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Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Reese Baird, Carl Bialeschki, Nancy Brown-Smith, Floyd Debolt, Vida Freidlein, Betty Harden, Mary Humer, Paula Ingram, Patty Kirby, Barbara Kleiss, Henry Kocher, Frank Norton, Margaret Ostrum, Cathryn Pfeffer, Barbara Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Nancy Henry, Audrey Sheahan, Helen Birtcher, Robert Mistdarfer and requested prayer intentions.

Collection for the Week of November 18th, 2017

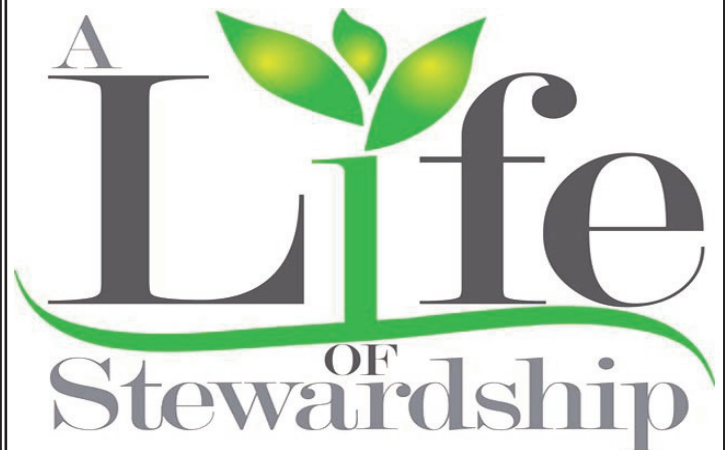
Regular Envelopes.....\$1495.00
Loose Collection.....\$50.00
Campaign Human Development\$375.00
Total\$1920.00

Mass Stipend.....\$70.00
Food Pantry.....\$30.00

Collection for the Week of November 25th, 2017

Regular Envelopes.....\$852.00
Loose Collection.....\$276.00
Campaign Human Development\$45.00
Total\$1128.00

Cemetery Fund.....\$25.00
Food Pantry.....\$55.00

**Confession Schedule**

Saturdays 3:15-3:45 pm at Tolono
Sundays 7:15-7:45 am at Ivesdale
Tuesdays 4:30-5:00 pm at Ivesdale
Wednesdays 7:15-7:45 am at Tolono
Thursdays 7:15-7:45 am at Ivesdale
Fridays 7:15-7:45 am at Tolono
Any other time by appointment



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 2nd

4:00pm/Tolono Marjorie Campbell

Monday, December 4th

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 6th

8:00 am Tolono Patricia Zwilling

Friday, December 8th

8:00am Tolono Alberta Pfeffer

Saturday December 9th

4:00pm/Tolono Rita Cler

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, December 2nd@ 4:00pm Mass

Lector: Randy Wojan

Gifts: Volunteers

Ushers: Denny Morgan, Jeff Ping

EMHC: Sharon Morgan, Vera Tempel, Annette Wishall

Saturday, December 9th@ 4:00pm Mass

Lector: Jeff Ping

Gifts: Volunteers

Ushers: Jim Hand, Jared Ping

EMHC: Beth Hewing, Mike Miller, Carol Miller

Father Fredi Office Hours

Wednesdays 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Fridays 9:00 am to 10:30 am



Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins. Let us turn again to you and so be found blameless when you return in glory.



St. Thomas School

St. Thomas School in Philo is seeking an Aftercare assistant for Mondays-Fridays from 2:45-5:45, with the possibility of leaving before 5:45 some days. The Candidate should be at least 18 years old, a high school graduate of high moral character, dependable, and enjoy working with K-8 students. Aftercare assistants are responsible for planning and facilitating student activities, working cooperatively with a fellow assistant, and supervising snack and homework time. Please contact Mrs. Lisa Doughan at 217-684-2309 or ldoughan@stthomasphilo.org to apply.



Food Pantry News

The St. Patrick's Tolono food pantry, sponsored by the Catholic Charities Good Samaritan Program of Champaign and Piatt Counties is open Mondays 5:00-6:30 pm and Fridays 9:00-10:30 am, closed holidays. It is located in the Parish Hall, 304 E. Vine, Tolono. Qualifying participants must be at least 18 years of age, present a photo ID, and may visit up to two times per month. There are no residency requirements. Feeding the hungry is one of the corporal works of mercy. Perhaps you would like to offer some of your time, even just a few hours a month, and volunteer with us at the food pantry. It is a good way to help your local brothers and sisters in need. Contact Kim McAvoy at 637-2395 with questions.



Christmas Flower Memorial

You can remember a loved one this Christmas by contributing to the Christmas Memorial Flower fund. Envelopes can be found in your regular envelop box. If you do not have envelopes, you may put your donation in the collection. Please make sure it is labeled Christmas Flowers and who it is in memory of. Through your generous donations, we are able to fill the altar with beautiful Christmas flowers for the Christmas season. Once all donations are in, a memorial list will be available at Christmas in the information sections of the church.



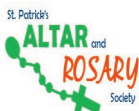
Attention Liturgical Ministers.

We are wanting to put a contact list together for the office and other Liturgical Ministers. Please let Heather know in the office all your contact information. Include email, home phone, and cell phone numbers. You can email the information to officeofstp@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued service to God and your church family!



Great for Holiday Baking!!!

Altar & Rosary is selling pecans again this year. The pecans are available in halves & pieces for \$10.00 per 1 lb bag or 2 bags for \$16.00. If interested, call Marlene Breen at 485-6500.



Schwan's Cares!

Once again Altar & Rosary will be doing the Schwan's Cares campaign. Now when anyone orders through the St. Patrick Church Tolono campaign page, we earn cash back. Orders can be made online, through the fundraising page or by phone using the identification number 34400.



Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.



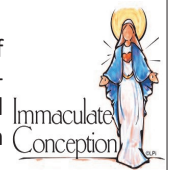
Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent.

Holy Day of Obligation

December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be St. Patrick at 8:00 am. A vigil mass will be at St. Joseph in Ivesdale at 6:00 pm on December 7th.



Caring Companions Program for Seniors

The Good Samaritan Program of Champaign and Piatt Counties is working to expand its Caring Companions Program for seniors. The program provides friendly visiting, assistance with shopping, transportation to appointments, and help with other needs by matching volunteers with seniors.

We are also looking for adults of all ages who can spare a little time to volunteer. Contact Kim McAvoy at 637-2395 or kmcavoy@ccdop.org to request assistance or to volunteer.



Thank You!

On behalf of the Catholic Charities Good Samaritan Program, we are sincerely grateful to everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving food box project. Thank you to volunteers Jan Blaney, JoAnn Hesselmann-Smith, Dawn McDonough, Julia McDonough, Kathy Meyer, Larry Meyer, Sharon Morgan, and John Smith for preparing the boxes and delivering them to peoples' homes. Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards this project. THANK YOU for your support and generosity, you are making a difference!

