



June 28, 2008 – June 29, 2009  
**YEAR OF ST. PAUL**  
The Great Evangelizer  
Martyr for the Love of Christ

**JANUARY 4, 2009**  
**EPIPHANY OF**  
**THE LORD**



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CALL THE RECTORY

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

AT LEAST 6 MONTH NOTICE AND  
ATTENDANCE AT ENGAGED  
COUPLES CONFERENCE

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK**

CALL THE RECTORY AT 465-4142

**CONFESSIONS**

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT  
ST. JOSEPH

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When it's Christmas all of us are Magi.

At the grocers' all slipping and pushing.

Where a box of candy is the cause of a human assault-wave  
by a crowd heavy-laden with parcels:  
each one his own king, his own camel.

Plastic bags, paper bags, caps and scarves all twisted up sideways.  
Smells of liquor, oranges, apples and cinnamon.

And the bearers of moderate gifts lead into cars  
and disappear down side streets and country roads."

These words were written as his annual Christmas poem, "December 24, 1971," by Joseph Brodsky who came to the United States in 1972, an involuntary exile from the Soviet Union. They remind us that when it comes to visiting the baby Jesus, each one of us is a king or queen travelling by car or camel. Regardless of our age or economic state in life, each of us brings our humble gift to the crib. A simple trip through the grocery store is our journey to Bethlehem today.

"Emptiness. But the mere thought of that  
brings forth lights as if out of nowhere,  
Herod reigns but the stronger he is,  
the more sure, the more certain the wonder.

In the constancy of this relation  
is the basic mechanics of Christmas.

That's what they celebrate everywhere,  
for its coming push tables together.

No demand for a star for a while,  
but a sort of good will touched with grace  
can be seen in all men from afar,  
and the shepherds have kindled their fires."

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sat., Jan. 3 – Holy Name of Jesus

5:00 PM (SJ) Millie Tyler  
Charles Fitch  
Ken Missig

### Sun., Jan. 4 – Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM (SA) Vi Baker  
10:30 AM (SJ) Walter & Margaret Schlachter  
Richard, Alvin & Edna Fritz

### Mon., Jan. 5 – St. John Neumann

NO MASS

### Tues., Jan. 6 – Blessed Andre Bessette

7:00 PM (SA) Agnes Morman

### Wed., Jan. 7 – St. Raymond of Penafort

8:15 AM (SJ) Edward Corbett

### Thurs., Jan. 8

8:15 AM (SJ) Rev. E. J. Miller

### Fri., Jan. 9

8:15 AM (SJ) Clifford Wilhelm

### Sat., Jan. 10

5:00 PM (SJ) Kelly & Todd Jones  
Steve Gerber

### Sun., Jan. 11 – Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM (SA) Richard Dreschel  
10:30 AM (SJ) Rev. R. J. Miller  
Richard Gerber

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Is.60:1-6/Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt. 2:1-12

MON-1 Jn. 3:22; 4:6/Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25

TUE-1 Jn. 4:7-10/Mk. 6:34-44

WED-1 Jn. 4:11-18/Mk. 6:45-52

THU-1 Jn. 4:19; 5:4/Lk. 4:14-22a

FRI-1 Jn. 5:5-13/Lk. 5:12-16

SAT-1 Jn. 5:14-21/Jn. 3:22-30

## CONTRIBUTIONS – DEC 28 & CHRISTMAS

**St. Joseph**-Sunday-4,025 (126 env.), Loose-1,179.25, Holy Day-56, 50/50-55, St. VdeP-50, Children-44.05, Bldg. Fund-20, Fuel-30, School Supp-70, Initial-35, , Flowers-65, Christmas-12,926 (216 env.), Christmas Loose-615, Rel. Ret-210.

**St. Alphonsus**-Sunday-3,547 (67 env.), Loose-66.06, Children-8, Holy Day-12, Vigil Lights-32, Flowers-12, Christmas-7,920 (124 env.) Christmas Loose-434.60, Rel. Ret.-2, Needy-50, Initial-10.

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in 2009 to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, Jan. 10 – 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

**L** Adam Mastroianni, Nancy Alt  
**U** **Jeff Clark**, Kevin or Kyle Fries, Ron Stieber  
**EM** **Geri Myers**, Sheila Meikle, John Miller, Betty Schafer, Shirley Stang  
**S** Breanna & Hayley Kramer, George Latteman

### Sunday, Jan. 11 – 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus

**L** Robin Welch, Sue Schindley  
**U** Glenn Brooks, Charlie Nay, Larry Hanneman, Charles Fritz  
**EM** Jim & Cheryl Wasiniak, Mike & Diane Wasiniak, Tom Smith, Mary Ott, Jeanette Ott, Bob & Alice Crist  
**S** Michael Hanneman, Colton & Mitchell Ott  
**G** Rose & Denny Perry

### Sunday, Jan. 11 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph

**L** Mike Adelman, Sandy Lonz  
**U** **Joe Brown**, Chris Gies, Craig Selka  
**EM** **Julie Jarrett**, Richard & Marilyn Palmer, Chris Raftery, Sue Rogers, Carol Stieber  
**S** Bailey & Brent Bollenbacher

## COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

JAN 11 – Betty Schafer

## COUNTERS – JAN. 5

Bob & Eileen Simon, Annabelle Meyer, Catherine, Rose & Denny Perry, Nancy Wilson & Sheila Stang

## BINGO – JAN. 5

CREW #1: Mike Kluding, Jackie or Dave Schafer, Deb Smith, Judy Gerber, Marie Burson, Tony Darr

FOOD: Holly & Kyle Appeman

KITCHEN: Chastity Heck, Marcia Reed

BAKERS: Jill Sitterly, Judi Bollenbacher, Krista Smith

SET UP: Becky Gies

WINDOW: Terri Russ

## BIRTHDAYS



JAN 5-Alfred Feuerstein, Barbra

Good, James Limbird, Cheri

Schaffer JAN 6-Judi Bollenbacher,

Susan Burrow, Dylan Myers, Jane

Phillips, Mike Reilly, Joseph Smith JAN 7-Evan

Heyman, Colten Millis, Isaac Roeder JAN 8-Zachary

Crane, Kyle Long, Charles Ringholz, Carolyn Ruffing,

Paul Temple JAN 9-Elizabeth Clark, Nathaniel Good,

Samuel Morrison, Curt Stang JAN 10-Kaylin Hauler,

J oanne Montana, Daniel Stieber JAN 11-Mindy

Gies, Linda Kamann, Shelley Mark

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

**BINGO** Monday night in the Social Center.

Doors open at 5; Bingo starts at 6:45.

**MEETING** Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Alphonsus for parents of students who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

**PSR** next Sunday at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph and at 9:30 at St. Alphonsus.

## **AREA EVENTS**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT** Breakfast & Bake Sale Sunday, Jan. 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier, Willard. Adults: \$6; Children: \$3.



## **COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS**

To celebrate the feast of St. John Neumann, St. Alphonsus will serve coffee & doughnuts in the parish hall after Mass next weekend.

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

The monthly Second Collection for the needy will be next weekend after all Masses.

## **2009 ANNUAL FUND**

The 2009 Annual Fund Kickoff has been moved back to Jan. 17-18. This two week adjustment will allow families and businesses to sort their priorities and hopefully continue to invest in St. Joseph School.

## **LADIES OF ST. ALPHONSUS**

The January Hostesses are Sue Schindley and Jeanette Ott. The Committee is: Sarah Burger, Sarah Camp, Joanne Cherry, Connie Farmer, Marissa Hamernik, Maryellen Hamernik, Sharon Jackson, Patricia Kluding, Ann Kocher, Darlene Krupp, Rita Linder, Sharon Linder, Ileta Meyer, Mary Ott, Rosemarie Ott.

## **LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH**

The January Chairladies are Jane Hedrick, Tonya Heuring and Sheila Meikle. The Committee is all ladies whose birthdays are in January.

## **RECERTIFICATION FOR EUCHARISTIC**

**MINISTERS** will take place at St. Mary, Norwalk on January 7 from 7-9 p.m. All current Eucharistic Ministers and those who are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister are encouraged to attend.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone that brought food and helped out with the luncheon for the Joe Blanton family.

Karla Blanton & Family

## **NON-FOOD BANK**

The next Huron County Non-Food Bank will be held Thursday, January 15 from 2-5 p.m. at Congregational Community Church. Donations of the following items would be much appreciated:

Toilet paper	Paper Towels
Bar Soap	Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap	Toothpaste
Trash Bags	Shampoo
Multi-use Cleaner	

Items can be left at the back of either church.

## **MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING BLESSINGS**

to Bea Feuerstein, Ray and Mary Jane Gerber, Jeanette Leibold, Kim Neill, Gary Rasnick, Adam Schafer, George Stepanic, Jim Smith, & Tom V.

## **CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE**

All Saints Church, 628 Lime City Rd., Rossford invites you a Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on Monday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. The Sacrament of the Sick and individual Prayer Ministry will be offered immediately following Mass.

## **CELEBRATE THE SEASON**

St. Francis Xavier, Willard will present an evening of fine dining and live entertainment with musical guest Darryl Gatlin on Saturday, Jan. 24. Hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:30 p.m. with Dinner at 6 and musical entertainment from 7-9.

Guests will have their choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roasted Pork Loin.

To reserve your tickets now call 419-935-1149. Tickets are \$25 each.

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 23-25, 2009 call 419-690-0083 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



## **Top 10 New Year's Resolutions**

- 1. Lose Weight and Get in Better Physical Shape**
- 2. Stick to a Budget**
- 3. Debt Reduction**
- 4. Enjoy More Quality Time with Family & Friends**
- 5. Find My Soul Mate**
- 6. Quit Smoking**
- 7. Find a Better Job**
- 8. Learn Something New**
- 9. Volunteer and Help Others**
- 10. Get Organized**