



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. SCHOLASTICA

7800 JANES AVENUE
WOODRIDGE, IL 60517
630.985.2351 x 122



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JANUARY 8, 2012

Staff Directory

The Parish Offices are located in the Administration Center
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Parish Office Hours January 8-14

Sunday, 1/8
5-8 pm
Monday, 1/9 through Thursday, 1/12
8 am—8 pm
Friday, 1/13
8 am—6 pm
Saturday, 1/14—Closed

Notes
 From
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Business
 Manager

Stewardship of Sharing—December 25

526 Envelopes, December 25, 2011.....\$23,481.61
4% Parish Stewardship to others..... (\$939.27)

Children’s Stewardship of Sharing

73 Envelopes, December 25, 2011..... \$126.98
Net Income, December 25, 2011..... \$22,724.09

*Let’s set our personal goals high as good stewards
 Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Due to the Holiday Publishing Schedule, Parish
 & Children’s Stewardship of Sharing
 information for the weeks of December 31/
 January 1 will be included in next week’s
 bulletin**

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

What are you doing to bring Christ to others beyond your family and parish? Are you young or an active retiree? Consider becoming a volunteer missionary yourself! Contact Catholic Volunteer Network (catholicvoluneernetwork.org) for opportunities to serve here or overseas. Alternatively, support Catholic Home Missions, which helps to bring the gospel to the poorest and most remote areas of our country.

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Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday (*eve of Sunday*) 4:30 P.M.
 Sunday..... 8 A.M., 10 A.M. and 12 NOON

Daily

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 A.M.
 Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 A.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 – 4:15 P.M.
or call Fr. Riva to make an appointment

Visit us on the web at www.stscholasticaparish.org

My fellow Stewards—"Stewardship our Way of Life"

- ♦ Receive God's gifts gratefully
- ♦ Cultivate them responsibly
- ♦ Share them lovingly in justice with others
- ♦ Return them with increase to the Lord

Teach us to be the very building....the people of God.



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Please Join Your Parish Family as we begin celebrating our 50th Anniversary Year! Our Opening Mass will begin the year of celebration today, Sunday, January 8 at the Noon Mass with Bishop George Rassas Presiding.

Many events have been planned throughout the year! Join the celebration at any or all of them. Visit our Facebook Page at

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/StScholasticaParish/>

Welcome

All those visiting the parish are invited to stop by the "Welcoming Booth" in the Breezeway at the entrance to the Church to pick up some information about our parish.

Registration forms can be found in this area and once completed can be placed in the offertory basket at Mass. The form can also be downloaded from our web site. If you need any assistance in completing the form, please don't hesitate to contact us at 630.985.2351, ext. 122. We would also be happy to take your information over the phone.

Our Mission

We, the family of St. Scholastica Catholic Parish, are dedicated Christian stewards of God's gifts. We have been called in Baptism and through the Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus.

We are a sacramental community, sharing a sense of welcoming and belonging. We provide opportunities for spiritual growth and faith formation. We are committed in both prayer and action to support and nurture each other and those in need.



Well, today, we are part of history. At the noon mass we will kick off our celebration of our parish's 50th Anniversary of its founding - wow, 50 years here in Woodridge. Just think, a small group of founders gathered together and began this parish with Fr. John Kloepfer. Believe me, the Bishop put us in real good hands with Fr. John. He laid a foundation of faithful people that has grown to over 2800 families, as we speak. During this year, you will see many pictures of our history and we will share some wonderful stories of our past. Our Anniversary Committee has planned many events both social and spiritual for us. 50th Anniversary celebration memorabilia have been and will continue to be on sale throughout the year. Our quilt banners are being crafted for hanging and will celebrate our families. The murals that are being painted in the entrance (behind those brown curtains) will tell of our history centered around our theme of "Living, Loving, Serving God." Please join in the excitement of the celebration.

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, we bring the Christmas season to a close. How fast the days have flown by. But this is a beautiful part of the story because it represents Christ's message that goes out to all the world in the message of the Magi. They represent the people of the world and as they go back to their homes, they tell the story of the child who will make all the difference in the world. Let us follow in their footsteps and announce this Jesus to all we meet.

I would like to thank all who make our Christmas so beautiful. That includes all who bring music into our lives, who decorate our space so well, who minister at the altar, who share their time, talent and treasure. We are a blessed community and I thank God for that. And, to all of you and your generosity, you are especially blessed. I know that you make many sacrifices for us and we appreciate your goodness. Finally, I want to thank my Deacons and my staff. They put in many hours to make things flow so smoothly. I can't say enough of how I appreciate them. It was a great Christmas here at St. Scholastica.

We are still taking pledges/donations for our Capital Campaign for necessary repairs to our facilities. We are nearing our goal, but we could far surpass the goal and use the overage to help pay off the debt we have to the diocese. It would be a great way to celebrate the 50th, if we could finish those payments and have the facilities in great order and be debt free. That would make our future extremely bright for generations to come. If you need a form for your pledge, just let the office know.

Peace and All Good Things!

P.S. How did you like getting a call from the Bishop at Christmas time? Isn't it interesting what can be done with technology.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child and thank you for taking the first step with your child on a life-long journey of faith. In preparation for this very joyous celebration you are invited to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. The classes are available in both English and Spanish nearly every month of the year. Please call the Parish Office at 630.985.2351, ext. 122, for more information and to sign up for the class. Baptisms can only be scheduled after completion of the baptismal class.



Arrangements for a Funeral Mass are made through the Funeral Home you choose. The Funeral Home will contact the Parish Administration Center to schedule the Mass.

We Pray for Our Deceased and Their Families

Bernadette A. Fazio
Mother of Bernadette (Tom) Schultz

Emily Szczepaniak
Mother of Laurie Fosen & Debra Ziomek

Drew Plotke
Son of Greg & Danielle Plotke
Grandson of Jerry & Pat Plotke

Bob Kissel
Brother-in-law of Kathy Peters



PVT Kyle Mrazek, Lance Corporal Kyle R. Moser, SPC Kevin Rudny, USMC Corporal Phillip Bosco, PFC Michael Jacobson, USAF E4 Micah Rockwell, FN Jacob Reed,
Captain Noel Sioson,
STG2 Linda Greene, Major Kenneth Schlorf,
PVT Jake Higley, PVT Claire Gieseke,
EMF-K Karl Gieseke, Major Brady Sexton,
Captain Mark F. Luneburg, MFN Jesse Kolek,
AO2 AW/SW Holly Storer, Sergeant Donald J. May,
Staff SGT Ryan Gulley, Captain Kevin Crockett,
1st Lieutenant David G. Mack,
Army Specialist Joseph Riehle

Hospital Privacy Regulations

Due to privacy regulations, hospitals can no longer contact the parish without family consent. When you are in the hospital and would like a visit or to have your name added to the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, please call St. Scholastica directly at 630.985.2351x122.

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

- Benjamin Franklin

CANCER IS LIMITED....

It cannot cripple love,
It cannot shatter hope,
It cannot corrode faith,
It cannot eat away peace,
It cannot destroy confidence,
It cannot shut out memories,
It cannot silence courage,
It cannot invade the soul,
It cannot reduce eternal life,
It cannot quench the spirit,
It cannot lessen the power of the Resurrection.

Our Friends and Family Battling Cancer

Lee Chvatal, Carol McCormick, Brenda Coburn, Paul Meaden, Frank Nadherny, Jackie Barba, Pat D'Adamok, Therese Hutton, Dionisia Bizzarra, Sylvia Duncan, Victor Skip Meyers, Kate Putra, Jean Azzarello, Connie Melvin, Sylvia Duncan, Debbie Ziomek, Tony Russo, Sue Grubba—Duffy, Lilia Ramirez, Joe Gremlier, Lisa Chentorycki, Lisa Petruzzi, Al Voras,

St. Peregrine



Pray for Us

Harold VonDeBur, Robert Richter, Kathy Crampton, Jan Linder, Caroline Farrell, William Walker, Erich Pavel III, Richay Gabel, Nick Blaszczyk, Betty Lara, Deacon Roger Schmith, Walter Dennis, Tom Rehagen, Delphine Bruce, Betty Lawson, Elise Wilczynski, Ellen Yurka, Frank Zellner, Larry Perkins, Marie Averion, Larry Farrel, Frank Wojcik, Shirley Ruthledge, Marty Woods, Abigail Beranek, Bernard Chudzik, Frank Nowak, Virginia Bartucci, Jack Marquez, Maria Claparols, Jack Dalton, Harold Willison, Carolyn Jackson, Daniel Visone, Dick Wagner

Stewardship of Prayer

The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother....

Matthew 2:1-12

Magi from the East were led by a star to Jesus where they prostrated themselves in humble adoration and offered Him gifts fit for a king. May we, likewise, humbly adore our Savior, by offering our gift of Time, Talent and Treasure. With hearts filled with such love we will *shine like stars*, helping to lead many to Christ.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for marriage involves special instruction for the couple. **Notification to the Parish Administration Center is required at least 6 months in advance.** Please call Sue at the Parish Administration Center, 630.985.2351, ext. 124, for more information.



United in Marriage

January 7, 2012
Katherine Gawlik
 &
Adam Donley



THERE WILL BE NO DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR IN JANUARY

Prayer List Policy

In the interest of keeping our Prayer List up-to-date, names will be placed on the list for four weeks. To continue on the list, please notify Rita by calling her at 630.985.2351, ext. 122. Thank you!

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Diane Rudzinski, Rosann York, Antoinette Pickers, Myrtle Dobrocky, Carol McCormick, Angie Kesterson, Donald O’Shea, Jo Baaske, Jim Picek, Rebecca Wright, Natalie Hope, Jim Leninger, Judy Macchia, Helen Smith, Ashley Baltazar, Matthew Campbell, John Nekolny, Lance Corporal Kyle Moser



CARRIE’S LITURGY LESSON AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Have you gotten used to the new response yet? Instead of saying, “And also with you,” now we say, “And with your spirit.” Is that beginning to become familiar? This change of phrase puts us more in unity with the Sacred Scripture. Four of the epistles conclude with phrases similar to, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.” So we are echoing the words used to conclude these letters to the various Christian communities.

This bulletin insert was prepared by Fr. Richard Husted, OFM and pastoral liturgist and ministry consultant Caroline Thomas.

God’s blessings for a great week!
 Carrie Marcotte



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!!

Students planning on attending a Catholic High School, accredited university, college or trade school can apply for the:

LEONARD M. JARKA HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

Administered by the Robert P. Connelly Council 5918, Knights of Columbus.

Application forms and eligibility requirements can be obtained from the Christ the Servant or St. Scholastica parish offices.

They can be downloaded from the council’s website: www.KofC5918.org under the “Activities Button”.

For further information or questions contact the scholarship chairman, Jim Schmidt 630-728-4784

All applications must be submitted by April 15, 2012.

E-Mail: scout512@aol.com. Please use Word format only.

U.S. Post Office:

Robert P. Connelly Council 5918
 Knights of Columbus
 PO Box 422
 Lisle, Illinois 60532

Any officer of the council or scholarship chairman also can accept applications.

The scholarships will be awarded at the end of May 2012.

MASS ANNOUNCEMENT GUIDELINES

- Mass announcements should be given to Carrie Marcotte by 9 am the Thursday before the weekend of the announcements.
- Please limit announcements to 1-2 sentences in length.
- Announcements may only be announced for 2 weeks.

Social Concerns & Service Programs

7800 Janes Avenue 630.985.2351
Deacon Roger Schmith, ext. 129

Important Phone Numbers

Confidential Emergency Financial Assistance
630.985.2351x3
West Suburban Community Pantry (food assistance)
630.512.9921
For Sick, Homebound and Hospital Visits
630.985.2351x122
All Other Social Concerns and Service Requests
630.985.2351x129

Birthright (*Crisis Pregnancy*)630.355.9888
Catholic Charities (*Crisis Pregnancy*)630.495.9850
Domestic Violence Hotline630.469.5650
St. Vincent DePaul Pick-up.....630.231.4658
Walk-in-Ministry of Hope.....630.322.9311



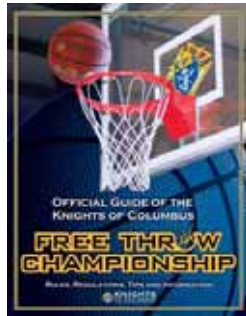
Robert P. Connelly Council #5918

Who: All boys and girls, ages 10-14

When: Saturday, January 14, 2012
Registration begins at 8:30 am
Competition begins at 9 am

Where: St. Scholastica School Gym

Questions?: Contact Mark Henderson at 630.910.0742



Paper Products, Please!

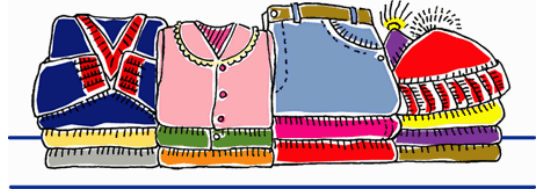
Can you help your neighbors in need this month with donations of paper products? The

West Suburban Community Pantry is focused on collecting paper products throughout the month of January.

Did you know that food stamps can not be used for any paper products? Would you please pick up some extra toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, or napkins the next time you shop? (Our greatest need is TP!) All donations may be left in the gym before or after Mass or at the Parish Office through January 31. Thanks!



Clothing Drive



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL'S NEXT CLOTHING DRIVE WILL BE JANUARY 28TH & 29TH

We will have a truck in the upper parking lot to collect items Saturday January 28th before and after the 4:30 Mass and Sunday January 29th starting at 7:30 until 1:30.

We will take these clean, good shape and sellable items: clothing, coats and accessories, small household items that are clean and working, dishes, glassware, cookware, small working appliances; knick-knacks, lamps, linens, toys, books, jewelry etc.

Please no furniture or large items, no baby equipment.

New this time: We will now take any clean cloth clothing (we are now recycling the cloth). We are also recycling all electronics, TVs and computers.

Please call 630.231.4658 for the Society to send a truck to your home to pick up furniture or other large items that you would like to donate to the stores for them to sell. If you have furniture that you would like to donate to St. Vincent de Paul that can be used in our community, please call the Parish Office at 630.985.2351 ext. 3 and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

St. Vincent dePaul also takes VEHICLES, running or not. Please call 630.293.9755 to donate your tax deductible vehicle.

If you have any question about the clothing drive please call Mike Bernard at 630.885.0479. If you would like to know more about St. Vincent dePaul please call Cathy Armstrong at 630.739.9323. We always appreciate new members.

We thank you for all that you have given in the past and all that you will be giving in the future. Our next clothing drive is April 28th and 29th.

Mike Bernard



KNIFTY KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS MONDAY, JANUARY 9

6:30—8:30 PM

CALL 630.739.1490 FOR INFO.



RCIA RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA catechumens and candidates gathered for the Continuing Call to Conversion and the Rites of Acceptance and Welcome in November.

Here are a few of their thoughts:

“During the Call to Continuing Conversion in Joliet I felt a sense of warmth and belonging, especially from my sponsor as he laid his hand on my shoulder while I knelt, as well as from the bishop who had a very welcoming smile!”

“I felt as if I was being welcomed by a whole new family who excepted me as, and who I am. The fact that so many others were there to support was amazing.”

“It is hard to explain, but it is the feeling that even though we were all separate people there that day, we joined in one goal or feeling. For the rite at Sunday mass at St. Scholastica, it was a dedication of my faith and continuing journey toward a greater relationship with God.”

“As I continue on my journey to become a Catholic, this rite that I participated in this past Sunday will always be a fond memory of mine.”

Please continue to hold the RCIA participants in your prayers as they continue their faith journeys.

RCIA contact person is Shawn Denning-Ross,

sdenning@stscholasticaparish.org



Mark Your calendar
January 21st 2012 we will
be hosting a parish date night
card games. Free On site Baby sitting
service. \$5.00 donation to cover
prizes and paper products. We ask for

a dish to be brought to share for the evening.

Children eat free. This all takes place

In the activity center at 6:00 pm. to 9:00 pm you can go

To the 4:30 mass and afterward come on over.

It is a lot of fun and we have some
neat card games. If you and your friends would like
your own table that is great. Just to let us know.

With the winter setting in and the holidays over.

This is a great time to come and chase away the winter
blues.

We will have sign up at our January 8th Hospitality Sunday
give us a try. You are guaranteed to have a fun time. To
sign up

by e-mail; clarkhospsun@sbcglobal.net

call Bob or Marlene Clark at 630-910-1993

or sign up at Hospitality Sunday.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD FAMILY CONNECTION



The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together “We Three Kings.”

From <http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection>

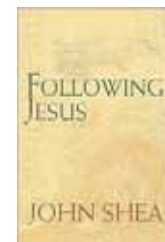
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012 HAPPENINGS FOR ADULTS at ST. SCHOLASTICA PARISH

THE PARISH IS READING . . . FOLLOWING JESUS BY JOHN SHEA

Book Purchase (\$10) and Discussion Sign-up . . . Hospitality Sunday, January 8 in the gym

Discussion on Chapters 1-5 . . . Monday, January 23, 7-8:30 pm

Discussion on Chapters 6-9 . . . Monday, February 13, 7-8:30 pm



UNDERSTANDING IMAGES AND ARCHITECTURE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA CHURCH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7-9 PM, ACTIVITY CENTER PRESENTED BY DR. DOMINIC COLONNA

Dr. Colonna received his Ph.D. from Fordham University in 1998 in systematic theology. He has been teaching at Lewis University since 1999 and has served as the Theology Dept.

chair since 2003. His primary area of research is theological aesthetics. The focus of his research is an examination of how theological doctrines can be effectively communicated through the arts (especially the visual, performing, architectural, and musical arts).



PARENTS OF 2ND GRADERS PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS

Completed Reconciliation Books
and First Communion Banners are
to be turned in to teachers by:

Session A & B - Tuesday, January 10

St. Scholastica students - Thursday, January 12

**THERE WILL BE NO RE CLASSES ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 &
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

**PARENTS: Safe Environment sessions will be held in
RE classes on Saturday, January 21 and Tuesday,
January 24.**

**If you do not want your child to participate in this
program, you must have a signed form into the RE
office no later than Friday, January 13. Forms were sent
home with the December RE Family Newsletter.**

**Questions or concerns? Please contact Beth Cartner at
630-985-9255 x117 or bcartner@stscholasticaparish.org.**

AFC/NFC Championship Games!



St. Scholastica Activity Center

January 22, 2012 1:30 – 9:00pm

Hangout and watch 2 Championship games on a

12 foot screen and two 45 inch flatscreen

TV's. Four Owners Box Raffles-

Luxury seating for you and 3 friends.

Includes waitress service, cheese pizza,

munchie basket and dessert.

\$25 at the door / \$20 pre-event

Includes:

Beer, wine, pop, chili and catered meal.

B.Y.O. Liquor, we got all the mixers.



Try your luck at

Bean Bags, Can Jam, Field Goals

Texas Hold'Em, Line and Squares Pools.

Hourly Raffles for Liquor baskets and Local Food

Certificates.



Pre-Event tickets, Football squares and raffle tickets
available after all Masses Jan 7, 8, 14, 15.

**All proceeds go to the Student Athletic Programs at St.
Scholastica School**

ST. SCHOLASTICA AND THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Written by: Sonja Kudulis, 8th grade student
St. Scholastica School is a Catholic school in Woodridge.
This year, our school participated in a project that directed
all of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Joliet to focus
on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As eighth graders, Connor
Bickett and I were chosen to attend a meeting in which we
learned about the Sacred Heart, as well as how to teach the
other students in our school about Christ's powerful love for
us.

We told the kindergartners through fifth graders a story
about St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque. In the story, Jesus
appeared to her in a vision and showed her His heart. Even
though others didn't believe her, she knew that the vision
was real, and kept preaching about it. The main message
taught was that Jesus is "all heart," and that He loves us and
wants us to love Him too. We showed the students a picture
of the Sacred Heart and explained it to them. Jesus is hold-
ing His heart, which is bleeding, has thorns around it, and a
cross on top. All of this symbolism reminds us that Christ
was willing to suffer and die for us; it also is on fire to sym-
bolize God's light and Christ's love for us. We asked these
students questions to make sure they understood what we
were teaching them, and answered their questions as well.
In the middle school classrooms, Connor and I handed out a
poem and asked the sixth through eighth graders to read it.
Afterwards, we discussed the poem, showed them the picture
of the Sacred Heart, and explained the symbolism. After
some additional discussion, we distributed a handout that
directed the students to write down things they learned and
found interesting, as well as additional questions they had
about the Sacred Heart.

On December 16, St. Scholastica held a ceremony during
which we consecrated our school to the Sacred Heart. Our
pastor, Father Riva, blessed the pictures of the Sacred Heart
that can be found in every classroom.

The school continues to learn about the Sacred Heart. Each
week, the middle school students write one of the twelve
promises that Christ gave to St. Margaret Mary. We explain
how we can follow it in our lives. Students in the lower
grades write about or color pictures that explain the twelve
promises. At the start of every school day, we say the prayer
to the Sacred Heart together.

This is a great project because it teaches us about church
history and helps us to grow closer to God and stronger in
faith.

Save the Dates!

**St. Scholastica School Open House
Sunday, January 29th after 12:00 pm Mass**

**Kindergarten/1st Grade Information Night
Tuesday, January 31st at 7 pm in the Activity Center**

**For more information on our school, please call
630.985.2515, ext. 100**

JOIN US FOR A THREE DAY RETREAT!

S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry is hosting a Retreat at Five Pines Retreat Center in Berrien Center, Michigan from Friday, February 17th at 5:00 p.m. until Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Retreats are just a real fun way to get away from school, home, and all the other stresses in your life. For one weekend, you leave all your worries behind and learn about God and all of his love. Your relationship with God grows and you learn a better understanding about what being a Christian is all about. It gives you a perspective on what is really important in life. When you come back, you feel relieved and like you can conquer anything that is thrown your way. The theme of this retreat is "Get An Attitude: The Beatitudes" and our teen leaders will be sharing their experiences with how we can live the Beatitudes in our everyday lives. There will be great discussions and, of course, great fun. The Retreat Center has a tubing hill and Cross Country Skiing if there is snow and offers a beautiful backdrop for our weekend. Permission slips and information sheets are available on the rack in the back of church and in the Parish Office. The permission slips are due by Sunday, January 22, 2012. They can be turned in at the S.T.O.R.M. Meeting, or dropped off at the Parish Office. For more information please call Jennifer in the Youth Ministry Office at 630-985-2351x138.

SKI TRIP INFORMATION!

Next Sunday, January 15th, those teens that signed up for the Ski Trip will be departing from the parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and will be returning at approximately 6:30 p.m. If anyone has any questions, please contact Jennifer.

BRING A FRIEND NIGHT WITH GUEST SPEAKER AND MUSICIAN PJ ANDERSON

On Sunday, January 29th we will have an awesome speaker and Musician, PJ Anderson with us for the evening. PJ was the musician at the Mission Trip our group attended this past summer and everyone loved him. He will be talking about "Sacraments and Getting Involved In Your Faith". This will also be a "Bring a Friend Night", and everyone is encouraged to bring friends that night. You will get extra points and you and your friends will get to hear a dynamic speaker. Snacks will be served. Please plan to join us!

MOVIE & DISCUSSION NIGHT

S.T.O.R.M. YOUTH MINISTRY will be hosting a **Movie and Discussion Night** for Jr. High Youth on Saturday, January 21st from 6 – 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. We will provide pizza, snacks and drinks. The movie will be "The Pursuit of Happyness". **All Jr. High youth are invited to attend! Please RSVP to Deacon Jerry Christensen by phone at 630-985-2351x127 or e-mail at StSDeaconJerry@aol.com by Wednesday, January 18th** so we can get a count for pizza. Join us and invite a friend.

YOUTH NEWS!!!

S.T.O.R.M. YOUTH MINISTRY will be meeting tonight, Sunday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Scholastica Parish complex. All high school youth of the parish are invited to attend and **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME** to come and see what the meetings are like. **Tonight we will be having Evening Liturgy with Father Matt Nathan.** This Mass meets the obligation for Sunday Mass. Because of finals, after Mass, we will just have a brief announcement time and then you will be able to leave. We should be done by 7:45 or 8:00 pm. If you would like additional information, please call Jennifer Olson at 630-985-2351x138 or e-mail her at stscholasticaym@aol.com. **Join a youth community that really cares about you and wants you to be involved! Join S.T.O.R.M. and INVITE YOUR FRIENDS (and get points)!**

P.S. The Teen Music Ministry will practice with Carrie Marcotte before the meeting from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. and then play at the Mass tonight. All are invited to come.
P.P.S. We will be taking a monetary collection to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation.

The RETREAT TEAM will NOT meet this Tuesday, January 10 because of finals.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL INFORMATIONAL MEETING!

We will be having one more informational meeting about World Youth Day (WYD) 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on Wednesday, January 25 at 7 pm in the Youth Room. This trip will be open to all current Freshmen and older, including college students. Information will be shared about the trip, fundraising and registration.

World Youth Day (WYD) is a pilgrimage of faith when the Holy Father calls his youth to himself for five days of prayer, meditation, and instruction. With this are also much sightseeing, cultural experiences, and the opportunity to interact with Catholic youth from all over the world. WYD brings together Catholic youth from over 150 countries to learn about their faith and celebrate it. It is characterized by the happiness of youth being with the Pope and with each other. At WYD 201, participants will learn how Brazilian Catholics live their faith and also experience life in their country. We will be traveling with other churches from our area. Although this trip should be fun for the participants, please be aware that it is a Pilgrimage, not a vacation. The main focus of the trip is the spiritual aspect. WYD 2013 will take place July 21-29, 2013. Our parish will be running a trip for High School and College students. You must be at least 16 years old by the start of the trip. Information and applications will be available at the informational meetings.

Ministry Assignments: January 14 & 15

Altar Servers

Saturday, January 14

4:30 P.M.—Samuel Gamez & Devin Braun

Sunday, January 15

8:00 A.M.—Maggie Tierney & Joseph Mooney

10:00 A.M.—Kevin & Darryl Forbes

12:00 P.M.—Olivia LaPointe & Ashley Barger

Crossbearers

Saturday, January 14

4:30 P.M.—Walter Shiffer

Sunday, January 15

8:00 A.M.—Steve Fenner

10:00 A.M.—Dennis Prepejchal

12:00 P.M.—Jonathan Villanueva

Lectors

Saturday, January 14

4:30 P.M.—Marilyn Pickers & Larry Gumieny

Sunday, January 15

8:00 A.M.—Joseph Marks & Deb Darzinskis

10:00 A.M.—Elsa Dennis & Pat Wheeler

12:00 P.M.—Christine Atwell & Theresa Wagner

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, January 14

4:30 P.M.—Dorothy Winograd, Carmen Afryl, Mary Anne Blair, Patti Duranty, Martha DeFily, Margaret Nadherny, Kristin Bladek, Richard Wood

Sunday, January 15

8:00 A.M.—Steve Wirtas, Don Kasarcik, Ron Dilger, Darren DiMaria, Marge Dawson, Shirley Putz, Bob & Maureen Bakshis

10:00 A.M.—Tom McClelland, Michael Pfeiffer, Carmen Guarino, Gwendolyn & Charles Campbell, Robert Wheeler, Frank Michalik, Laurie Kagann

12:00 P.M.—Judith Borowy, Sonja & James Rudny, Beth McMahon, Lydia Jacobson, Jodi Huntley, Jeffry Atwell, Rick Voss

Mass Coordinators

Saturday, January 14

4:30 P.M.—Mary Carrigan

Sunday, January 15

8:00 A.M.—Corinne Steagall

10:00 A.M.—Bill Heffernan

12:00 P.M.—Justin Villanueva

Ushers

We thank our ushers, who serve us every weekend at our liturgies. Visit the Parish web site for a full list of those who serve each week at www.stscholasticaparish.org

Readings & Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9;
Mk 1:7-11

8:30 A.M.—Aurora Reynoso †—*Reynoso Family*

Tuesday, January 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time (First Week in Ordinary Time)

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

6:30 A.M.—Ray Munday †—*Knights*

Tim Cremeens †—*Pam Baticados*

Angelina Kesterson—*Gamez Family*

Wednesday, January 11, Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

8:30 A.M.—Michael O'Connor †—*Lawlor Family*

Vivian Janowiak †—*Tuch Family*

Therese Dwyer †—*Meiners Family*

Gretchen Saur—*Phil & Paula Crow*

Ray Munday †—*Bertha & Sid Hayman*

Thursday, January 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

6:30 A.M.—Steve Vlk †—*Tony & Pat Baniewicz*

Friday, January 13, Weekday in Ordinary Time Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

8:30 A.M.—John Tallon †—*Linda Tallon*

Saturday, January 14, Weekday in Ordinary Time BVM

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

4:30 P.M.—The Parish Family of St. Scholastica

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

8:00 A.M.—Ann Sulek †—*Dawson Family*

10:00 A.M.—Eufrocina Navarro †—*Reynoso Family*

12:00 P.M.—Bonnie Muehleman †—*Nugent Family*

1:30 P.M.—BAPTISMS

3:30 P.M.—DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

- Sir John Beaumont

PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

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