. Vincent de Paul Society on the weekend of the Food Drive.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Beth Balcarcel @773.792.2886 or DeDe Browne @ 773.792.8775.

Please detach and return the order form to school or the parish business office no later than Friday, November 7th.

ORDER FORM					
Apple Pie	Amount	\$	@\$6.00 each		
Pumpkin Pie	Amount	\$	@\$7.00 each		
Total of Pies PurchasedTotal \$ Amount\$					
Name:	Phone:				
Thank you for your generosity!					

# Ministries and Roles within the Liturgical Assembly

Each time we come together as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist, we are doing what we were baptized to do! Our baptism gives us a share in the priesthood of Christ, and this allows us to be one with Christ in his self-offering to God. The liturgy of this offering, the Mass, is not initiated by us but by God. The liturgy is in fact a gift from God, who acts in and through the Church, the Body of the risen Christ. It is our action only to the extent that we give ourselves to this mystery of redemptive worship. When we gather for the Eucharistic liturgy, the center of the whole Christian life (*General Instruction*, n. 16), we do so because our baptism calls us to it and empowers us for it.

Different Roles, Indispensable Ministries...It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates the liturgy (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1140). As the Body of Christ, the Church, we each and all have a very important and necessary role in the celebration of Mass. Saint Peter reminds us that we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people" (1 Peter 2:9–10). In the celebration of the Eucharist, the Church is her truest self. Because God has redeemed the Church in Christ we are able to come before God and offer our praise and thanksgiving in the Church's liturgy.

All the baptized, the whole community, the holy People of God, are united with Christ, but some members of the Church are called to special service of Christ in the community of the Church. Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, ordained priests and bishops make present Christ as the head of the Church. They are, as it were, "icons of Christ," the one high priest (see Hebrews 7:24), in the midst of the assembly.

Priests and deacons, gathered around the bishop, act always in communion with him, the pastor of the local Church which is the Diocese. The *priest* acts in the liturgy in the person of Christ (see *Lumen Gentium*, n. 10), giving voice to the prayers of the Church, presiding over the celebration of the mysteries of our faith, preaching God's word, and feeding God's people by ministering the Body and Blood of Christ. The *deacon* assists the bishop and the priest, serves the poor and oppressed, and proclaims the Gospel of Christ.

Other members of the Body of Christ, the Church, are also called to service in duties of their own. Tasks not specifically reserved to the ordained ministers should be fulfilled by the lay faithful and exercised by them in conformity with their specific lay vocation.

For example, *lectors* are called to proclaim the scriptures in the first and second readings. *Psalmists* or *cantors* and *musicians* are called to lead the assembly in lifting up their voices in sung prayer and praise of God. *Servers* are called to assist and support the bishop, priest, deacon, and other ministers. *Extraordi*-

nary ministers of Holy Communion are called to assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ when there are not enough ordained ministers to do so in an orderly fashion. Ushers and greeters help to assemble the congregation in their prayer and worship.

These liturgical ministries and others that have not been mentioned are important; therefore, those who fill them have a responsibility to be well prepared and to carry out their duties with reverence, dignity, and understanding.

The Responsibility of All the Baptized...The General Instruction states that "all . . . Whether they are ordained ministers or lay Christian faithful, in fulfilling their office or duty should carry out solely but completely that which pertains to them" (n. 91).

The celebration of the Eucharist is the most important thing any parish does during the entire week. Nothing in the life of the parish should have a higher priority. Therefore, every parish must give attention to the thoughtful, careful development of these liturgical functions and ministries and to the proper training of those who exercise them.

But what about those of us who are not bishops or priests, deacons or lectors, extraordinary ministers of communion or cantors? What is our part in the liturgy? The General Instruction reminds us that through our baptism, we are all responsible for the worship of God by the Church. Therefore we ought to do so to the best of our ability, with all our heart and mind and soul and strength. We are called to participate in the liturgy with deliberate and full attention and with conscious and active participation. The General Instruction makes it clear that as the holy People of God, purchased by Christ's blood, called together by the Lord, nourished by his word, we nevertheless grow "continually in holiness by [our] conscious, active, and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist" (n. 5).

This means that we need to be fully engaged throughout the whole liturgical celebration, not merely present, watching as if at a performance. In our praise and thanksgiving, through song and spoken word, posture and gesture, listening attentively to God's word, we exercise our baptismal priesthood by joining our prayer to those spoken by the priest celebrant. Our part expresses the "cohesion and hierarchical ordering" (see General Instruction, n. 91) of the People of God in our different roles and ministries. We mirror Christ who served by washing the feet of his disciples, who is himself God's word, who proclaimed the kingdom, who faithfully and with love offered to God his every life, who prayed to God on behalf of others. especially those who had no one else to intercede for them. During the liturgy, in our various ways, all of us who participate in the Mass unite ourselves in intention and love with Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Those who exercise a particular function or ministry mirror Christ who, in the end, instructed his followers to imitate, always and everywhere, his example of love and service.

#### Stop & Shop Benefit

A Stop and Shop benefit will be held on November 9th, 2003, to benefit the family of the late Police Officer John B. Kurtz. The benefit will be held from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady Mother of the Church (Hayes Center), 8747 West Lawrence in Chicago.

Get all of your holiday shopping done in one day. Vendors include: Party Lite Gifts, Creative Memories, Usborne Books, Home Interiors, Stampin' Up, Avon, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Southern Living At Home, Premiere Designs Jewelry, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef and Tupperware. 10-50% of each purchase will be donated to the Kurtz Family.

If you are unable to attend, donations can be sent to the John B. Kurtz Fund, c/ o St. Eugene Church, 7958 West Foster, Chicago, IL 60656. Questions, please call Julie Meier 773.631.1574 or Debbie Chirello 773.792.2101.



**Bingo Volunteer Schedule...**If you can't make your scheduled time, please get a replacement or call Kathy Gavin, the Schedule Coordinator, at 773.631.4127, ext. 40 & leave a message.

#### FIRST WEEK VOLUNTEERS - NOVEMBER 7th

	Maureen Stauffer Pat Stauffer		
	Kathy & Tim Hickey, Pull T Ron & Josephine Evans, Darryl Okrzesik, Marie Dolan,	abs	Steve Pyka, Jim Flynn
	Lynn Gibbons, Kelly Czachor, Ra Libby Ryder	ffle	John Barr, Steve Mazanek
Sellers	Carm Cole, Cindy Epifanio, Pay Pat Trevino	out	Nancy Gall, Mary Kulinski
Parish	Activity Center		
Callers	Katy Antosz Pay	out	Wally Antosz
Sellers	Debbie Kieres, Sharon Pyka Pull T	abs	Sharon Pyka, Oleg Bujwid
Bookkeepers	Debbie Kieres Ra	ffle	Julie Pellegrino

#### **Pray For Those Who Serve**

#### **United States Air Force**

Major Michael Cerbin Airman 1st Class Christopher Earle Airman 1st Class Emily A. Johnson Airman 1st Class Karen Shaw Major James Walsh Captain Patrick Ward Captain Claudine Ward

#### **United States Marines**

LCPL Patrick Altwasser LCTL James V. Amatore Captain Philip Billoni PFC Seamus Boyle PFC Kevin Hershinow LCPL Douglas E. Johnson LCPL Martin Shaw LCPL P.J. McGrath

#### **United States Army**

Sergeant Travis Butzen
Private Matthew Dempsey
Captain Thomas W. Dorrel, Jr
1st Lt. Bryan Jones
Captain Michael Mannion
Captain John Moreth
SPC Timothy A. Morgan
SSG David Morgan
Private John Walsh

#### **United States Navy**

Lt. Sue Connolly Tutwiler Lt. John Tutwiler



FYI...All bulletin articles for Sunday, November 16th are due no later than Thursday, November 6th