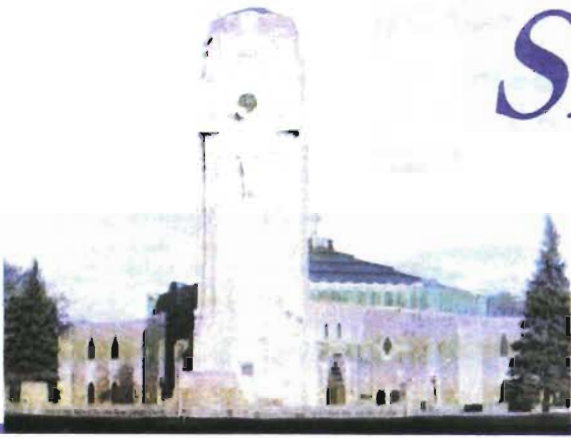


# Shrine Herald

National Shrine of the Little Flower  
Royal Oak, Michigan

Fourth Sunday in Advent  
December 23, 2001

*"We proclaim Jesus as Lord and ourselves  
as your servants for His sake."*



## Bearings

Notes from Monsignor Easton

### 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

When Christmas falls on a Monday, the Fourth Week of Advent is barely 24 hours long. This year, with Christmas on a Tuesday, the Fourth Week of Advent is a whole 48 hours. We barely celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and then it is instantly Christmas Eve.

This year with warm weather, no snow, and a shorter than usual Fourth Week of Advent, Christmas seems to have come very quickly. The housekeeper was lamenting that Christmas was too early this year, to which Father Gerardi responded, "It always comes on the 25th, how can it be too early?"

In the midst of all the hustle and preparations to celebrate Christmas, let us never forget the reason for Christmas. We celebrate the Mystery of the Incarnation, the wonderful fact that the Word took on flesh that Jesus was born a man and is still present with us.

#### 4th Sunday of Advent



She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Mt. 1:21

### Christmas Hope

This year, 2001, Christmas comes even in the shadow of September 11th. There are many that will feel sadness as they experience their first Christmas without a loved one lost in the great tragedy of that day. There are others who anxiously pray for loved ones deployed in active service defending our freedom. There are great numbers who are refugees, and others who experience first hand the ravages of war. Even in Bethlehem, the place of—the Savior's birth, the celebration is all but muted by violence and terrorism. Now with a new felt urgency, there is the need for the hope offered by the birth of a child who is the Savior of the world, the Prince of Peace. Into this world riddled with strife and hatred, He comes to call us to rejoice in His Peace.

Let us pray for peace in the world, in our communities, in our homes, and in our hearts. Let us pray for an end to war and terrorism. Let us work for the dignity of all people at every stage of life. Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem and peace in Bethlehem.

May the hope of Christ light all the days of your lives and give you courage in the days to come.

### Christmas Crowds Church Seating

Someone remarked that it is just not fair that those who attend Mass every week and support the church through their Sunday offerings are displaced from their "regular seats" by the influx of Christmas visitors. It was even suggested that to get a seat on Christmas you should be required to show your Sunday Envelope. Others suggested tickets for "reserved seating." Although some would favor these approaches, they are certainly not in the best interest of hospitality or the true spirit of the Eucharist.

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## National Shrine Of The Little Flower Advent And Christmas 2001 Schedule



### Christmas Mass Schedule Christmas Vigil,

Monday, December 24  
4:00 PM Children's Mass  
7:00 PM Vigil Mass  
11:00 PM Choir Program  
Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day,

Tuesday, December 25  
7:30, 9:00, 10:45 AM, 12:30 PM

### New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31  
4:30, 6:30 PM

### New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2001  
9:00, 10:45 AM

## Week of December 23 - 29, 2001

Sun. 12/23	Mon. 12/24	Tues. 12/25	Wed. 12/26	Thurs. 12/27	Fri. 12/28	Sat. 12/29
Masses: 7:30, 9, 10:45 am 12:30 pm Life Teen Mass 6 pm Rosary Devotion Adoration Chapel 5 pm Life Teen Christmas Caroling After 6 pm Mass	Masses: 6:30 & 8:30 am <b>Christmas Eve</b> Children's Liturgy 4 pm Christmas Vigil Liturgy 7 pm Christmas Concert 11 pm Midnight Mass	<b>Christmas Day</b> Masses: 7:30, 9 and 10:45 am 12:30 pm	Masses: 6:30 & 8:30 am Life Teen Drop-In Night Life Teen Room 6:45-9 pm Holy Hour Church 7:30 pm	Masses: 6:30 & 8:30 am	Masses: 6:30 & 8:30 am Philippine Study Group Coughlin Bldg 7 pm	Mass: 8:30 am Confessions Church 3-4 pm <b>Sunday Liturgy</b> <b>4:30 &amp; 6:30 pm</b> <b>Sunday 12/30</b> Sunday Liturgies Rosary Devotion Regular Schedule No Life Night



## We Ask You To Remember The Following In Your Prayers:



Margrete Baber  
Gloriann Bailey  
Colleen Banish  
Eloise Barner  
Donald L. Brennan  
Doris Brusca  
Sarah Calomeni  
Brenda Campbell  
Mary Edith  
Carruthers  
Hannah Caton  
Margaret Cavanaugh  
Robert Chance  
Pansy Christie  
Beverly Clouse  
Robert Copley  
Christian Corey  
Anita R. Costa  
Lilia Crosa  
James Czarski  
Albert D'Angelo  
Norma D'Acoust  
Linda Davis  
Margaret Davis  
Joseph DeFauw  
Marianne DeMoss  
Ethel Dixon  
George Dreachslin  
Raul de Castro  
Maryanne Dunigan  
Gary Eisenhauer  
Robert Eskola  
Mary Fitzpatrick  
June Foley  
Don Fowler

Lynn C. Frank  
Michael Franz  
Andrew Gagnier  
James Gallagher  
John Gauthier  
Patricia Giering  
Joan Giblin  
Victoria Gilbert  
Mary Ann Gipprich  
Ruth Gleason  
Shirley Haffey  
Jerry Hamel  
Allan Harlukowicz  
Richard M. Herr  
Wilma Ann Herr  
Donald Hoey  
Barbara Horuath  
Claudia Iannuzzi  
Eileen Jackson  
Joanne Jarvis  
Jason Jocque  
Julia Jurgelonis  
Ivan K.  
Ottis Kees  
Marty Kelly  
Melissa King  
Thresea Kwapisz  
Lorraine Kretch  
Eleanor Lajoie  
David Lawson  
Donna Lawson  
Everette Lawson  
Gene Lawson  
Edward Lewan  
Theresa Luke

Bob Madurski  
Gwen Maes  
Florence Malec  
Alford Mayo  
William McCormick  
Alexis McGuier  
Harold Meininger  
Georgia Menendez  
Bernadette Menni  
Bushra Mesi  
Emmett Mills, Jr.  
Richard Moores  
Elizabeth Murray  
Emma Naum  
Miguel Noa  
Reinaldito Noa  
John O'Connell, Jr.  
William Oldford  
Margaret Olsen  
Joseph Panzica  
Murielle Panzica  
Cheryl Patrick  
Jody Pearsall  
Samantha Pearsall  
Clara Pfeiffer  
Tony Polito  
Jacqueline Prentice  
Joyce Putansu  
Paul Rice  
Marie Riegel  
Maria Robinson  
Thomas Robinson  
Phyllis Ruhl  
Amanda Sagert  
Pat & Jennie Sankuer

Gerhard Schienke  
Ruth Schwalk  
Evelyn Sever  
Nina Sewell  
Wayne Andrew Shields  
Stanley Sidor  
Grace Smith  
Samantha Smith  
Jared Snyder  
Timothy Sullivan  
Jerome Supperstine  
Irene Surace  
Kenneth Tangney  
Clara Temple  
Barbara Twydell  
Beatrice Vai  
Julius Vai  
Michele Villerot  
Catherine Warner  
Elizabeth Warner  
Fern Widgren  
Ten Widgren  
Karl Wolfe  
Shafika Yaldo  
Venice Yaldo  
Jaad Yousif

## Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of:

Robert Eskola  
Elizabeth Gentile

# Bearings (cont.)

## Notes from Monsignor Easton

In the house of the Lord we all gather around the table of the Lord, tax collector and Pharisee, saint and sinner, visitor and parishioner. The only deference shown should be toward the elderly, the disabled, and the little ones. Common sense and courtesy should be exercised at all times.

If you want to sit in a particular place, come early. If you want to sit together, arrive together and take your seats together where there is room. It is impolite, even rude, to territorially stake claim to pews or sections reserving them for people who have not yet arrived. How would you feel if you gathered your small children, walked all the way to the front of a section where there appears to be an empty pew, only to be told that it is saved for others, and then had to turn and make your way back with your children asking why they couldn't sit there? The Eucharist is the gathering of the family of faith around the Lord's table. It is not a Pine Knob concert on the lawn where you spread out blankets to stake out your personal place.

### Parking Lot

With many more people in church on Christmas, the parking lot can quickly become a nightmare. Once again, common courtesy should reign. Be patient. Give way to the other driver. Arrive with enough time to comfortably park and enter church. Do not come so early that the previous Mass is not yet concluded. People need time to leave church and empty the parking lot. Remember if you come late, you will most likely have to park farther from the church only making you even later.

On a few occasions in the recent past we have had people with real emergencies who had to leave Mass early only to find their car blocked in by cars parked in the exit lanes. We then had to make other arrangements to get them to the hospital as quickly as possible.

Please be courteous and thoughtful toward one another.



### Rosie and Carlito

"All the stockings were hung by the chimney with care." Who ever saw a cockatoo in socks? Carlito had nothing to hang. For Rosie, socks are those things that belong to Monsignor that you chew holes in. Even if she did hang a sock everything would just fall out the gaping holes she made in them. Well, Saint Nick is pretty inventive so we will just leave it to him.

### Notice To All Eucharistic Ministers

Please remember to volunteer to serve as a Minister when you attend Mass during the Holiday Season. Because we always have many visitors during the Christmas Masses, we will need more Ministers at each Service than normal. So, please come forward to serve.



### Holiday Office Hours



Dec. 24—  
Christmas Eve Office closes at noon

Dec. 25—Christmas Day Closed

Dec. 26, 27, 28  
Open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
No evening hours

Dec. 29, Saturday  
Open 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Dec. 31—New Year's Eve  
Open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Jan. 1 — New Year's Day Closed

Jan. 2 — Wednesday  
Normal office hours

It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for "God is Charity" (1 Jn 4:8)

—St. Albert the Great



### Early Deadline

Articles for the January 6, 2002 edition are due by December 28, 2001. Articles should be e-mailed to [churford@shrinechurch.com](mailto:churford@shrinechurch.com) or if necessary, they may be typed single spaced and brought to the Parish Office by 3:00 PM.

Thank you,  
Carolyn Hurford

### The Jail Ministry

Praise God for the generous giving from the Shrine Parish. We now have enough new white socks for the Christmas Jail Project, and we will be able to donate some to the Warming Center and Shelter Program.

It is a holiday custom to hang up socks to be filled with gifts and treats. The Shrine Family has now given a whole new meaning to the tradition of Christmas socks. The socks themselves become the gift given, warming the feet and hearts of so many that need to know someone cares.

Thank you for all you do in His name.

Joan Wyss

### The Shrine Ladies Guild

MAY the SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS bring you PEACE and HAPPINESS now and throughout the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Shrine Ladies Guild  
Stay Well  
Jean Rosenbach



Christmas Eve				Christmas Day			
Mass	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	Midnight Mass	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	12:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Gerardi	Fr. Thibodeau	Msgr. Easton	Fr. Smits	Fr. Gerardi	Msgr. Easton	Fr. Thibodeau
Servers	Suzanne Redigan Erin Gleason Katherine Clark Margaret Clark	Holly Stamps Lauren Merriott Cait Sullivan Jennifer Kudsin	Joel Marquard Dan Palmer Neal Cole A Cheff Jeff Cornillie Brian Budzyn		Tim Jakobiec Ben Jakobiec Scott Wloszek Dan Cleary	Joseph Kehoe Joe Falcon Tyler Ruhle Adam Ruhle Mike McCloskey	Andrew Phillips Brad Phillips Patrick O'Hara Daniel Farhat

### December 30, 2001 Feast Of The Holy Family

Mass	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	12:30 PM	6:00 PM
Presider	Fr. Thibodeau	Fr. Smits	Fr. Smits	Fr. Thibodeau	Msgr. Easton	Fr. Thibodeau	Msgr. Easton
Servers	Chris Lau Ryan Murphy Sean Murphy Patrick Smith Connor Goddard	Joel Marquard	Suzanne Redigan Anna Falcon Leslie Skora Elyse Moon	Brian Budzyn Jeffery Budzyn Patrick O'Hara Tim O'Hara	Ben Jakobiec Tim Jakobiec Craig Hejka Scott Wloszek	Erin Archambault Catie Love Arielle Warshay Laura Mason	Teens
Hospitality	Margie Suchyta Team	Frank Scherer Team	MaryAnn Skaggs Team	Doug Vernier Team	Norm Thom Team	Team	Teens

Date	Dec 24, 26		Dec 27 - 29	
Mass	6:30 AM Mon, Wed	8:30AM Mon, Wed	6:30 AM Thur - Fri	8:30 AM Thur - Sat
Presider	Fr. Smits	Msgr. Easton Fr. Thibodeau	Msgr. Easton Fr. Smits	Fr. Smits Fr. Thibodeau Msgr. Easton
Server	Michael Kelly Joe Nadai	Kevin Redigan Brian Tait	Maria Smith Madeline Patterson	Kaitie Irvine Beth Wloszek

### Divine Life

#### Banns of Marriage First

Melissa Steinmetz &  
Mark Yanachick

#### Second

Kathy Fracassa & Mick Connealy

#### Third

Patricia Rossman & Galen Chandler

#### Baptized in Christ

Lindsey Katherine, daughter of  
Peter and Beth (Huck) Gawthrop  
Isabel Catherine, daughter of Jason  
and Jessica (Cheff) Luther  
Noah Michael, son of Katherine  
Schunck

### Mass Intentions

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2001 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 p.m. Sat. Elbin (Al) Burke

6:30 p.m. Sat. To Honor Mary,  
Mother of God

7:30 a.m. For the Intentions of the  
People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. †Eugene and †Amelia  
Makuch

10:45 a.m. †Mildred Hurley  
12:30 p.m. †Edward Buchta  
6:00 p.m. †Mario and †Ellen Bar-  
ber

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2001 LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. †Mildred A. Bivens

8:30 a.m. †Jack Nickel

#### VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:00 p.m. †John M. Gassmann

7:00 p.m. †Audrey Janelle

12:00 p.m. For the Intentions of the  
People of the Parish

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2001 CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 a.m. For the Intentions of the  
People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. †Carmen Anehla

10:45 a.m. †Veronica Agnes Zinger

12:30 p.m. †Barry Michael and  
†Stanley Michel Ducher

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2001

#### STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

6:30 a.m. †Jeane Strasser

8:30 a.m. †Mary Grady

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### Readings For The Week

#### Sunday, December 23:

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-3, 4ab, 5-6  
Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

#### Monday, December 24:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Lk 1:67-79

#### Tuesday, December 25:

#### CHRISTMAS

Vigil: Is 62:1-5

Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Mt 1:1-25

**Midnight:** Is 9:1-6

Ps 96:1-3, 11-13

Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12

Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12

Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6

Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

#### Wednesday, December 26:

#### STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

#### Thursday, December 27:

#### JOHN, APOSTLE,

#### EVANGELIST

1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:2-8

#### Friday, December 28:

#### THE HOLY INNOCENTS

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18

#### Saturday, December 29:

#### FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35



# Shrine of the Little Flower Schools



## Shrine Grade School

## Shrine Academy

## Shrine High School

### Academy News

The Shrine Academy Choir and Band presented their long-awaited Christmas program at Shrine Grade School this week. Congratulations to our talented musical staff for a wonderful show. Mrs. Diane Cragg conducts our school choir, presently composed of 7th Grade students, and Mr. John Parkinson conducts the Shrine Academy Band, which includes both 7th and 8th Grade students and is made up of 15 dedicated musicians. Our Shrine performing arts program provides an excellent outlet for students to develop their musical skills.

The Shrine Academy Faculty and Staff wish all our community a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas. May Christ come into your heart in a very special way this year.

Here is a selection from the poetry of a Shrine Academy creative writer:

### Jesus' Birth

I feel God's presence in the air As  
His Son is in Mary's loving care. I  
feel God's love everywhere, On this  
holy night He wants to share.

I hear the angels sing Glory to the  
newborn King. I hear the camels  
move, As they walk on their hooves.

I see a star shining bright, Above  
Jesus, our Saving Light. I see three  
traveling kings, Bearing gifts and  
wonderful things.

I know he is here to teach So that  
Heaven we may reach. I know he is  
the Chosen One, Jesus, God's only  
Son.

Jeff Budzyn  
Seventh Grade

*"Behold, the Virgin shall be  
with child and bear a son, and  
they shall name Him  
Emmanuel."*

MATTHEW 1:23

Shrine Catholic High School students, faculty and administration wish a Blessed Christmas to everyone in the Shrine Parish community. And may you enjoy the peace of Christ in the new year.

### THANK YOU

The Development Office is most grateful to our many benefactors who contribute to Shrine Catholic High School. The holiday season offers us another chance to formally say "thank you" for your belief in our mission to provide an education in the Catholic tradition to our young people and your support by sending Shrine your generous contributions.

- ◆ Thank you to the kind people who are assisting students with financial aid. The student recipients of your aid now have the opportunity to attend a Catholic college preparatory high school where the teachings of Jesus Christ are taught and where a student's religious beliefs are practiced and honored.
- ◆ Thank you to the many parishioners, alumni, current and alumni parents, and friends of Shrine High School who have answered, or plan to answer, our annual Christmas Appeal. This is the High School's largest fund-raiser and we are very pleased with the responses we are receiving.
- ◆ Thank you to the families of deceased loved ones who make Shrine High School their designated charity for memorial donations.
- ◆ Thank you to the golfers and volunteers who make our annual August Golf Outing a great event and fund-raiser for scholarships and tuition assistance. Everyone enjoys the outing!
- ◆ Thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard to create the annual Shrine Schools Auction. This event has provided much of the funding for the advancement of technology in all three Shrine

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At this Holy Season of  
Christmas the Shrine  
Grade School student body,  
teachers, and staff want to  
wish all of you a very  
blessed and joyful holiday.





## *A Christmas Message From Santa...*

Just a week before Christmas I had a visitor. I just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed, when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room and, to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree. He placed a finger over his mouth so I would not cry out.

"What are you doing?" I started to ask. The words choked up in my throat, as I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager boisterous soul we all know. He then answered me with a simple statement, "TEACH THE CHILDREN" I was puzzled; what did he mean? He anticipated my question, and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree. As I stood there bewildered, Santa said, "Teach the children! Teach them the meaning of Christmas. The meaning that children have forgotten!" Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it before the mantle. "Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year around, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind. All the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts toward heaven." He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. "Teach the children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a savior for the world, and the star was the sign of the fulfillment of that promise." He then reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDLE. "Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is in the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaced the darkness." Once again he reached into his bag and removed a WREATH and placed it on the tree. "Teach the children that the wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection." He then pulled out from his bag an ornament of HIMSELF. "Teach the children that I, Santa Clause symbolize the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December." He reached in again and pulled out a HOLLY LEAF. "Teach the children that the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the Crown of Thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly berries represent the blood shed by Him." Next he pulled out a GIFT from the bag and said, "Teach the children that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. Teach the children that the Wise Men bowed before the Holy Babe and presented Him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We should always give gifts in the same spirit as the Wise Men." Santa reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDY CANE and hung it on the tree. "Teach the children that the candy cane represents the shepherd's crook. The crook on the shepherds staff helps to bring back sheep who have strayed from the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brothers keeper." He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. "Teach the children that it was the Angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang Glory to God in the Highest, on earth peace, and good will toward men." Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, from his bag he pulled out a BELL. "Teach the children that the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should bring man to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return." Santa looked back at the tree and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw that the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Teach the children the true meaning of Christmas, and to not put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One That Is, and I bow down and worship Him, our Lord, our God."

*May God's Blessings Be With You and Your Family This Christmas and Always,  
Shrine Religious Formation*

*Christmas Break for Religious Formation Classes*

*Last Class—December 17th \* Preschool—December 16th*

*Classes Resume January 7th \* Preschool—January 6th*

## Holy Hour for Peace

Join us in a Holy Hour for Peace  
Wednesday  
at 7:30 PM  
in the Church.

## It Intrigues Me!

by Fr. Ron Kurzawa  
For Christmas, 2001

If only somewhere there could be found a Santa Claus who could guarantee that every Christmas wish would be granted! If I could find such a Santa, I would not hesitate to climb into his lap and speak my wish this year.

"Santa," I would say, "Eradicate the Eleventh of September from the year Two Thousand and One! Banish it forever! Let it never have been. Move us by some remarkable touch from the Tenth to the Twelfth."

If only!

And I am certain that I would not be alone in making this request.

But God isn't Santa and Christmas comes from God not Santa. God gives not always what we want but rather what we need.

This year, we need light. It is December and the darkness of the season reminds us of the darkness that in many ways surrounds us still. Christmas says to us that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light.

God gives us what we need and not always what we want. We need the Light that God offers, the true Light, the Light of the World.

It is the Light that can lead us out of the Darkness! It is a Light to be welcomed. Its wisdom ought to guide us. Its glow can bring us hope.

That is Christmas, 2001!

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# The Joy of Service

## Volunteer Work: A Commitment from the Heart

One of our Christian Service groups is the Shrine Ladies Guild. This group was established in 1963 under the direction of Fr. Coughlin. The Ladies Guild encourages the involvement of all women in the parish in a variety of religious, cultural, civic, and social activities. They host parish wide receptions (welcome and farewell) for our priests. They help the priests with special liturgies during the year (e.g. – Mass of the Anointing, the Anniversary Mass, and Lenten Evening of Reflection). They sponsor annual fundraisers. The funds are used to purchase items for the parish (e.g. – ceiling fans in the Coughlin Bldg., dishes and dishwasher for Seton Hall). A branch of the Ladies Guild, called the Mission Ladies, makes quilts and lap robes, which are distributed to area nursing homes, V.A. hospitals and the home-bound.

The heart of volunteerism is service and a belief that together we can make a difference in the world. As you can see, our Ladies Guild does make a difference in our parish. We appreciate their commitment and service to our parish community – The Ladies Guild welcomes new members and invites them to join in their active ministry. Please contact the parish office for more information at 541-4122.

## Attention

Attention anyone who was at the Parish Christmas Party: Someone inadvertently took home the wrong coat. If you have a black leather jacket with a plaid lining, and had removed someone else's gloves from your pocket before leaving the party, unfortunately, you have the wrong coat! Please contact Shondell Patterson at the Parish Offices 541-4122 to switch the coats. Thank you.

## Rosary For Life

Meet with us in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located in Seton Hall at 5:00 PM. We pray the Rosary each Sunday evening for the unborn and their struggle for life. Come and join your voice with ours in petition to the Lord.

## Shrine High School cont.

- schools.
- ◆ Thank you for answering your phone when our student volunteers call during the "Spring Ring" phone-a-thon. Money goes to support academic programs, athletics, extra-curricular and co-curricular programs, and special projects.
  - ◆ Thank you for your words of support, letters, alumni updates, drop-in visits, attendance at our athletic events, musicals and concerts, and for keeping the students, faculty and administration of Shrine Catholic High School in your prayers.

GOD BLESS YOU  
MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
HAPPY 2002!



## Vocations

All people are called to holiness. All people who focus on responding to the call to holiness and the call to discipleship are living out the common vocation of all. Each person is called to pursue holiness in a particular state of life. The call to a particular state is not something that carries with it degrees of holiness, but rather degrees of responsibility and service.

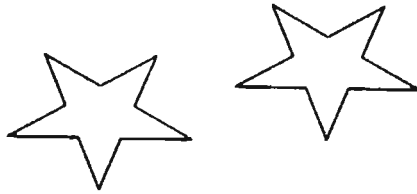
Calls from God to the religious life come in different ways: a sense of interior longing, a personal relationship with Christ, an attraction or desire to be of service to others in and through the Church, a suggestion or an invitation from a trusted person. Answering a call to priesthood or consecrated life requires commitment that grows more certain as each step is taken.

The task of promoting vocations requires a commitment of the whole Church. It calls for the active collaboration of bishops, vocation directors, pastors, consecrated religious, families, parishioners, ministers and all believers.

All forms of ordained ministry and consecrated life are all designed to make Christ known and loved in the world through prayer, example and service. May we, as a parish community, pray for vocations.

May we, as a parish community, be a source of encouragement and a good example of people who serve others with love and enthusiasm.

(Excerpts taken from Diocesan/Regional Congress Participant's Guide)



## Night Under The Stars 5th Auction A Success!!!

My name is Michele Brozek and I co-chaired the 5th Annual Night Under The Stars Auction with Margaret Stewart and Mary Kay Sonntag. We wish to take this opportunity to thank each person that we had the pleasure to work with. It was heartening to see a community come together, offering what they could, to make a celebration of our commitment to our children.

And did we have fun! Dorien & Tom Kelly own a new dog, Terry and I will be sharing a Polish feast with Mr. and Mrs. LaCroix, Tim & Marcia Cardelli acquired an Academy Free Dress Day and Pizza Party, Cathy & Marty Nagle were the highest bidders on the slumber party with Mrs. Riggins, with breakfast being prepared by Father Scott and Father Gerardi – blueberry pancakes, I believe. Bill & Karen Ording will watch a Final Four NCAA Basketball game with Monsignor Easton and Coach Mike Massucci, while John & Marirose Ilkka will receive cookies and eggnog from Monsignor and Rosie. Carl and Mary Ann Fontana acquired Lion tickets for the last game at the Silverdome and the first game at Ford Field, and Matt & Joanne York will have a new Pella doorwall installed. John & Chris McCaffrey have a new one year membership at the Otsego Club and John and Kathy Pruse will be dining at the Kirkwoods. Nick & Ikhlas Sulaka will have the reserved parking space at the High School and Michael & Marian Ratton will be outfitting their children's feet in Shoe Be Doo shoes. Scott & Shondell Patterson were the winners of the Shrine Progressive Home Tour and Dinner and Jim & Maureen Pickard were the lucky bidders for the Shrine Sleep-Over. Mark & Mary Sobeck will have a custom pen and ink drawing of their home done and Kevin & Barb Morrison will be rejuvenating for a week at Hilton Head. Ed & Linda Cyrocki will have the beautiful music of flutist Lisa Broniak and John & Iola Sobeck will enjoy the annual Fontana Feast. Dave & Sandy Ejan will be spending a day of golf with Lou Miramonti and John & Nancy Scott were the highest bidders on the Lasik surgery package. Robert & Ann Fraser will be attending a Woodward Cruise party hosted by Monsignor and Leigh Davidson returned home with a day of bowling and ice cream with the Principals at the Grade School. John Wangler has a new whirlpool tub and John & Mary Schmidt will be attending the Jill Jack Spring Fling concert in style. Rick & Luann Rheeder will attend a Red Wings game with limousine ride there and a Clawson Steakhouse dinner beforehand and Brian & Katie Wolff will attend the U of M vs. MSU football game and Todd & Jeanne Stewart were the high bidders on the Piston package. Tom & Tracy O'Neil will tour the WWJ studio and Lou & Dina Miramonti are the proud owners of a signed Steve Yzerman jersey. Joan and Larry McNish will have a wine-tasting party and if you need directions to either school, just ask how to get to Chicken Shack.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our efforts. The volunteers who put this evening together were very committed to providing an enjoyable, palate-pleasing, blessed evening and I am thrilled to say that I believe that we achieved our objective. A fabulous job, well done by each of our committee chairs and their volunteers. The committee chairs this year were Cathy Nagle, Eva Watt, Patti LaBella, Marya McNorton, Suzanna Ross, Lynda North, Jean Wloszek, Jamie Kelly, Maureen Cooney, Cathy & Pat Gibbons, Renee & Craig Boogren, Debbie Smits, Ann Platonas, Laura Smith, Sean Murphy, Maureen Sier, Kathy Murphy, Dorien Kelly, Pam & Jack Yee, Leigh Davidson, Sue Niehaus, Diana Bain, Denise Ray, Doug Platonas, Marcia Moore, Jill Abbott, Mark & Ann Thom, Dave Arce, John O'Brien and Barb Richotte. For myself, working with Margaret Stewart, Mary Kay Sonntag, Shondell Patterson and all of the committee chairs and office staffs has been a life-changing experience – a very profound, positive learning experience. I consider myself most fortunate to have met all of you and to have developed such wonderful relationships.

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## MASS INTENTIONS...

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### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2001 JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

6:30 a.m. †Bernice Ottoman  
8:30 a.m. †Miguel Crosa and †Lilia Crosa

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2001 HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

6:30 a.m. For the Intentions of  
Stephanie and Kevin Harlan  
8:30 a.m. †Paul Kill  
4:00 p.m. WEDDING: Patricia  
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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2001 FIFTH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

8:30 a.m. †Ann Bridge  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2001  
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

4:30 p.m. Sat. †Clarice DeReu  
6:30 p.m. Sat. †Christine Morgan  
7:30 a.m. For the Intentions of the  
People of the Parish  
9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Ann  
and Matt James  
10:45 a.m. †Martina Woods and  
†Charles Woods  
12:30 p.m. †Mary and †John  
Scarangella  
6:00 p.m. †Vincenzo Fiorini

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Blanche Marie Smith

## Come And Praise

Dear Parish Member,

God blesses us abundantly. He is so faithful and continues to pour His Spirit out on us at the Tuesday night Prayer Meetings. God encourages us in His Word to pray and to praise Him. Consider joining us on Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Thérèse Chapel.

Prayerfully in Christ,  
Love of God Prayer Group

## NIGHT UNDER THE STARS...

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## Shrine Gift Shop Open!!!

The Shrine Parish has the beginnings of a small Gift Shop. It will be open Monday through Friday from Noon to 4:00 PM and on the Second Sunday of each month from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. It is located on the North East Side of the church, where the former Adoration Chapel used to be.

Most of the items stocked in the shop relate to either our Shrine or St. Therese. We currently have such items as Books, Bookmarkers, Bud Vases, Candles, Crucifixes, Coffee Mugs, Holy Water Bottles, Holy Cards, Key Chains, Magnets, Medals, Medallions, Notepaper, Pictures, Postcards, Puzzles, Rosaries, and Statues.

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## Open Doors And Open Hearts

At the end of a busy day as I walked the small sidewalk toward my home, God spoke quietly to my heart and asked, Who have you passed on the road today? Who silently implored your compassion, your charity, your aid? Was life too busy for you to see an outstretched hand, too noisy to hear that whispered plea? Where will I find a Good Samaritan if not in you?

Humbly, in response, as I reached for the door, I paused to speak what has become a daily prayer for me: Give me Your sight and compassion Lord, that each time I open a door, I also open my eyes to see, my heart to love and my hands to serve.

### Bethany South Oakland

Bethany South Oakland, a support group for the divorced and separated, invites you to attend their Christmas holiday meeting on December 27th at St. Columban's Church at 1775 Melton in Birmingham. We encourage you to bring cookies to share and a small gift for the gift exchange. For more information call Patrick at (248) 545-2566 or Christine at (248) 542-6117.

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## Joseph's Trust

by Fr. Jeffrey Day

The level of trust that Joseph demonstrated in today's Gospel passage is astounding. Imagine if what had happened to Joseph had happened to one of you. An angel – in a dream – tells you that the Holy Spirit, and not a man, caused a conception. The angel goes on to say that the child will save all of us from our sins. You would probably respond by saying, "I had the strangest dream last night" and then proceed to go on to other things. But the remarkable thing is that Joseph actually believed the message. He actually was willing to put his faith into action and take Mary into his home as his wife. Joseph's reaction took a great deal of trust. Joseph believed and trusted that the child would actually do for the world what the angel said He would. The Advent season calls us to the same faith and trust that Joseph had in his day. We are asked to believe what seems on the surface to be fantastic: that a child can be conceived without an earthly father and can actually forgive our sins. Do we believe that the child whose birthday we will soon celebrate has the power to save us?

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### Do you know anyone who has drifted from the Catholic faith? Maybe one in your own family?

Three local parishes will present programs in January and February to reach out to inactive Catholics. Many have been hungry for the Eucharist more so since Sept. 11th. Often they just **do not know how to come back**. A warm welcome is sometimes all that is needed. Invite them, come with them to one of these programs.

"Catholics Come Home", a six-week program will begin at Guardian Angels Church in Clawson on Sunday, **January 13, 2002 at 3 PM**.

"Catholics Returning Home", also a six-week program, begins at St. Hugo's in Bloomfield Hills on **Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at 7:30 PM** and at St. Anastasia's in Troy on **Sunday January 13, 2002 at 3 PM**.

Guests can freely express their feelings, ask questions and mingle with Catholics who have recently returned to the church. Typical topics are an update on the church since Vatican II, the Mass, the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Guardian Angels includes Marriage and Annulments.

For information or invitation flyers call: at St. Hugo's, Ron or Carol Cousineau, 248-335-8353, at St. Anastasia, Betty Navarre daytime at 248-689-8380 and at Guardian Angels the Rectory 248-588-1222.

## Prayer for Vocations

Ever-Faithful God,  
You have called us and graced us through our Baptism to continue the mission of your beloved Son, Jesus. Open us to listen to your call and empower us to witness to the gospel with courage. Inspire women and men to follow the path of service. Together may we build up the Church as a living and vibrant sign of your presence in our world. We offer this prayer in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus.  
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