

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 27, 2011**

Monday, November 28

8:15AM Brian Petrowske by John & Leora Bauer

Tuesday, November 29

8:15AM James Howie by Family

Wednesday, November 30, St. Andrew

10:00AM Leonard & Ruth Gross

Thursday, December 1

No Mass

Friday, December 2

8:15AM Vallie Jany by John & Judy Mulholland & Family

Saturday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier

5:00PM Cheryl Lochhead by Dean & Maxine Lochhead

Sunday, December 4

9:00AM For The Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK NOV. 27TH THRU DEC. 4TH

Sunday	No PSR Class/ No Preschool Sunday School
Monday	11AM - 1PM K of C Luncheon 7PM School Board Meeting - Lib.
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass
Wednesday	10AM Mass at St. Ann's 7PM Parish Council Meeting - P. House
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	Early Dismissal from School at 1:30PM (Bus Service Available) PTO Chicken & Dumpling Dinner
Saturday	PTO Christmas Home Tour 5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: WHAT IS HAPPENING
WITH THE PRAYERS AT MASS?**

At Masses today, Catholic parishes in the United States are for the first time in about forty years using a new English translation of all the prayers. These prayers are found in *The Roman Missal*, the large book that we are accustomed to seeing the priest use at our Eucharistic liturgies. In the early part of this century, the late Blessed Pope John Paul II called for the original Latin Missal (the official prayer book for Mass for the entire Catholic Church worldwide) to be re-translated into the various languages prayed throughout the world. In particular, he and other Church leaders felt that the English translation could be improved. He called for new translations that would be much more like the Latin texts upon which they are based, so that all Catholics throughout the world would become more closely united by praying translations that were closer to the original. The words that we pray at Mass express our beliefs; it is important that the translations capture and express these beliefs clearly. The translation process has come to a culmination now, and today we begin using this new translation at Mass.

SERVERS SCHEDULE: Dec. 4, 5PM, Hannah Schweizer, Elizabeth Eubanks; 9AM, Kamryn Wingerter, Molly Gregory

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for Nov. 20th: \$6,245.00 from 154 env.; Campaign for Human Dev., \$376.00, V. Lights, \$29.00; Children, \$8.50

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another because God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

PLANNED GIVING: Stocks and bonds, especially if appreciated in value over the years, can cost you a loss of capital gains taxes, but they can also make substantial gifts to Mary Help of Christians. Consider such a gift.

FANNING THE FLAME: The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* (USCCA) is the local adaptation of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and is presented in a very accessible and user friendly format. At its heart is the celebration of the Christian mysteries, especially the Eucharist and the life of prayer with readers being called to witness Christ, the Church and God's Kingdom of salvation, love, justice, mercy, and peace in the world. This is the resource that will provide a framework for a diocesan wide journey of faith and spiritual renewal called "Fanning the Flame" in observance of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Belleville, beginning in January, 2012. We will provide you more details about the program and how to order your own copy of the USCCA in the weeks ahead. Through a partnership with the diocese, we will be able to obtain books at a discounted price of \$15.00 each (shipping and handling included).

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - Placement Test for Incoming Freshmen Saturday, Dec. 10, 8:30AM. There is no charge for this test. Please email Susan Mackin, smackin@gibaultonline.com, to reserve a spot for your child.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! To celebrate the glorious Christmas season, a very special entertainment event will take place at the Oblate King's House Retreat & Conference Center in Belleville, IL on Dec. 17 & 18 at 7PM. All are invited to attend our dinner theatre production, "Yuletide Maderigal Feast." Our conference room will be transformed into a 16th century castle banquet hall where our guests be served a delicious four-course meal and be entertained by wonderful singers, dancers, musicians, jesters and even a professional magician. Surrounded by the magnificent holiday music, lavish costumes and spritely dances of the "renaissance", guests will experience the pageantry, history and celebration of Christmas as never before! Tickets for the dinner show are \$30 per person, child meals & prices available. Due to limited seating, tickets must be purchased in advance. For reservations call 618-409-0015 or email tickets@takeabowshowcase.org.

COOKIE LEE JEWELRY Open House Fundraiser for St. Mary's Catholic School, Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 4PM - 7PM in the School Library. Come get your "Bling" on for the holidays. (Stuff their stockings... or yours!!!!) Consultant: Tammy Kribs 618-967-0361.

AN INVITATION to Catholic High School students: *The Messenger* would like to hear from you about what you consider "the greatest gift" you could receive at Christmas. If you could write an essay in 100-150 words, we would be happy to review your writing to be published in the Christmas issue of *The Messenger*. Top essays will receive a \$25 gift credit card. Please include your name, address, phone number and your parish with the essay. Please email entries to *The Messenger* at cathnews@bellevillemessenger.org by Dec. 1.