



Dear Parishioners,

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving as we celebrate this holiday this week. As we give Our Lord thanks for all of His blessings, we have the opportunity to show Him our gratitude by participating in the ecumenical Thanksgiving service at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evening at First United Methodist Church and/or by attending Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 AM. Also, I desire to express my thanks to all of you for all the various ways that you support the life of our parish throughout the year and for your prayers for and support of me as your pastor. This is something for which I am most grateful at Thanksgiving.

Also, congratulations to the sixteen children in our religious education program who made their First Reconciliation this last Wednesday evening. Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue to prepare to receive their First Holy Communions in the spring. Their names are listed in this week's bulletin. I know that their families are joyful as they make these steps in receiving these wonderful sacraments with which Our Lord has blessed us in order to keep us in His life of grace and close to His Heart.

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.

God bless you, Fr. Gutowski



Mass Intentions for the Week

NOV. 25 THRU DEC. 1

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Fr. Robert Preisinger
Wednesday	Priest's Intention
Thursday	Fr. Ralph Librea
Friday	William Meister
Saturday	Dorine Amerine
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

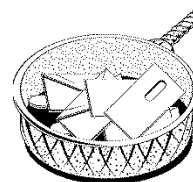


RE HAPPENINGS

No RE November 27. Happy Thanksgiving!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the nine parishioners who volunteered to be on the Sunday money counting teams. Your time and effort is very much appreciated. We also thank Loretta DeMarco and Tom Ramm for many years of counting money.



DECEMBER MONEY COUNTERS

Dorothy Hilleman-Larry Vacek-Teresa Belter

STEPHENS' CENTER

Many thanks to John and Kari Cronican, Julia Cronican and Kari's mother, Rosemary Gracey for preparing and serving the dinner at the Stephens' Center this past week. May God bless you all.

K OF C FOOD DRIVE

The K of C would like to express their gratitude to Seth Starks, Luke Polenz, Abby Patera, Maddie Erhart, Tyler Matson and Whitney Pratt, Teresa Starks and Kathy Long for their help in making the Food Drive a success.

**HOLY FAMILY SHRINE CONCERTS**

The Holy Family Shrine will host three concerts in December 2013. The first will feature the Catholic Home School with Kathy Graeve from noon to 3 p.m. on Dec. 1. These children will warm your hearts with songs of the Christmas season. Mrs. Claus will also be here with cookies and other goodies.

On Dec. 8, at 5 p.m. Matthew and Kathy Mayer with Phil and Jeanne Rulhman will present wonderful spiritual music. The Shrine has been blessed with the appearance of these gifted singers and musicians in the past. Please plan to celebrate the Season of Christmas with the surroundings of the Shrine mixed with music from these talented Christian singers.

On Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m. Jim Nailon and some guests from St. Thomas Moore will make a repeat performance at the Shrine. The Shrine has been blessed to have Jim perform for many people, many times in the setting of the Chapel. Please come and enjoy songs written and performed by Jim. You'll enhance your life with the peace of the Chapel and a voice like no other.

All concerts will be followed by a reception. All donations go to the support of the Shrine.

To get to the Shrine take I-80 to exit 432 and go south 1 mile on Hwy. 31 to Pflug Road, turn right on Pflug Road and go 1 mile west. Call the Shrine at 402-332-4565 with questions.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Please mark your calendars for the next Springfield Community Blood Drive. Sunday Dec. 8th, from 8:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M. at the Springfield Fire Hall. To make a app. call [402-253-8301](tel:402-253-8301) or go to www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code 009111. Thank You, the Red Cross and St Joseph Knights of Columbus, Sponsor.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Let us congratulate the following Second graders and one Fifth grader for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:

Brielyn Barthuly	Veronica Cacka
Zach Chubb	Malissa Cyr
Avery Klusmire	Carter Moore
Reed Patera	Lily Rosser
Jack Schram	Caden Smart
Kaitlyn Suggitt	Hannah Tagel
Nathan Thomas	Ben Tuttle
John Tuttle	Elizabeth Welsh

