

## **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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**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 16, 2003**

**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words  
will not pass away.**

**Mark 13:31**

## St. Juliana Parish Annual Coat Drive

Saturday, November 29th  
and  
Sunday, November 30th.

Please bring any coats/jackets you wish to donate to church **November 29th and November 30th.**



**YOUTH MASS...**Our next gathering of high school students is this **Sunday, November 16th.** Once again we will celebrate the Eucharist at 6:00 pm in the Chapel on Osceola.

Pizza social and open gym will follow.

Father Mike McGovern  
Fathermike@stjuliana.org

## The Chicago Boys Choir This Saturday, November 15th at 5:00 pm

The Chicago Boys Choir, under the direction of James Smith is composed of young men ages 9 through 18 from throughout the archdiocese including our own Kevin McAuliffe and Ian Schroder.

The choir perform a short concert immediately following the 5:00 pm mass. A free will offering will be taken after the concert to help fund their upcoming tour of England. CD's will also be available.

Please join us for this special liturgy and mini-concert.

## Father Phil's Ramblings

### Fear of Living - Fear of Dying

November is the month in which we remember all who have died. Since November 2nd was a Sunday, the liturgy was especially aimed at our faith in the Resurrection and in praying for the dead, who are part of the Communion of Saints.

Recently I read an article written by M. Scott Peck, the author who penned The Road Less Traveled. In the article Mr. Peck reveals the illness that has now affected him, Parkinson's Disease. He contemplates his own death, a topic very few of us wish to talk about - even the most intelligent and profound among us.

When asked if he was afraid of death, Mr. Peck replied, "Less than I used to be, but yes, I am still afraid." He admitted that he was critical of people who refuse to face the fact that they are dying until the absolute end. "Terrified they are, and still in denial, even intelligent people. The power of denial among people dying is unbelievable," he wrote.

Mr. Peck has given many lectures on the subject of death, especially after he developed the disease that has presently disabled him. In those lectures he would sometimes pose the question of whether maturely religious people become scared upon facing an imminent death. Death is going into the unknown! We should not for a moment think it is necessarily a sign of our spiritual immaturity that we may become frightened and uneasy at the thought of dying.

In facing death - in facing the dying - there is an opportunity to cleanse, a settling or closing so to speak. There is an opportunity to tell those we love, we truly love them. An opportunity to reconcile with those we have offended.

As I read M. Scott Peck's article, I could not help but reflect upon Jesus' words in the Garden, the night before His death. He said, "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me." Jesus was scared, too.

As we remember our loved ones who have died and honestly reflect upon our own deaths, also be honest and admit we are scared to go into the unknown. It is not - should not - be a sign of our spiritual immaturity, but just the opposite: To admit our fear we are spiritually very, very mature people of faith.

## St. Vincent de Paul - Thanksgiving Food Drive

Saturday, November 22nd & Sunday, November 23rd  
Before & After the Masses



Your non-perishable food items (please check expiration dates) will be donated to St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish Food Pantry.

Any monetary donations will be distributed to the following Food Pantries: Ascension - St. Susanna, Presentation, St. Mary of Providence & St. Stanislaus Kostka who are in great need of assistance.

We thank you in advance for your continuous generosity.

**"WHEN YOU SEE THESE THINGS HAPPENING,  
KNOW THAT HE IS NEAR, AT THE GATES"**

What things? What are we supposed to be looking for? Last week or so, explosions on the sun came barreling towards the earth. Last week the light of the moon was "eclipsed" in a very dramatic way - at least so it seemed to my brother, another Jesuit friend of ours, and me in southern Michigan where we were taking a few days off. The powers of the heavens are shaken and blackened by forest fires, missile explosions, rampaging floods.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky."

"So get with it, Lord," we might say. Let's get to the finale - a roll of kettle - drums, a blare of trumpets, we, standing with heads stretched upwards, awaiting the arrival of the "Matrix Man," "the Terminator," "the Ultimate Good Guy of All Good Guys." "So c'mon awready!"

When we look at today's world--our world--we find that most of the conditions described by Jesus are fulfilled. Maybe they have been for decades. Jesus says: "When you see these things happening, know that he is near." Not just near but "at the gates"! Just who are we looking for? We know from the life of Jesus 2000 years ago that God delights in throwing our value-system "up for grabs" when it comes to just how He/She should go about matters of salvation.

We are used to "interpreting" Scripture and Tradition to cleanse embarrassing or too-highly-imaginative stories and anecdotes which might be taken too "literally." Modern exegesis (the study of sources and early traditions) has certainly opened up the reality of God's entry into our world in the various cultures of the world. But it is not a process of saying: "This is not true; that is not true; this is mere myth and that is mere myth." Exegesis at its best is a search for meaning and truth. It requires seeing "behind" the imagery used by a particular culture at a particular time in history.

"Know that He is near." What does that mean for us who are experiencing the very "signs" that Jesus refers to? Jesus doesn't say: "When you see these things happening, you better get you 'spiritual act' together, because the 'Grim Reaper' is on the way!" But Jesus says that when we see all these signs --natural catastrophes, wars, pestilences, even human hatred - somehow, in some strange but real way, we are to know that God is near - "at the very gates" of our personal, national, and international lives.

But how do I recognize God? How utterly sad it would be to live one's whole life and not be able to recognize the God who is near - at the gates!

Fr. Bob Grib, SJ  
RCIA Moderator

## Christmas Sharing Program

Next weekend, slips will be available for our annual Christmas sharing Program at St. Juliana Parish.

Our Christmas Sharing Program began 22 years ago and has grown each year. It is a wonderful way of sharing Christmas gifts with those less fortunate than ourselves.

This year we will again have the opportunity to help people at three different locations.

1. Babies of teenage mothers and fathers who are involved in the Roseland Adolescent Parent Program.
2. Men and women who are helped through The Catholic Charities Shelter Program.
3. Children (ages 13 years and younger) who are part of the PYD (Positive Youth Development) Program at Ascension-St. Susana Parish at 153rd & Ashland, in Harvey, Illinois, which is now one of our Sharing Parishes.

The choice of slips you may take will be as follows: **Man, Woman, Child, Baby Boy, Baby Girl, and/or Food (to be distributed between Roseland Center and Ascension-St. Susanna).**

We ask that the gifts be **NEW**. The dollar amount is up to you, but we suggest at least \$10.00. Food items should be non-perishable, but hams are gladly accepted. Food, Gift certificates are also great gifts.

Gifts and food should be brought to the Ahearn Activity Center the weekend of December 6th and 7th. The food and gifts will be delivered that Sunday afternoon and early the following week.

Thank you in advance for your continuous generosity.

**Happy Holidays**  
**From the St. Juliana Liturgy Team 1**



**Meeting**

Wednesday, November 19th  
Father Ahearn Activity Center  
Doors open at 1:00 pm  
Meeting Begins at 1:30 pm

**Can You Help?**

Both missalettes will be changed in Church on **Monday, November 24th from 8:00 - 9:30 am**. If you can spare an hour or so, please meet in the back of Church. Your help is truly appreciated.

Margie Shiel,  
773.774.4956

**All Are Invited to a...  
Festival of Lessons and Carols**

**The St. Juliana Choirs and Handbells  
Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 pm  
In Church**

All are invited to a reception following the  
Festival of Lessons and Carols  
in the Ahearn Activity Center

*Mark your calendar NOW!  
This will be an event you won't want to miss!*


**Jewel "Shop & Share" Days  
Monday, November 17th, Tuesday, November 18th  
& Wednesday, November 19th**

Please use the slip printed below, when shopping for Thanksgiving and your Christmas cookie ingredients.

You may also include prescriptions and other items from the pharmacy department.

Simply cut out, sign and present the slip below to the cashier when you checkout. A percentage of your purchases will be donated to the St. Juliana Friendship Club.

The Friendship Club appreciates your continued support.

	<b>SHOP &amp; SHARE IDENTIFICATION SLIP</b>									
	1031184					AMOUNT OF PURCHASE				
GROUP NUMBER					DOLLARS					CENTS
GROUP: <b>St. Juliana Friendship Club 50+</b>					YOUR SHOP & SHARE DAYS: <b>11/17/03, 11/18/2003, 11/19/2003</b>					
SIGNATURE _____										
<p>PLEASE SIGN THIS SLIP AND TURN IT IN TO YOUR CHECKER WHEN YOU SHOP.          PARTICIPANTS CAN MAKE PURCHASES AT ANY JEWEL-OSCO ON THE DATE ABOVE.          IDENTIFICATION SLIPS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FRONT OF ANY JEWEL-OSCO.</p>										
										<b><i>Jewel-Osco</i></b>

**Carson Pirie Scott  
Community Day Sale**  
Saturday, November 22nd

St. Juliana Mothers' Club is participating in Carson Pirie Scott Community Day Sale on Saturday, November 22nd.

Each \$5.00 event packet includes **6 - 20% off coupons on any single item** and a **10% off coupon for small electrics, furniture, mattresses, area rugs, lamps.** We receive 100% of this amount.

Event packets are available through any St. Juliana student or call Morgan Ryan at 763.6839.

**7th Annual Turkey Trot**



The 7th Annual Turkey Trot will take place on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th.**

There is a route change this year, so meet up with your friends and neighbors at 9:00 am at the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 N. Northwest Highway. The Trot will begin at 9:30 am.

There will also be a Kids Race this year.

Early registration is \$15.00 or \$20.00 the day of the race. Proceeds will go to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

For more information visit the website at [www.epturkeytrot.homestead.com](http://www.epturkeytrot.homestead.com) or call the hotline - 773.792.9005.

## All Are Invited To The



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## White Elephant Sale!

**This Sunday, November 16th  
from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm  
Ahearn Activity Center**

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

*Prizes include:*

*1st Prize \$100 Cash*

*2nd Prize Case of Wine*

*3rd & 4th Prize \$50 Cash*

*Gift baskets & Gift certificates!*

***"Nothin' says lovin' like somethin' from the oven"***  
*especially from the ovens of our St. Juliana Friendship Club.  
Stop over and pickup a delicious dessert for Sunday's dinner.*

**Please bring your donated items for the White Elephant Sale and baked goods on Saturday, November 15th from noon until 6:00 pm to the Ahearn Activity Center.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Mon.</b>	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tues.</b>	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
<b>Wed.</b>	Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thu.</b>	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
<b>Fri.</b>	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Sat.</b>	Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sun.</b>	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

## ALTAR LINENS

Today  
Jean Losinski

November 22nd/23rd  
Mary Sutton



**Mark Albert**, Son of Kevin and Clare (Doran) **Hiller**

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

# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, November 15th

5:00 John & Mary Lessner Family/Dick Jermal/Suzanne Lobjko/Ashley Smiegowski/John & Caroline Milliken/Mary Hahn/Alan Karl/August & Mamie Cheppetta & Helen & Eddie Rossi/Tim Hejza/Kate Gormally/Vincenzo, Vita & Mike Polizzi/Maria Attileo Fiumetto/Pat Doherty/Paolini & Francioni Families/Eileen Roche/Bob & Dennis Weiler & Ed Walsh

## Sunday, November 16th

7:30 Joseph Bonk/June Francisco/Louise Chalupnik/Grace Szenda/John Russell, John & Rose Zbylut & Billy & Vera Everett/Maureen Wagner/Lou Stefely

9:00 **Scout Mass** - Ruth & Mary Lou Jess & the Intentions of George Jess/Frances Steffen/Mary & John Harnett/Leonard Spinelli/Mary & Mary Anne Great/Sigmund & Jeanette Szubart/Miguela Garcia/Anne Andrzejcak/Thomas Patterson/Ruthie Replogle

10:30 Mitchell, Daniel & the Intentions of Marie Chrusciel & Camille Sarich/Denis P. McNamara/Norm Boegel/Ray Czarnik/Andres Mendez/Harvey Stalder/Patricia Fleming

12:00 Bob Weiler, Denis Weiler & Ed Walsh/Deceased of the Crowe Family/Lauren H. Herman/John Gormally/Fitzgerald, Coakley & Catanzaro Families

1:30 Baptisms

6 PM Youth Mass - **Chapel**

## Monday, November 17th - Chapel

7:00 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish

8:45 Joseph & Genevieve Wojtowicz/William Gaughn/Maryann Mussil/Maria Jo Gariffo

7 PM Holy Hour & Adoration - **Chapel**

## Tuesday, November 18th - Chapel

7:00 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish

8:45 Alice Sherlock/George Cain/Luigi Melone & Giuseppina DiDomenico

## Wednesday, November 19th - Chapel

7:00 Lorenzo & Isabel Martinez/John Russell/John & Rose Zbylut/

8:45 Della & William Freda/Frank Bruno

## Thursday, November 20th - Chapel

7:00 John & Dorothy Borowski

8:45 Ivan Bianchi

## Friday, November 21st—Chapel

7:00 John & Francis Pleines/Otto J. Nerad

8:45 Gloria Hoffmann/Otto J. Nerad

## Saturday, November 22nd - Chapel

8:30 Chester Perkowski/Jerry & Kay Jagla—58th Wedding Anniversary

5:00 John & Mary Lessner/Martha Dixon Martinez/Lorene Beires/Dolores Flavin/Linda Belluomini/Frank, Anastasia & Joseph Brow/Palmyra Antognoli/Edward Stelmaszek/Tim Hejza/Edwin Krzeminski/Vito, Eleanora & Victor Cirincione & Carmelo & Rosalie Galluzzo & Joe Angelino/Michael Halpin/Paolini & Francioni Families

## Masses for the Week cont'd

Sunday, November 23rd

7:30	Ernest Schwarz/Ronald Jordan/June Francisco/Louise Chalupnik/ Raymond Czarnik/Lou Stefely/Noreen O'Dea
9:00	Ruth & Mary Lou Jess & Intentions of George Jess/John Russell, John & Rose Zbylut & Billy & Vera Everett/Miguela Garcia/Helen Ulaneck/Anne Andrzejczak/Gertrude Graham/Alma Turo/Deceased of Bandur, Glab & Jordan Families
10:30	Henry J. Condon/Mitchell & Daniel Chrusciel & Camille Sarich/James Jones/Terry Bumgardner/Boleslaw & Maria Swiderski/Rosemary Naras/ William Mowinski/Mary Wagner/John Wrenn
12:00	Socorro Hernandez/Maragret Alfonsetti/John Gormally

## Pray for the Sick

Matthew Mirek	Josephine Gariffo	Edward Klebek
Beverly Cusick	Carol Gurga	Ann Johnston
Maureen Mulcrone	Ken Kilian	Anthony Spano
Gina Blease	Baby Danny Folan	Rita Spinelli
Andrew Prociuk	Lori McLenighan	Helen O'Connell
Sr. Adolphine	Margaret Smith	Anna Linnehan
William Harley	Chris Dettloff	Child - Peter Conennas
Louise Peters	Helen Flood	Helen Simon
Arthur & Isabel Harder	Tom Fleischhacker	Baby Kyle Wilk
Lottie Shannon	Kay Jagla	Celeste Baehr
Julia Sebastian	Sister Mary Rose Solivay	Joanne Jones
Lydia Kesler	Helen Miller	Elizabeth Lazicki
Frank Sorrentino	Linda Cunningham	Joan Sweeney
Marianne Miller	Patricia Delaney	William Sweeney
Dorothy Konrad	Patrick McDonagh	Fran Draths
Michael Farrelly	Joseph Schneider	Marian Grabowski
Helen White	Evelyn Klein	Larry & Theresa Cheever
Susan Michaels	Peg Virgilio	Rose Ann Nally
Beatrice Krzeminski	Della Curran	John Oplawski
Mitchell Miklas	Patrick Grace	Grace Antenore
Diane Cavanaugh	Baby Erin McDermott	Henry Gurga
Joe Contreras	Rita Allen	Janice Mierzwa Tufano
Sr. Remy Schaul	Minnie Short	Marie Chrusciel
Paul Draths	Diane Russell Everett	Baby Colin James Smithson
Katherine Pienta	Andrew Werlein	Phyllis Graham
Renee Parlich	Baby John Henry Kwasinski	John Pesoli
Lillian McCloud	Stella Boruch	Mary Shepelak
Dorothy Lachman	Ignatius & Mera Wei	Roberta Sanford
Baby Sara Brushaber	Edward Puhr	Alexandra Krzeczowski
Jerry Hoyne	Joe Hora	Jack Maher
Angie Dembski	Lorraine Connors	Bernadette Foley
Frank Grabowski	Regina Dziedzic	
Joseph Virgilio	Jane Connolly	

## Wedding Banns

- II Jim Soreng  
& Beth Seagren
- II Gary Cunningham  
& Mary Skawski
- I Richard Olson &  
Patricia Quinn

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

### Sunday:

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

### Monday:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

### Tuesday:

Dedication of the Basilicas of the  
Apostles Peter and Paul in Rome;  
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

### Friday:

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary

### Saturday:

St. Cecilia



John Parich

### Personal Prayer To Our Heavenly Mother Mary

<b>Hail Mother Mary</b>	On Calvary, Christ dedicated His Mother to be the Mother of all mankind - we became born again children of Mary - we acknowledge and accept Christ's gift to us by respectfully addressing Mary as Mother.
<b>Full of Grace</b>	We affirm our Catholic belief that Mary was born without the stain of original sin.
<b>The Lord was with Thee</b>	We glory in the sinless earthly life Mary led.
<b>Blessed art thou among women</b>	We praise Mary for being chosen the most worthy to become the vessel of Christ's coming.
<b>And Holy was the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus</b>	Mary, full of grace and the Holy Spirit of God, brought forth a holy Child.
<b>Holy Mary Mother of God</b>	We express our belief that Jesus was God personified, the Son of the Father, the Second person of the Holy Spirit.
<b>Please pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen</b>	We politely plead to our heavenly Mother to keep us from straying until we can die in the love and embrace of God.

### 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 Hershino  
 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  
 Captain Michael Mannion  
 Private John Walsh  
 SPC Timothy A. Morgan  
 SSG David Morgan  
 1st Lt. Bryan Jones  
 Captain John Moreth  
**United States Navy**  
 Lt. Sue Connolly Tutwiler  
 Lt. John Tutwiler

### Respect Life

Life in the womb has no voice but yours. Precious lives are at risk. We are supposed to be God's hands and voice. Here on earth there is no greater work to be done. We must all do whatever we can, to the best of our abilities, to end abortion. **Let us continue to pray daily:**  
*"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is danger of abortion."*

**Christmas is just around the corner....**don't forget we have Entertainment Books in the Parish Office.



### Men's Club Smoker

Wednesday, November 26th  
 7:00 pm in the School Hall

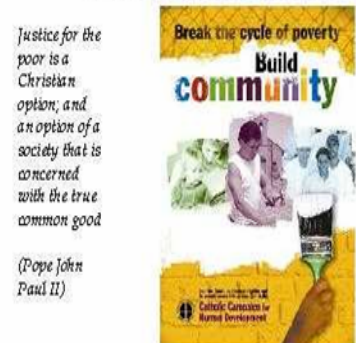
Members of the Men's Club, guests and interested men of the parish are welcome.

Tickets will be sold in the back of the church on Sunday, November 23rd.

**Oplatki Christmas Wafer**  
 Are available in the Parish Office

4 in a package for \$1.00

### CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)



- CCHD empowers the poor by funding projects that:
- Decrease youth violence
  - Increase access to affordable housing
  - Advocate rights of seniors, the disabled and workers

Support the CCHD collection on November 22-23

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**  
*Breaking the Cycle of Poverty*  
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 155 E. Superior, Chicago, IL 60611  
 312-751-9333 Phone, 312-767-1554 Fax, esetura@archchicago.org e-mail



## Hearing the Word of God

The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other that we ever hear. God reveals himself to us through the Scriptures. We believe that all of Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit and must be revered as truly being God's Word. In hearing God's Word, we come to know the depth of his love for us and our responsibilities as followers of Jesus.

There are three Scripture readings at Sunday Mass, taken from both the Old and New Testaments. The first reading, for most of the year, is from the Old Testament, which reminds us that throughout history God has been at work saving his people. During the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, which recalls the growth and mission work of the early Church. The second reading, always from the New Testament, is taken from a letter from one of the Apostles or from the Book of Revelation. The third reading from one of the four Gospels, is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. The Gospels are the fullest expression of God's revelation in Christ. The Gospel reading is so central, in fact, that it is proclaimed from a different book than the other readings. This book—the Book of the Gospels—is the one that is solemnly carried in procession at the start of the Mass, not the Lectionary that is used for the other readings. The book is placed flat on the altar until the Gospel is proclaimed by the priest or deacon; the deacon who reads the Gospel asks a blessing by way of preparation; the priest celebrant who reads the Gospel bows before the altar praying to be worthy to proclaim it. We may surround the Gospel with candles and incense. We stand to hear the Gospel. We sign our foreheads, lips, and hearts with the cross, praying that the Gospel will remain in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. The priest or deacon kisses the Gospel book after proclaiming the text. Through these gestures and signs of respect, the Church pays homage to Christ who is present when his Word is proclaimed.

The proclamation of the Scriptures in the Mass calls us to respond in faith. Through speech and song, posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to the Scriptures as they are proclaimed, we open our lives to God's Word. We pray that the Holy Spirit may make God's Word effective in our lives so that we will "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." (James 1:22)

Our full, conscious, and active participation is required if the Word of God is to find a home in us. We make the ritual responses, "Thanks be to God," and "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." We respond to the first reading by singing the Responsorial Psalm, and we sing the acclamation before the proclamation of the Gospel.

When the Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself is speaking to his people and Christ, present in his own word, is proclaiming the Gospel (General Instruction, n. 29)

In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. (Introduction to the Lectionary, n. 7)

We listen attentively as the reader, priest, or deacon proclaims God's Word. We listen as if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it is God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed.

It is beneficial to prepare ourselves for a fruitful hearing of the Scriptures. In his instruction, *Dies Domini*, Pope John Paul II encourages "those who take part in the Eucharist, priest, ministers, and faithful . . . to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting the Word of God which will be proclaimed." The Holy Father adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the Word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (n. 40).

The Liturgy of the Word also includes the homily, which helps us understand the meaning of the Scriptures and other Mass texts, more closely connecting God's Word and the texts to our daily lives. Because the homily is a liturgical action and is given by the priest or deacon, it may not be omitted on Sundays and Holy Days. After we recite the Creed together, the Prayers of the Faith-

ful conclude the Liturgy of the Word as the community, moved by the inspired Word of God, prays for the needs of the whole Church, the world, and the local community.

The twofold table of God's Word and Eucharist continues to spiritually nourish the Church. "In the word of God the divine covenant is announced; in the Eucharist the new and everlasting covenant is renewed." (*Introduction to the Lectionary*, n. 10) God's Word leads us to the Eucharistic table where we enter the mighty deeds of God and especially the saving death and resurrection of Jesus. By uniting ourselves to Jesus in his self-offering to the Father, we are drawn more deeply into the life of God.

## Meditative Silence

The General Instruction calls for periods of meditative silence in the Mass, especially in the Liturgy of the Word: *The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to promote meditation, and so any sort of haste that hinders recollection must clearly be avoided . . . it is also appropriate to include brief periods of silence . . . in which, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, the word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared.* (n. 56)

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Keep Millions of Pounds Out of Landfills!**

Please help us raise funds. We are paid for empty cartridges and used cell phones! "Cartridges For Kids" pay cash for used cell phones and empty inkjet, laser, fax and copier cartridges.

- Bring empty cartridges and used cell phones to our school or the parish office.
- Ask your employer to sponsor us by saving empty cartridges and used cell phones.
- We can earn extra funds by enrolling other schools and organizations. Visit [www.cartridgesforkids.com](http://www.cartridgesforkids.com) for details.
- Our fundraiser is ongoing! Collect cartridges and cell phones year round.

**NO PROBLEM IS HELPLESS  
UNLESS  
YOU ALLOW IT TO BE  
There IS help... please call!**

For alcohol and/or drug problems, call a member of the team for **confidential help** or information:

- Emmett McGovern** 773.792.1469  
**Kate Miller** 773.722.2404 x423  
**Leo Miller** 773.631.1929  
**Bill Steiner** 773.792.0281  
**Vic Switski** 773.775.7987  
**Paul Trudeau** 847.696.4835  
**Sue Wolford** 847.541.3038

All Meetings are in Parish Center  
AA meets Thursdays ·  
8:30 PM to 9:30 PM

A 12-Step Meeting for female survivors of incest meets Fridays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For more information call Judy 773.594.0849.

For professional help, call Sue Borrelli at Family Life Counselors-773.763.4999.



**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.

**THIRD WEEK VOLUNTEERS - NOVEMBER 21ST**

<b>Hall</b>	<b>Operators Terry &amp; Kathy Gavin</b>	
<b>Concession Workers</b>	Mike & Jodie Canova Chris & Pat Curley, Tammy & Dan Pritt Melody & Todd Steffen	<b>Pull Tabs</b> Char Yankowski, Natalie Henegan Mary O'Toole
<b>Sellers</b>	Cindy Epifanio, Pat Trevino	<b>Raffle</b>
<b>Payout</b>	Larry Travers, Hugh Hegarty	<b>Bookkeepers</b> Vicki Pusateri, Luann Bobko
<b>Parish Activity Center</b>		
<b>Callers</b>	Jack Buchanan, Anita Merk	<b>Pull Tabs</b> Ted Jajkowski, Robin Miller
<b>Sellers</b>	Kathy Flynn, Joan Buchanan	<b>Raffle</b> Kathy Flynn, Bob Pellegrino
<b>Payout</b>	Mary Ann Miller	

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Thank you for your support.

**Offertory contributions for November 9th**

**Sunday Contributions:** \$18,048  
**Weekly Goal:** \$18,500  
**YTD:** (\$ 1,806)

**FYI...**All bulletin articles for **Sunday, December 7th** are due no later than **Monday, November 24th.**