



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Dear Parishioners,

DEC. 19 THRU DEC. 25

As we enter the last week of Advent in preparation for Christmas, if you have not already received the sacrament of Penance I encourage you to do so. Whether you come here to St. Joseph (see the confession schedule in the bulletin, especially noting the reconciliation service on Wednesday, December 21st when two other priests will be here to help hear confessions) or choose to go to another parish, there is no better spiritual preparation for Christmas than going to confession.

Monday		Kenneth Munsinger
Tuesday		Kaia Bender
Wednesday		Joe Fibich
Thursday		William Roth
Friday		Lloyd Royal
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Priest's Int.
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Matthew Hilleman
Saturday	Midnight	Ed & Bernice Boro
Sunday		People of St. Joseph

Remember that if one is conscious of having committed any mortal sin (for example, deliberately not attending Mass on Sunday or a holy day of obligation without a serious reason to do so such as an incapacitating illness, deliberately committing sins of impurity against the sixth commandment, etc.) one should go to confession as soon as is possible and must do so before receiving Holy Communion again. As I did last year before Christmas, I am putting in the bulletin an examination of conscience sheet to assist you in knowing what you need to confess. Jesus was born into our world to save us from our sins and therefore gave us the sacrament of Reconciliation as the place where we personally receive His mercy and forgiveness of our sins. The peace that comes to us when we receive this beautiful sacrament is His Christmas gift to us.

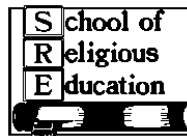
RE HAPPENINGS

There is NO RE December 21 or 28. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God bless and have a wonderful grace-filled week. Fr. Gutowski

YEAR END & STATEMENTS

We will close our books on January 14. You have until then to make contributions credited to 2011. After that, statements will be sent to those who request one. If you want a statement, please call Sharon VanTassell at 402-253-2459 or leave a message. Anyone who got one last year will automatically get one this year so you will not have to call. To save costs, statements will only go to those who request them.



THANK YOU

Once again, on behalf of the Red Cross and Springfield Knights of Columbus (Sponsors) I want to say thanks to all the people who took time to donate Blood and to the few that made the effort but were unable to donate. We had another HUGH SUCCESS, our goal was 34 units we collected 41 units. Springfield Pride Shines Again ! Also thanks to the Fire Dept for use of their building and the help of the Firemen and City employees which goes unseen. Please mark your calanders for Feb 26th, our next schedule drive. Ralph Meister Blood Drive Cord.

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