



Dear Parishioners,

As Christmas approaches, with a week and a half of Advent remaining, I encouraged everyone to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, if you have not already done so. This Monday evening, December 16, at 7:00 PM, we will have our Advent Penance Service at which there will be another priest besides myself available for hearing confessions. Also, starting on Thursday, December 19, I will be offering an extended schedule of confessions, so that there is ample opportunity for receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's birth. Please see the bulletin for these times. Of course, you may go to another parish, if you so choose, for confession. Jesus was born to take away our sins, so let us allow him to give us this greatest gift to us during Advent. In this week's bulletin, there is an insert with an examination of conscience to aid you in making your confession.

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.

God bless you, Fr. Gutowski



DEC. 16 THRU DEC. 22

Monday	Geri Ross
Tuesday	Charlotte Plata
Wednesday	Rev. Ralph Librea
Thursday	David Beck
Friday	Mary Jane Knott
Saturday	Edith Kantor
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE CONCERT

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.

THANK YOU

On a snowy wintery day, Springfield and the surrounding area showed their willingness and dedication to donate Blood. Our goal was 45 units and we collected 46. I say a job well done, on not so nice of a day. Thanks to all who made the effort to donate, to the donors, local merchants and the Fire Department. Without all of your help our Blood Drives would not be successful. Thank You from the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus (Sponsors) and the Red Cross.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

For the 4th year in a row the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus are giving away New Winter Coats (and with the help from some friends of the Knights, hats and gloves will also be given with the coats) to children in need. Sizes range from 7 thru 16 for girls and 8 thru 18 for boys. If you have a child or children in need or know of someone in need call [402-707-8426](tel:402-707-8426) or talk to the Human Resources person at the schools. This is a totally confidential project. Thanks the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Springfield.