

Welcome

717 STATE STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS 62002
RECTORY 465-4221 • SCHOOL 465-8711

Staff

Pastor:

Fr. Roger Schoenhofen, O.M.I.

Business Manager:

Mr. David Stafford

Parish Secretary:

Mrs. Julie Noel

Parish Maintenance

Mr. Duane Amistadi

Parish Nurse

Tammy Stilwell, RN
463-5262 / tstilwell@sahc.org

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-12:00 noon
1:00 pm-4:00 pm

School Principal:

Ms Melinda Fischer

School Secretary:

Mrs. Sandra Duty

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
4:30 pm Saturday
8:00 and 10:00 am Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday: 8:15 am

Holy Day Masses:

8:15 am, 12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation:

3:30-4:00 pm Saturday

Baptism:

celebrated communally
second Sunday of the month;
Baptismal Preparation
Program is required

Marriage:

contact the rectory at least
six months in advance for
appointment

Registrations

Parish Registration:

new families and individuals
are asked to register at the
rectory at their earliest
opportunity. Each family or
wage earner is expected to use
the weekly envelope system

Web Sites

Website: ssppalton.com

Parish e-mail: info@ssppalton.com

School e-mail: sspps@yahoom.com

Diocesan: www.dio.org

Saints Peter & Paul Church



SS. Peter & Paul's Mission Statement

The Parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church commit our time, talent and treasure to form a community of faith that is open to all of God's children. We are One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We share the message of Jesus Christ through prayer, sacrament, instruction and witness.

As the Old Cathedral, located in historic Christian Hill, we go forward from our first one hundred and fifty years continuing His message of faith, hope and love. In the year of Our Lord, 2006

Parish Trustees

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PSA

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Fr. Roger

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'Spiv' Weolfel

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Martha Brockus

Pro-Life

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PSR

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Mary Fran Vincent

H.I.S. Ministry

Sue Fitzgerald

Athletics

Stephen Lee

VBS

Melvia O'Neal

Share The Word

Ann Hornsey

Our PiLoT Youth Group

Jennifer Thompson and
Aimee Parks

Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2009

This Coming Week

Sunday, January 4

Coffee & Pastries after Mass

Family Rosary in Church 7:30 am

SSPP Gift Shop is open after both Masses

Epiphany Concert 2:00 pm

Monday, January 5

SSPP School Resumes

Tuesday, January 6

RCIA 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 7

Parish Nurse After 8:15 am Mass

Thursday, January 8

Rosary 7:00 pm

PLOW 7:00 pm

Friday, January 9

SSPP School Mass 8:15 am

Saturday, January 10

SSPP Gift Shop is open after Mass

Sunday, January 11

SSPP Gift Shop is open after both Masses

PiLoT Youth Group 5:30 pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 4 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 am † Allene Simpson

10:00 am † People of the Parish

Monday, January 5 *St. John Neumann*

8:15 am † Maribeth Springman

Tuesday, January 6 *Blessed André Bessette*

8:15 am † George Woelfel

Wednesday, January 7 *St. Raymond of Peñafort*

8:15 am † Marc Roller

Thursday, January 8

8:15 am † Jack and Tom Cogan

Friday, January 9

8:15 am † Don Boedy

Saturday, January 10

4:30 pm † Jean Stromske

Sunday, January 11 *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 am † Robert Boutrous

10:00 am † People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary 'Bunny' Miller, Mary C. Mathews, Fr.

Roger, Carol Wiltshire, Maxine Korte;

Mary Murphy, Sam Bellitto;

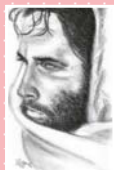
Keith Hamilton, Jud Admire, Teresa

Woelfel, Sister Antonia;

Jeanne Walters, Brad Kline, Wayne Weiss

(Names in bold will be removed unless we receive a prayer update.)

Please pray for our men and women in the Military.



A word from Fr. Roger.



January
Month of The
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

Dear Friends,

Who and what were the "magi" that we read of in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew? Historically the title of magi was given to members of a caste of wise men, variously associated with the interpretation of dreams, Zoroastrianism, astrology and magic. In the first century the "east" from which they came probably referred to Syria, Arabia or Persia. Some of the magi may, in fact, have been descendents of Jews who stayed behind in Babylon when Cyrus and the Persians gave the Israelites the option to return to their homeland.

In later Christian tradition the magi became "kings" due to the influence of Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 49:7 and 60:10. The number was set at three, deduced from the number of gifts that they brought. And centuries later in the western church they were "named" Balthasar, Caspar (or Gaspar) and Melchior. In more recent times Caspar became black in most depictions and Melchior became oriental in many. They were understood as representatives of the Gentile world in all of its racial diversity who come to Christ.

The magi made their way to Jesus by joining together and faithfully following the star. We, today, who come from all directions, can find Christ, too, by working and praying with and for one another. All peoples - black and white, asian and hispanic - come together to form our church family. We meet Jesus when we faithfully follow the path He has marked out for us. Our "star" may be our prayer life, Mass and the sacraments, the scriptures, the traditions and teachings of the Church, the example of Mary, Joseph and the other saints, the Commandments of God and of the Church, etc. We need to come together and faithfully follow our star to Jesus.

- Fr. Roger, O.M.I.

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

The next Baptismal Prep Class will be held on Saturday, January 17th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, in the Sloan Room. Please call the rectory at 465-4221 to register.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers John "Jack" Maloney and all of our parishioners and their family members who have died.

OPERATION RICE BOWL 2009

SSPP is looking for an ORB Coordinator or two. If interested, please call the Rectory for more information.

THE ANNUAL CITY-WIDE EPIPHANY CONCERT will take place Sunday, January, 4th, at 2:00pm. Churches from the area will bring their choirs and music to our parish. Please join us as we fill the air with musical prayer.

Start the New Year out right by helping SSPP School with **GLS Certificates**. You can purchase them after each Mass, or call Barb Gable at 462-2494. Don't know what certificates are available? There is a list at the back of church. Remember: using the GLS Certificates is a win win situation. It helps our school while you buy the items you need. How easy is that?

CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE

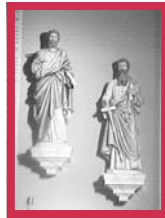
Presented by: Marsha Chomko, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, St. Joseph Parish Hall, St.

Jerome Parish, 511 S. Main St., Troy, IL.

Catechist Certification Credit - ECHOES OF FAITH CREDIT.

For more information, or to register by January 23, call St. Jerome Parish Office at 618-667-6571.

SS. Peter & Paul Community Life



SSPP Trivia Night

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009 AT MCHS GYM.
EIGHT-TEN PLAYERS PER TABLE
COST: \$15.00 PER PLAYER OR \$120.00 PER TABLE
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM AND TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:00 PM.
BEER, SODA, POPCORN AND PRETZELS ARE INCLUDED
(MARGARITAS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)
FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL CARLA AT 618-462-5961
1ST PRIZE ~ \$300.00
2ND PRIZE ~ \$200.00
3RD PRIZE ~ \$120.00



THE TRAVELING SAINTS are traveling to The Holiday Inn, Alton, IL, on Friday, February 13, at 12:00 noon, for "Lucy Goes Cruisin" show with lunch. Cost for the outing is \$32.95. We will meet at SSPP for Mass at 8:15 am, then back to the Rectory at 11:00 am, and

leave from here. RSVP by Monday, February 2, to Virginia at 465-1462, or Julie at 465-4221, or look for the sign-up sheet in back of church. Sounds like a good time. You do remember how crazy Lucy can be?

MARQUETTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INCOMING FRESHMAN PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Marquette Catholic High School and Saturday, January 24, 2009 at St. Elizabeth's in Granite City.
The test will be given at 8:30 am and there will be a parent question and answer period at 10:30 am at both locations.
Please bring a check made out to MCHS for \$15 and two #2 Pencils.
You can earn \$1000 academic scholarship for tuition next year if you score in the top 10% of the students on the placement test.
"It is a great time to be an EXPLORER!"
Call Meg Miller at 618-463-0585 for more information.



This & That:

~**HEALING WITH HOPE - CANCER SUPPORT.** For more information, please call 463-5626.

~ **LIVING WITH DIABETES,** Diabetes Treatment Center, St. Clare's Hospital. A physician referral is required. For more information, call 474-5012.

~ **OPTIONS IN WOMEN'S HEALTH,** Thursday, January 15, 6:00 pm, St. Clare's Professional Building. For more information or to register, call 465-264.

~ **POLAR BEAR PLUNGE!** Saturday, January 17, 11:30 am to 12:45 pm, at YWCA. For more information or to register, call 465-2264.

~ **TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST DATES FOR 2009,** January 17-19; March 21-23; October 10-12. TEC will be held at Camp Warren, East of Decatur, IL.

~ **HEALTHY RESOLUTIONS SCREENINGS,** Thursday, January 22, 6:30 pm at St.

Clare's Professional Building. Fee of \$20.00. For more information, call 465-2264.

~ **HEALTHY RESOLUTIONS SEMINAR,** Saturday, January 24, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon, St. Clare's professional Building. For more information, call 465-2264.

~ **FREEDOM FROM SMOKING,** January 26, 2009, 6:00 pm, St. Clare's Professional Building, First Floor Auditorium. To register or for more information, call 465-2264.

~ **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DATES,** January 23-25; February 6-8; April 24-26; June 26-28; August 7-9; September 25-27; November 13-15. For more information, contact Tim and Diana Goetten at 1-888-889-9963 or the website at www.aweekendofdiscover.y.org.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CATECHIST FORMATION

Presented by: Sr. Jane Boos, SSND
Thursdays 6:30 to 8:30 pm, January 8, 15, 29, February 5, 12, at Morris Hall, 300 N. Morrison, Collinsville, IL. Catechist Certification Credit
Discipleship/Spirituality - Intermediate Level
For more information/to register call before January 5: Parish Office 618-345-4343

FEBRUARY FOLLIES AUDITIONS

Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, do magic tricks, read Shakespeare while holding a skull? Auditions for the February Follies are taking place in January - so - polish up your act and get ready to wow us!!!

Open auditions dates:

Saturday, January 10th, 10:30 am to noon

Monday, January 12th, 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 17th, 10:30 am to noon.

February Follies will take place at Alton Little Theatre on Valentine's Day Weekend.

For more information, contact Martha Brockus at marthabrockus@gamil.com or 531-0040.

Watch the bulletin for more details.

JAMES J. CLAYWELL, EDWARD JONES

3310 Godfrey, Road, Godfrey, IL
of the W 467-2073

I AM STILL WAITING FOR YOUR CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!
Tradition dictates that every 365 days you should try to kick bad habits and start your life anew. So sit down with a cup of coffee, a paper and a pen, and reflect: What kinds of New Year's Resolutions will you make for yourself this January 1st? *NEED SOME IDEAS?*

LECTOR USHER GREETER SATURDAY PHONE VOLUNTEER

God and SSPP will be very happy with this New Year's Resolution.

Call the Rectory to get your name on the list.

January 10-11, 2009	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Euch Min:	T. Ortman E. Hampton R. Ortman	H. Ohlson V. Grove P. Kruegel	A. Hornsey G. Gray J. Snyders
Lector:	S. Snider	J. Murphy	C. Argyropoulous
Music:	Children's Choir P. Malone T. Lyon	Camarae T. Gilbreth E. Popovchak	R. Tanner Sister Julie
Server:	E. Snider C. Snider	K. Bethel B. Gebben	J. Dixon M. Dixon
Greeters:	J. Lentz N. Lentz NEEDED	A. Wood J. Lentz N. Lentz	W. Lundahl J. Snyders E. Snyders
Ushers:	A. Northway S. Springman NEEDED	L. Maag D. Stafford D. Hartnett	R. Ryan E. Freeman NEEDED
Share the Word:			D. Dooley <i>All</i>
Weekday Servers:	January 5-9	S. Minier	C. Huelsmann
Auditors:	January 5	M. Horn	J. Harrawood
Phone Volunteers:	January 10	AM K. Guccione	PM NEEDED

Church Support-- Thank You

Last Sunday.....\$10,037.17
 Gift Shop 233.75
 Holy Days..... 3,109.00
 ACSA..... 249.00
 Capital Fund Drive 1,445.00
 Catholic Children Home.....977.00
 School Fund.....50.00
 ADA School Grant.....2,527.00
 Memorials, R. Jones.....60.00

Of 516 Envelope Holders 208 contributed to the Sunday Collection

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Dear Jesus,

Though a newborn, the wise men knew Your greatness. On a hint from the heavens, they traveled far from their places of comfort so that they could honor You. From their belief in Your divinity, they gave amazing gifts, offerings that symbolized Your life, power, and even Your death. And because of a dream in the night, they altered their well-laid plans to return home in order to protect You. May we be so willing to honor, sacrifice, and obey, all for love of You, as we meditate on the meaning of this day. Amen.

