



Dear Parishioners,

As we approach October, let us remember that in October we especially focus upon two themes. First, traditionally October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Second, it is also Respect Life Month. Being both, we are especially encouraged by the Church to pray the Rosary for respect for all human life. If everyone and every family would at least pray a decade of the Rosary each day of October, this would be a wonderful way to participate in the Pro-Life cause, which has its foundation in prayer. When 50 million some children have perished through legalized abortion since 1973 and the culture of death keeps expanding even to the point of the possibility of the federal government taking away our rights of conscience to not cooperate in any anti-life activities, we need first to pray. Pray for the change of hearts. Pray for our nation's leaders. Pray for mercy upon our country. Pray for all who have been deceived by the culture of death and believe that the killing, whether of innocent children in the womb or the sick and elderly, is the only solution to difficult personal problems. So, during this upcoming month of October let us commit ourselves to praying that the Gospel of Life that Jesus proclaims to us will be embraced by all in our society.

Have a wonderful week.
God Bless, Fr. Gutowski

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE

All boys and girls ages 10-14 (as of September 1) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. The local competition will be held Saturday, September 24 at 12:00 P.M. at the Springfield Soccer Complex. In the event of inclement weather a rain date is set for Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 P.M. Forms are available at www.SSAP.org.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Very soon you should be receiving in the mail information and a pledge card for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, formerly known as Feed My Sheep. You are asked to give some prayerful thought to your response. You can make your offering a one-time gift or spread it out over the year. More information will follow.



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPT. 19 THRU SEPT. 25

	Priest's Intention	Monday
Tuesday	Jim Banarck	
Wednesday	Thomas Duffy	
Thursday	Paul Wenzl	
	William Roth	Friday
Saturday	Frances Herman	
Sunday	People of St. Joseph	

LAST QUARTER ENVELOPES

You should have received or will soon be receiving your last quarter envelopes. Please check them to see that you get your envelopes. Also if you do not get envelopes at all, please call Sharon at 402-253-2459 ASAP so she can get a set to you.

HELP NEEDED FROM MINISTERS

We need volunteers to help with the Christmas Masses. Needed are as follows:

- Midnight Mass: 1 EMEs, 2 Lectors, 2 Servers**
- 9 a.m. Christmas Mass: 1 Lector, 2 Servers**

If you can help, please call Sharon VanTassell as soon as possible.

There will be a life chain at the corner of Highway 50 & Platteview Road on Sunday, October 2, from 2 - 3 p.m. Bring your walkmans and radios to listen to listen to KGBI. Signs to carry will be provided. Bring a chair if you need one.

DO YOU HAVE A KEYBOARD

The music department needs a keyboard to borrow to have so we do not have to move the piano to the rectory. We have practice for the Youth Choir during the first session of RE. We cannot practice in the church as it would disturb the classes. We must practice at the rectory but would like a keyboard to use there. If you have one lying around gathering dust and would loan it to us until the church renovation is complete, please call Sharon at the

