

NOVEMBER 12, 2006

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Saint JAMES

## Parish Community

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### parish office

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### parish staff

REV. JEFFERY GRANT..... Pastor  
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SR. CHAMINADE KELLEY, O.S.F., R.N.  
Parish Nurse.

### mass schedule

SATURDAY EVENING .....4:00 pm  
SUNDAY MORNING.....8:30 am

The parish bulletin may be found each week on the parish website.

New parishioners are asked to register at the parish office during the week.



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.”

- Mk 12:42-43

W elcome to St. James Catholic Church-A Parish in Touch with the Neighborhood.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

One way we can thank God for our blessings is to help the less fortunate people in Decatur.

You may contribute money to help pay for the meat or you may donate food items. We are requesting the following items: canned peaches, pears, pineapple, fruit cocktail, green beans and corn. Thank you for your help!

The Social Concerns Committee has boxes at the Church entrances to collect personal items for the homeless (soap, shampoos, lotion, deodorant, wet wipes, toothbrushes, detergent, etc.—travel or sample size are best). Donations will be delivered to the city-wide collection site at the third annual Box City event on November 17 sponsored by the Decatur Homeless Council and Grace United Methodist Church.

### **Catholic Charities Bread Sunday Fundraiser**

Bread Sunday, an annual event sponsored by Catholic Charities of Decatur will be held the weekend of **November 18 and 19**. Bread will be available after all the Sunday Masses for a suggested donation of \$2.00 per loaf. All proceeds will be used to support Faith In Action Of Macon County. Volunteers provide non-medical assistance to the homebound elderly to help them maintain their independence, dignity, and quality of life within their home environment. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile program.

### **Names of those in the Military**

St. James Parish would like to pray for those members of the parish who are currently serving in a branch of the military. If you have a loved one: grandchild, child, spouse, brother or sister serving in the military, please call the Parish Office during the week. Names will be listed in a special location in the church and we will remember them at each Mass.

**St. Mary's Widowed Group will meet on Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 pm at Sakura, 320 W. 1st Drive. For more information call Sr. Chaminade at 428-7733.**

**Coping with Loss at the Holidays.** Anyone who has lost a loved one through death is invited to a special remembrance service on **Sunday, November 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm** in St. Mary's Hospital Forum. For more information, call 464-2046.

### *November Plant Memorials*

Roy LaVere Austin  
 Mary E. Bauer  
 Dawn Bell  
 Mary Lou Brand  
 Ruth and Louis Brand  
 Donna Cole-Sykes  
 Joe Fleckenstein  
 Barbara Galka  
 Pauline Hahn  
 Dorothy & Glen Hoagland  
 Roy & Margaret Hornback  
 John & Josephine Keefner  
 Vincent Langone  
 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis McBain  
 Margaret McWilliams  
 Wil Miller  
 Howard Murray  
 Phil Quintenz  
 Herman "Mike" Rever  
 Jim Rethinger  
 The Rethinger Family  
 Albert Schnepf  
 Michael A. Schraeder  
 Dennis Schuman  
 Ted Schuman  
 Jerry Sykes  
 Marge Tapscott  
 Anabel Tatham  
 Gene Tatham  
 John Workman  
 Barbara Younger

### **plant memorials for Christmas 2006**

*(Memorials will be listed in the  
 Christmas season bulletins.)*

Please return prior to December 15.

I would like to give a memorial  
 of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in memory of

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*Please sign your name.*

St. James Holiday Lane Craft Bazaar. Booth space is available at our 3rd annual Holiday Lane Craft Bazaar, which will take place in the school building. 10 by 10 foot booth spaces with no table are \$25.00. You can add a table for \$5.00 more. Call the Parish Office to reserve your space today. We are accepting spaces until November 28. **Holiday Lane is on December 2 this year from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.** This event will be full of talented Central Illinois Crafters. There are concessions, raffles, live music and special treats throughout the day.

**Get ready for Christmas!** Now is the time to start thinking about how to prepare for this wonderful season. The next session of Generations of Faith will be devoted to how we celebrate Christmas in our homes and in church. The session will be on **Sunday, November 19 from 11:15 to approximately 2:30 at St. Patrick.** There is no fee for attending, and lunch is included. What a great way to gear up for the Christmas festivities! To register, return a completed registration form or call the St. Patrick parish office at 429-5363. You may also email to [saintpat2@insightbb.com](mailto:saintpat2@insightbb.com).

The St. Teresa High School Cookbook is back on the front burner and is scheduled to be sent to the printers January 1, 2007. Recipes for the book will be accepted until December 1. Mail recipe to St. Teresa HS, Attn: Kassie Landry, 2710 N. Water, (62526) or fax: 875-6024 or e-mail to [Advance@st-teresahs.org](mailto:Advance@st-teresahs.org)

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ The center of any Catholic parish must be Eucharist. When we eat the bread and drink from the cup, we share the most valuable treasure the Church possesses—the real presence of Christ. This is what makes us one. Whether we gather in some ancient cathedral in Rome, a poor parish church in Latin America, a chapel on a military base, or the church your family has called home for many years, we come for the same reason. We come seeking the grace and forgiveness that only Christ can give. Those who share the Eucharist are bonded not by history, geography, or even experience. Rather, we are bonded by faith. Eucharist is the glue that will hold us together.

*From the Pastor*

I write this message in hopes that as we merge our parishes we do not lose sight of what is most important. Unfortunately human nature is weak and will cause some to be defensive and unwilling to change. It may cause others to be less than generous in their attitude. Neither is compatible with what we celebrate in the Eucharist.

To overcome these weaknesses, here are a few suggestions:

Pray.

Welcome each other when we gather at Mass. Avoid such distinctions as “ours” and “yours.” If we are one in Christ, it is really all ours.

Pray.

If you know someone who has quit going to church, invite them to come back. Tell them they are missed.

Pray.

Look to the future rather than dwell on the past. Remember Jesus said, “Whoever puts his hand to the plow but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God.” (Luke 9:62)

Pray.

Draw on your sense of openness and reconciliation. These attitudes are essential if we are to succeed.

The more we come together, the more we see our common need; and the more we pray and celebrate Eucharist together, the stronger and more effective will our new parish be.

*Fr. Jeff*

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, November 12 from 8:00 am to Noon** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Scrambled Eggs, Whole Hog Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, Omelet Bar, Coffee, Juice and “all you can eat fresh off the grill” pancakes! \$6.00 per adult 13 years and up, \$4.00 per child to 12 years and under 4 years of age eat for free. Everyone is welcome. To Go orders available.

## Eucharistic celebrations

Monday, November 13

8:00 am Leroy Pfile

Saturday, November 18

4:00 pm Kaye Smith

Sunday, November 19

8:30 am Lila Hogan

## in our parish

Tuesday, November 14

2:00 pm Finance Council

7:00 pm Liturgy Board

Wednesday, November 15

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm RCIA

Saturday, November 18

8:30 am Temple Tenders—Team D

Sunday, November 19

8:30 am Choir Mass

9:30 am PSR—Family Sunday

Mark your Calendars now  
for the following upcoming events

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass at St. James

Tuesday, November 28

7:30 pm Opus 24 Concert at St. James

## FOR SALE

CD recordings from the 2005 Advent Evening Prayer with the choirs of St. James Decatur and St. Paul's Highland, are available for a donation of \$10.00. This CD is a nice reflection of readings and hymns for the Advent Season. CD's may be purchased after Mass or at the Parish Office.

## your gift of treasure

November 1st All Saints Collection..... \$1,070.10

November 4 & 5 Parish Collection ..... \$8,881.61

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Special Fund Activity for November 4 & 5:

Building Fund ..... \$732.00

Scholarship Fund ..... \$55.00

Building Loan Balance due to Diocese ..... \$19,634.63

*(Balance as of October 31, 2006)*

Other Debts to Diocese:

Operating Loan 2006..... \$55,827.12

Accumulated ACSA 1998-2005..... \$287,000.00

Catholic Times bill 2002-2006 ..... \$26,000.00